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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 9, 2021



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Dover, NH 03820
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Monday-Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 5:30
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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Manager to present proposed FY 2022 budget to City Council

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. will present his recommended fiscal year 2022 budget at the City Council meeting this Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

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.

The annual budget approval is the culmination of process that began in October with proposed [Capital Improvements Program](#), a six-year infrastructure planning document based on priorities established in Dover's Master Plan. Each year, the City Council approves the proposed six-year plan and authorizes how the City will finance the CIP's first year, which it did at its Nov. 18, 2020

**Recycling
Center hours:**

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

meeting.

The budget also includes the 'default budget' the School Board passed at its March 8 meeting for School District operations. However, the School Board has stressed its budget work is ongoing and anticipates amending its proposed budget in the coming weeks. The School Board's default budget provides \$73,075,963 for general fund operating expenses and debt service. It is a \$6,264,907 increase over the current 2021 fiscal year budget and \$5,168,041 above the tax cap. The School Board budget was due to the City Manager by March 15 to be included in the citywide budget Joyal presents April 14.

Superintendent William Harbron told the School Board at the March 8 meeting that passing the default budget would allow the School Board and School District to reopen negotiations with the Dover Teachers' Union (DTU) to find cost reductions to deliver a tax cap budget.

More information about the proposed budget is available online at the City's [Budget Revealed web portal](#), which includes a [page dedicated to the FY2022 budget](#). The budget page will be updated throughout the budget process.

Also on the agenda is two public hearings on proposed ordinance changes. One is an ordinance amendment sponsored by Ward 6 Councilor Fergus Cullen. It would amend the Peace and Good Order ordinance prohibiting hunting on specific City of Dover-owned properties to include target practice.

The second public hearing is on proposed changes to the Vehicle and Traffic ordinance proposed by Deputy Mayor and Ward 2 Councilor Dennis Ciotti, a member of the Parking Commission. The proposed changes include:

- Clarifying that a "pay by phone" for street and parking garage parking is allowed by ordinance
- Ban parking by Spruce Lane Park annually from Dec. 1 to April 1 to facilitate snow removal
- Prohibit parking on sections on Garrison Road and Horne Street from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. annually from Sept. 1 to June 30 to ease traffic flow during the start and end of school at nearby elementary schools
- Authorize business permit parking on a section of Atkinson Street.

Also on the agenda for the Council to consider is authorizing:

- \$487,444 for a six-year contract for cameras for Dover Police Department officers and patrol cars. The Council held a workshop on the proposed plan at its [April 7 workshop](#).
- The use of a section of Garrison Hill and expending funds to support creating a community garden.

The City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, which is open to the public. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php>. The agenda and supporting materials are [available here](#).



Officials from Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, Milton and Newington met at Dover City Hall on Thursday, April 8 to sign an intermunicipal agreement to help improve water quality in Great Bay. Pictured are, from left, Newington Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Denis Messier, Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Portsmouth City Manager Karen Conard, Milton Interim Town Manager Julius Peel, and Rochester City Manager Blaine Cox.

Communities pledge to work together to improve health of Great Bay estuary

The city managers of Dover, Rochester and Portsmouth, the interim town administrator of Milton and plant manager for the Newington Wastewater Treatment Facility signed an intermunicipal agreement at Dover City Hall today, April 8, that provides a framework for the communities to collaborate with each other, regulators and stakeholders to improve water quality and reduce total nitrogen in the Great Bay estuary. The interim town manager of Exeter plans to sign the agreement later this month.

The agreement, known as the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management, comes after the municipalities' governing bodies agreed to opt into the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit (GBTN Permit) that became effective on Feb. 1, 2021. The 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 intermunicipal agreement allows the communities to establish and implement an adaptive management framework (AMF) set forth by the GBTN Permit. The implementation of the AMF includes collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and private and public stakeholders, including the Conservation Law Foundation.

The Municipal Alliance, open to all communities in the Great Bay watershed, will allow the member municipalities to share expertise and monetary resources in the development and implementation of ambient water quality monitoring to determine progress and trends in Great Bay; establish a method to track total nitrogen reductions and additions; create and execute a plan for overall source reductions of total nitrogen; and build an objective, transparent and inclusive scientific record that will help guide future decisions promoting the health of Great Bay.

“This agreement allows cooperation and collaboration in deploying an adaptive management system that we have long sought to improve the health of Great Bay,” said Rochester City Manager Blaine Cox after signing the agreement. “I couldn’t be happier.”

Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., agreed. “We are in an excellent position to make substantial progress for the overall health of the Great Bay. Instead of duplicating efforts, the communities in the Municipal Alliance can now work together to complement the measures we have already undertaken to protect this valuable resource.”

In signing the intermunicipal agreement, Karen Conard, Portsmouth City Manager said, “The City of Portsmouth is very pleased to join the intermunicipal agreement to help foster effective collaboration among the Great Bay estuary communities, stakeholders, and state and federal regulators to improve water quality. Together we hope to have better tools for tracking pollutant reduction efforts, coordinated data gathering efforts, and cost-effective efforts to meet federal permit requirements. Working together is always better than working apart.”

Newington Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Denis Messier and Milton Interim Town Administrator Julius Peele also signed the agreement today as representatives of their communities.

The Town of Exeter’s Interim Town Manager, Melissa Roy, commented that the Town of Exeter anticipates executing the Intermunicipal Agreement in the upcoming weeks. “The Town takes its commitment to protecting and enhancing the Great Bay estuary seriously, and it looks forward to collaborating with the other permittees and communities in the watershed, as well as the regulators and other involved stakeholders,” said Roy.

In the years before the issuance of the GBTN General Permit, participating municipalities have reduced nitrogen discharges into the estuary through ongoing investment in wastewater technology and infrastructure. That investment includes regular upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant, stormwater management, and locating and correcting non-wastewater infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.

The Municipal Alliance sets forth the creation, purpose and authority of an Executive Board made up of the city representatives from Rochester, Portsmouth and Dover, and two at-large members from other participating municipalities. There is also a Member Committee made up of all participating municipalities.

In addition to the Municipal Alliance, the three city managers last month signed a settlement agreement with the Conservation Law Foundation that provides additional clarity to the GBTN Permit in terms of scientific benchmarks, cooperation, planning and executing pollution reduction methods for Great Bay. The CLF agreement also provides a non-voting Stakeholder Committee member to participate in the Executive Board and Member Committee meetings.

The GBTN Permit establishes total nitrogen effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, reporting requirements and standard conditions for 13 eligible wastewater treatment plants (WWTF) in New Hampshire. The WWTF covered by the permit includes Dover, Rochester, Portsmouth, Pease Tradeport (Portsmouth), Exeter, Durham, Somersworth, Newmarket, Epping, Newington, Rollinsford, Newfields and Milton. The discharge of all pollutants other than nitrogen from these WWTFs continues to be authorized by each WWTFs respective individual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits.



Dover School Board approves accelerated re-entry plan for in-person learning

At a special meeting Monday, the School Board unanimously approved a re-entry plan for full-time in-person learning.

The meeting was previously scheduled to approve the re-entry plan for a May 3 return to full-time learning for middle and high school students. However, the re-entry plan was accelerated to accommodate the New Hampshire governor's April 2 emergency order to require school districts to offer full-time in-person education by Monday, April 19.

Dover elementary schools began offering full-time in-person learning on Feb. 8. The middle and high school started a cohort/hybrid model on March 8, where students attended school on specific days of the week supplemented by virtual education from home. The Dover School District and the School Board had chosen May 3 as the re-entry date to accommodate the vaccination cycle for teachers, paraeducators, administrative staff, bus drivers, coaches and custodial and maintenance staff.

The vaccination cycle for the Moderna vaccine takes 42 days to become fully effective. All district staff had the opportunity to be vaccinated on March 12 with the Moderna vaccine during mass vaccination operated by Dover Fire and Rescue and the Strafford County Public Health Network, which was also the first day of vaccine eligibility for those who work with students. Another mass vaccination for the second dose is scheduled for this Friday, April 9, exactly the 28 days between doses recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. According to the CDC, a person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose, which would be Friday, April 23. With school vacation beginning the following Monday, the School Board had previously decided to start full-day learning the following Monday, May 3. It accelerated those plans following the emergency order.

The School District's nine-page re-entry plan, [available on its website](#), details its full-time in-person learning plans. It also notes the challenges, such as staffing, space needs and transportation, and how the district plans to mitigate those challenges. The School District will continue to provide virtual learning options for students and families who choose to remain virtual; however, a cohort/hybrid models will not be available when in-person learning begins full time on April 19. Elementary students who have remained in a virtual model will also have the opportunity to return to full-time in-person education on April 19. The School District sent out a survey this week to all families to identify if their student(s) will participate in full-time in-

person learning or continue in the virtual model. Meals will continue to be provided to qualified students who remain in the virtual model.

As part of the re-entry plan, daily health screening will continue, and masks will be required to be worn by students and staff throughout the school day except for lunch and snacks. Each school will seek to maintain three feet of social distancing between students and six feet between staff. However, social distancing may not be able to be maintained on bus rides and during lunch. With the likelihood that more parents/guardians will transport students to school, the district anticipates traffic congestion during the start and end of the school day.

At the School Board meeting Monday, the School Board received presentations from each public-school principal about how they are planning for full-time in-person learning. The meeting in its entirety can be viewed at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=F6E2L7UWzsR1>.

For more information, contact the Dover School District at 516-6800.

Deadline is today to comment on Dover projects competing for federal funding

New Hampshire First Congressional District Congressman Chris Pappas is soliciting comments for federal Community Project Funding that will allow local governments and qualified non-profits to receive a one-time, small to medium-sized allocation to complete projects of local importance and priority. Public comments are due to Pappas' Office by the end of the business tomorrow, Friday, April 9.

The City of Dover has submitted planned projects, many of which are shovel-ready, that demonstrate a clear need and that will have a positive impact on the community. The projects proposed by the City of Dover are listed below. The full-slate of submitted projects seeking Community Project Funding throughout New Hampshire's First Congressional District is [available here](#).

To comment on any project [click this link](#), and enter in the project name and comment related to the project. After the submittal period, a Community Advisory Board with members appointed by Pappas will hold a meeting to review and vet project requests. A Community Advisory Board set up by Congressman Pappas that will evaluate the submitted projects and provide recommendations to Congressman Pappas for ones to include for federal funding.

City of Dover submitted projects, descriptions and amount requested

- **Central Avenue Reconstruction:** Complete street reconstruction of a high-traffic volume downtown gateway between Stark Avenue and Silver Street to tie into construction previously completed on Silver Street. Following "Complete Street" policy guidelines, the project addresses road surface and stormwater drainage issues, adds bicycle and pedestrian amenities, improves intersections with lighting, and adds intelligent traffic signalization with public transit/emergency vehicle preemption. Amount requested: \$3,000,000
- **Whittier Street Sidewalk:** Install a new sidewalk along the existing roadway providing a needed pedestrian connection between adjoining residential neighborhoods, including Dover Housing Authority and grocery and other retail shopping locations in Dover's north end. Currently, there is no direct link nor a sidewalk for pedestrians to travel along this busy section of roadway. This project has been delayed and repeatedly pushed back in time due to a lack of local funding. Amount requested: \$650,000
- **Downtown Waterfront Shoreline Stabilization/Riverwalk:** Stabilize the entire site along the edge of Cochecho River from Washington Street southward along the river's edge. Extend a public river walkway across undeveloped city-owned downtown property connecting with trail system on conservation land located downstream. Features to include a living shoreline and best management practices (BMP's) for stormwater management and anticipation of sea-level rise. This project will facilitate public access to the river and long-envisioned development plans for the underutilized city parcel. Amount requested: \$700,000 - \$3,500,000

- **Chestnut Street Bridge Repair:** Replace the deck on a downtown multi-lane vehicular/pedestrian bridge that provides a critical crossing across the Cochecho River and access to a nearby multimodal transportation center. Amount requested: \$800,000
 - **Henry Law Avenue and River Street Reconstruction:** Reconstruct a downtown section of Henry Law Avenue adjacent to Children's Museum of New Hampshire and Henry Law Park and continuing along River Street into an undeveloped city-owned waterfront parcel. Reconstruction will follow "Complete Streets" policy guidelines to include pedestrian and bicycle amenities, streetscape improvements and placement of underground utilities in the park area. Amount Requested: \$900,000 - \$2,400,000
 - **Neighborhood Street Reconstruction:** Reconstruct Grove, Fifth, Trakey and Richmond streets in the downtown area following "Complete Streets" policy guidelines to include pedestrian and bicycle amenities, lighting, stormwater BMP's, streetscape and underlying utility replacement. Amount Requested: \$1,100,000 - \$2,400,000
 - **Community Trail Development:** Extend Dover Community Trail from Dover High School through Bellamy Park along the Bellamy River and adjoining woodlands to Knox Marsh Road. It will link with an existing trail network extending from the north end of Dover along former railbeds to the downtown multimodal transportation center and continuing to Route 108/Durham Road connecting with residential neighborhoods. It currently terminates at Dover Middle and High Schools. The project includes constructing a pedestrian bridge crossing the Bellamy River. Amount Requested: \$800,000
 - **Public Safety Fire/Police Training Structure:** Construct and install a training structure with modular features for Dover and other area fire and police personnel to simulate various emergency response scenarios. Amount Requested: \$600,000 - \$1,500,000
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Annual water quality report now available online

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report – also known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – was [published this week](#) and is available along with the [past 10 annual reports](#).

The report details the City of Dover's drinking water quality, where it comes from, and where consumers can get more information. This annual report documents all detected primary and secondary drinking water parameters and compared them to their respective Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency. Regular testing of the City's public water system, which includes 11 production wells, demonstrates that drinking water wells around Dover have been and remain within the standards established for safe drinking water.

This year's report was expanded to six pages and now includes test results for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The report shows positive test results for PFAS at one City well; however, that well was taken offline by the City before any PFAS were detected in it and has not supplied any public drinking water since 2019. As noted in the report, PFAS was detected at Site 517, a well located in Pudding Hill Aquifer, also known as DPH #1. The City of Dover electively took of DPH #1 in 2019 after PFAS were detected in nearby monitoring wells. The DPH #1 well was turned on briefly at certain times during 2020 for water testing, and all water was diverted to the sanitary sewer system. This is the reason why the results are included in the report; however, at no time did PFAS enter into Dover's public drinking water supply from this well.

The City of Dover continues to work with Schnitzer Industries, the former Madbury Metals site owner, which has been identified as the contributing source of PFAS contamination, to remediate the site and build a state-of-the-art water treatment plant. Schnitzer Industries is performing site remediation work, including the removal of some auto-shredder residue that was buried at the Madbury Metals site, and the City is finalizing the design of the water treatment plant. The City and Schnitzer need to resolve a cost-sharing agreement, but the City expects construction to begin on the treatment sometime later in 2021.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450. To learn more about how to read a water quality report, click on the image below.

Understanding Your **WATER QUALITY REPORT**

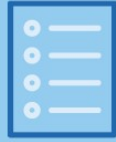
The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual water quality report that a community water system is required by law to provide to its customers each year by July 1st. Your CCR can help you make informed choices about the water you drink.

Your CCR Provides Need-To-Know Information

SUCH AS:



Where your **water comes from**—such as an aquifer, lake, river, or other source.



A list of **regulated contaminants** that the CWS detected and the level.



Potential **health effects** from consuming contaminated water and additional safeguards against water-related illnesses.



Contaminant levels in your CCR compared to national standards and any violations of health-based standards.



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. See the map above for the project area, or [click here](#) for the project page for project maps.

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.

Upcoming work

Most of the water shutoffs for installing isolation valves necessary for a temporary water main were completed this week. For the week of April 12, there will be a mix of daytime and nighttime work. The only scheduled water shutoffs this week is the night of Monday, April 12.

Monday, April 12:

- Daytime work will include excavation on Henry Law Avenue and Washington Street by the Central Avenue/Henry Law Avenue intersection.
- Nighttime work will occur in the same areas.
- Traffic and parking will be prohibited on Henry Law Avenue between Washington Street and Williams Street on Monday starting at noon. Access to Henry Law Avenue and Henry Law Park will be from Williams Street.
- **Water shutoffs** will occur from 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 12 to 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 13 at:
 - Washington Street from Central Avenue to Main Street
 - Henry Law Avenue from Washington Street to George Street

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13 and 14:

- Evening work at the intersection of Broadway and Central Avenue.
- Central Avenue will be restricted to one lane in each direction during the work.
- Parking restrictions will occur on Central Avenue in front of Federal Cigar and in front of the Holy Rosary Credit Union parking lot from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. each night.
- No water shutoffs are required.

Thursday:

- No work anticipated.

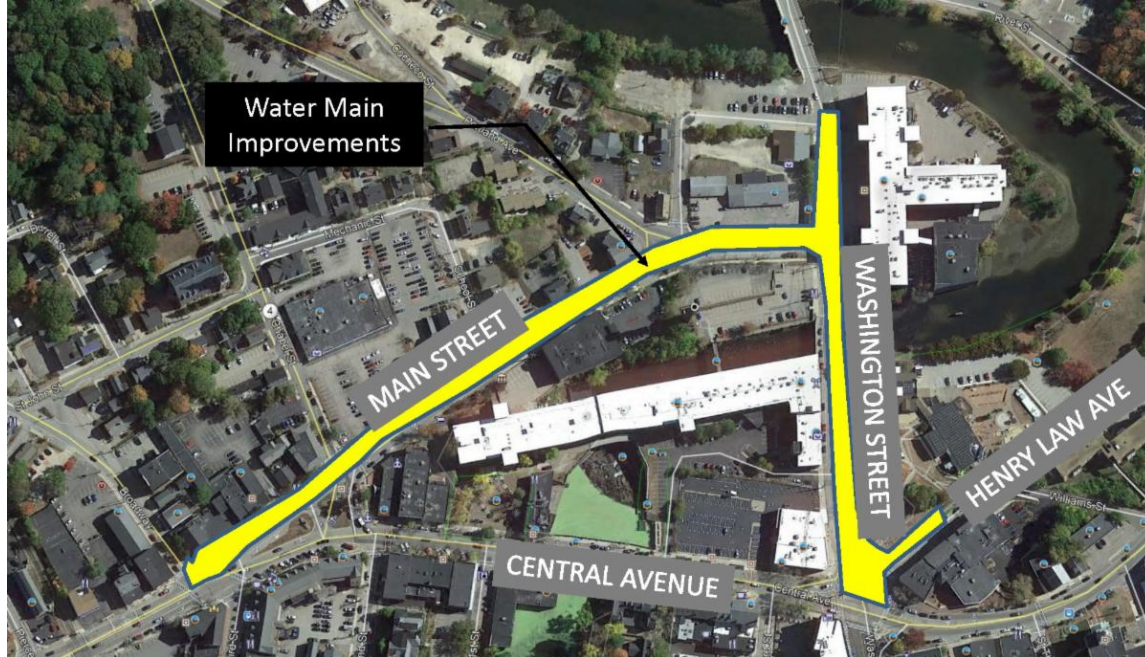
Friday:

- Daytime work will include the installation of the new hydrant at Chapel Street and Main Street and trench patch paving.
- Parking will be prohibited at the first parking spaces on the southerly side of Chapel Street.
- Chapel Street at Main Street will be blocked off from traffic starting in the morning. Traffic will be detoured to Broadway then down Saint John Street; additional parking and detours may be required during the day to facilitate paving.
- No water shutoffs are required as part of this work.

Work on the temporary water system will begin Monday, April 19. During that week, residents/businesses will be transferred to the temporary water main system.

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:

School Board, April 12, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Planning Board, April 13, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

City Council, April 14, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Zoning Board, April 15, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a



What's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting?

In a video released this week, Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker reviews the items before the Planning Board at its next regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

The video can be viewed here:

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=p2728lvCp3sj>

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.

regular meeting on Thursday, April 15, 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 <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

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.

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City assessors perform inspections year round

In addition to performing citywide assessments of property during revaluation, assessment inspections of properties occur for a number of additional reasons, including:

- Cycle inspections are conducted on a rotating basis, ensuring the property database is current and accurate. Notices for cycle inspections are sent out prior to the inspections;
- Properties with active building permits, or to follow-up ongoing construction;
- Properties that have sold, and;
- Properties with appointments arranged by the property owner.

When doing general field work, assessing inspectors wear a bright yellow vest and carry City of Dover identification. Assessing vehicles are marked with a magnetic sticker stating Assessor's Office.

For more information, including to verify the identity of an inspector at your property or in your neighborhood, contact the Assessing Office at 603-516-6014.

HATE HAS NO HOME IN DOVER



Vaccine registration now open for all New Hampshire residents

Vaccine registration is 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

State to hold mass vaccination this weekend

Gov. Chris Sununu announced that the State of New Hampshire will host a by-appointment only mass vaccination site this Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11 at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. **This mass vaccination site is not open to walk-in**

the process, visit the [NH Resident Resources](#) page.

Vaccine fact sheets for recipients and caregivers

When you arrive at the vaccination clinic, you should receive information about the type of COVID-19 Vaccine offered to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by SARS-CoV-2. The fact sheets below contain information to help you understand the risks and benefits of each vaccine, as well as ingredients, safety, and effectiveness. It is important to tell the vaccination provider about all of your medical conditions and allergies.

Pfizer: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>

Moderna: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download>

Janssen: <https://www.fda.gov/media/146305/download>

You will not have a choice in which vaccine is administered. If you have a medical necessity for a certain type of vaccine, it is recommended that speak with your primary care provider (PCP) about where to be vaccinated.

Preparing for your vaccination appointment

1. When you book your appointment, you will receive an email or text reminder. Please mark your calendar with your appointment date and time.
2. The day before your appointment, take the pre-vaccination questionnaire that you will receive in an email from noreply_NHVMS@notices.nh.gov 12 hours prior to your appointment to help speed up your appointment and reduce delays for others at the clinic. You can also find this questionnaire in your VINI account by clicking into the details of your appointment.
3. Gather any documents you need to bring to your COVID-19 vaccine appointment. You will need to show one of the following:
 - Valid, unexpired NH driver license or non-driver ID card.
 - A payroll check, payroll document, or employment contract showing individual's legal New Hampshire address, dated within the last 60 days.
 - A government issued payment (i.e., Social security), showing individual's legal New Hampshire address, dated within the last 60 days.
1. If this is your second COVID-19 vaccination, bring a copy of your first vaccination record or CDC COVID-19 vaccination card.
2. On the day of your appointment:
 - Bring your documents (mentioned above)
 - Wear comfortable clothing and a short-sleeve shirt that allows clinic quick access to your upper arm
 - **DO NOT** take any pain relievers, such as Motrin, Advil or Tylenol, or antihistamines before being vaccinated.
 - Check in at the clinic 15 minutes before your appointment
 - If you feel sick on the day of your appointment

appointments. Appointments remain available for eligible individuals to schedule in VINI.

“Following a historic week of registration and scheduling for vaccine appointments which expanded eligibility to all NH residents 16+ last week, New Hampshire continues to move forward in getting doses into arms at a record pace,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “This weekend is another opportunity for thousands of Granite Staters to be vaccinated as quickly as possible.

In total, the state hopes to vaccinate 12,000 individuals at the Speedway this weekend.

Prior to release to the general public, the state alerted by text and email notification those individuals who earlier qualified due to medical vulnerabilities or who are 50-plus and have not yet scheduled an appointment, or currently have an appointment scheduled in late April or beyond.

At this time, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be the only vaccine offered to those who opt to participate in the Speedway mass vaccination site this weekend.

The Pfizer vaccine will not be available at this location, and therefore, 16 and 17 year olds are not eligible to be vaccinated at this location.

The site will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday.

Appointments remain available for individuals to schedule by registering at <http://vaccines.nh.gov> or scheduling through their VINI account. Individuals with later appointments can also

or are diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of your appointment, please reschedule for when you feel healthy and well

- Learn about common side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine and get helpful tips on how to reduce your pain and discomfort
- Be prepared to wait 15 to 30 minutes after receiving the vaccine for observation
- Register for v-safe, the CDC's tool to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive your COVID-19 vaccination at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html>

reschedule for an appointment at the Super Site on Saturday or Sunday in their VINI account. To find the location, individuals should search the zip code 03307 or Loudon, NH.

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 Speedway.

WHAT YOU CAN DO ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED

Activity	
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with other fully vaccinated people of any age	✓
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with one household of unvaccinated people who are not at risk for severe illness	✓
Travel domestically without a pre- or post-travel test	✓
Travel domestically without quarantining after travel	✓
Travel internationally without a pre-travel test depending on destination	✓
Travel internationally without quarantining after travel	✓
Visit indoors, without a mask, with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19	✗
Attend medium or large gatherings	✗



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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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](#).

Statewide mask mandate

A statewide mask mandate remains in effect through Friday, April 16, 2021. The order, which was set to expire March 26, was extended by Gov. Sununu.

Per the order, everyone over the age of 5 in New Hampshire must wear mask or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, when unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their own households.

The entire order, including exceptions and exclusions, [can be viewed here](#).

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



Woodman Museum opens for 105th season

The Woodman Museum, one of New England's finest early 20th-century style museums, is now open for its 105th season.

New at the museum this season is "Celebrating Dover" in the Foster Gallery. This exhibit highlights some of the unique to Dover items in the Woodman Museum Collections and will continue to grow and change through the 2023 season. As many know, 2023 will mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of Dover in 1623 and the Foster Gallery will offer a glimpse into the past celebrations the community of Dover has held. This year's exhibit offers objects and archives from Dover's 100th anniversary of incorporation as a city in 1955 as well as Dover's participation in the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 1976. In addition, the gallery offers historic photographs of Dover from the Thom Hindle Collection, porcelain souvenirs of Dover from the Brian and Stephanie Fischer Collection, the "Drafting

Dover” Collection, the Mayor Andrew Peirce Collection, and more.

Last season’s special exhibit “Still Marching: Voices of the Vote,” which celebrates the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, and the Marilla Ricker Collection, remain on display at the Foster Gallery through 2021. Marilla Ricker was a prominent suffragist, lawyer and author from Dover and is widely regarded as the first woman to vote in the United States at the Dover City Hall in 1870 (though her vote was not counted in the election results). Last year during Election Week, a temporary marker was built and installed at the Woodman Museum by the Wilson Family to celebrate Marilla Ricker’s contributions to Women’s Suffrage. Many people from the greater Dover community placed their “I Voted” stickers from the polls on the marker to pay tribute. Plans are underway for a permanent marker to be placed at the Museum on the corner of Central Avenue and Summer Street. Marilla Ricker lived on Summer Street for many years of her life.

The Museum Store at the Woodman will feature new items for sale including New Hampshire made Squamscot soda, New Hampshire maple candy and maple syrup, as well as two newly published local history books: “Dover, New Hampshire Through Time” featuring both historic and contemporary photographs of Dover from the Thom Hindle Collection, as well as “Silent Night,” a memoir of Dover’s Ann Darby Reynolds, who was a Navy Nurse from 1962 to 1988 and recipient of the Purple Heart during the Vietnam War. Additionally, Woodman Museum and “Dover 400” co-branded hats, pint glasses and coffee mugs are now available for purchase at the Museum Store.

The following COVID-19 restrictions are in place at the museum:

- Tour reservations are required in advance, and can be made online at www.woodmanmuseum.org (via EVENTBRITE) or by calling 603-742-1038.
- There are five 90-minute tours per day, Wednesday through Sunday, to allow for cleaning between tours. There will only be one tour offered per time slot, and no more than 10 people per tour group. Admission is \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$9 for students, \$7 for children, and \$9 for active military. There are no fees to order online.
- As always, Members of the Woodman Museum are admitted free, but still need to register for a date and time online or by phone.
- Each group tour is led at a distance by a museum docent, and will visit multiple buildings on the campus. To fully enjoy the tour, each visitor should possess the ability to climb several sets of circa 1800’s staircases, but the main floors of two buildings are handicapped accessible and available to all.
- All visitors are required to wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, the museum will provide one for you.
- If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or if you are not feeling well, wait until you are completely symptom free to schedule a tour.

For more information, or to book a tour, visit www.woodmanmuseum.org.

Registration for Dover Recreation's Playgrounds Program opens Monday, April 12

Dover Recreation will offer a smaller version of the Playgrounds Program at Horne Street School for 2021. The program will accept 30 Dover residents, ages 6-12 (as of June 1, 2021) which will be split into two groups in compliance with state guidance.

This seven-week program tentatively runs from June 28 to August 13, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Playground counselors provide scheduled activities at the park (Horne Street), and participants are able to go swimming, play games, sports, and arts and crafts. Weekly trips will be determined based on COVID-19 conditions and restrictions.

Dover Recreation will begin taking online registrations on Monday, April 12 at 8 a.m. Please make sure you have your account and password before the sign-up window opens. This program is for Dover residents only, proof of residency required. More information can be found online: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/fitness-center/playgrounds-program/>

Playgrounds is a weather-dependent program. Morning and/or afternoon playground programs will not be held in inclement weather.



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](#).

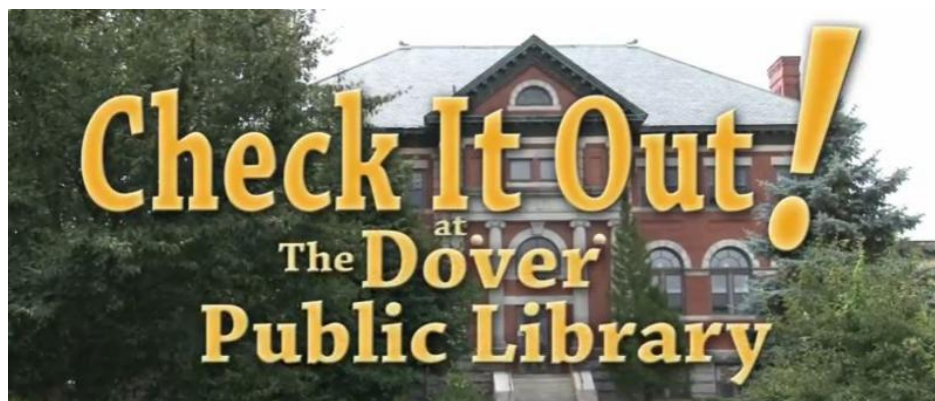
April 14, 1661 — The town voted that the grant made to Valentine Hill to erect a saw mill on the Lamprey River be revoked unless some person should appear within six months to hold and improve the same. Mr. Hill died previous to this time. He came from Boston and went largely into business, being one year the largest taxpayer. He left his affairs in disorder, and the above vote was passed by the town to straighten them out, so far as it operated.

April 15, 1697 — The Provincial Council ordered Major William Vaughn to send six men to Heard's Garrison at Dover for strengthening the same, the men to be equally divided between Portsmouth and Hampton.

April 13, 1767 — At the town meeting, it was voted to appoint a committee "to search the Town's former accounts to see if there is any mistake in said accounts and if they find any to endeavor to have them rectified; 40 pounds were raised for the support of schools; Capt. Shadrach Hodgdon had leave to hang a gate near the house of Joseph Hodgdon at his own cost; Elijah Estes was indemnified for the loss he sustained in the weight of gold as purser for the selectmen; and it was voted not to purchase a Town House. Thomas W. Waldron and Otis Baker were chosen representatives.

April 10, 1852 — A very severe storm which continued nearly a week, commenced April 10, raising the streams so high as to overflow their banks, and compelling factories to suspend work. Bridges were carried away and much other damage done.

April 10, 1863 — Died on Dover Neck, Mr. Thomas Henderson, aged 91 — the oldest man in town.



Seaweed mania with Chef Evan Hennessey

On Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m., the Dover Public Library and New Hampshire Sea Grant (<https://seagrants.unh.edu/>) will host Seaweed Mania!, Virtually Delicious Edition, with Evan Hennessey. This follow-up to Chef Evan Hennessey's popular Chopped event, hosted by the library in February, will feature one of his favorite local ingredients—seaweed.

Hennessey is the Chef/Owner of Stages in Dover (<https://www.stages-dining.com/>), and a three-time champion of the popular Food Network cooking competition show, Chopped. During the Seaweed Mania! event, Hennessey will be cooking live from the Stages kitchen, as he makes seaweed dishes ranging from complex recipes served at his restaurant to simple bites that can be made in your own kitchen.



Dr. Gabriela Bradt, a Fisheries Extension Specialist with New Hampshire Sea Grant, will introduce types of seaweed that can be foraged on the New Hampshire coast. During the live event, Bradt and Hennessey will also be available to answer your questions about collecting, purchasing, and cooking with seaweed.

To register for this free virtual event, go to the library's online event calendar <https://dovernh.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/seaweed-mania>. If you have questions, please email d.lafrance@dover.nh.gov or call (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 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 12, 6 to 8 p.m.
VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen B
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE

1767 to 1787. As a minister, historian, Army Chaplain, and archivist, Belknap allows us to consider many aspects of community life in Dover, such as religion, government, scholarship, and society during a tumultuous period. Registration required.

Wednesday, April 14, 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 program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

Wednesday, April 14, 10 to 11 a.m. Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club in the Lecture Hall

Dover Public Library is starting a new book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. Registration required.

Wednesday, April 14, 6 to 7 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board in the Lecture Hall
The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7 - 12 graders who are interested in shaping

online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! This brand new Monday night group will be starting on the arctic survival quest Rime of the Frostmaiden! A perfect starting point for players new and old, adventurers will have to brave the elements and face the dangerous polar monsters of Icewind Dale to protect what few settlements cling to the ice. Registration required.

Tuesday, April 13, 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 13, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: 18+ Lecture Hall
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

Tuesday, April 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
VIRTUAL Dover 400 Series: A Historian Lives the Revolution

This lecture will examine the life and works of Jeremy Belknap, minister in Dover from

the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings in order to share their ideas, help to plan future events/ services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Seaweed Mania! Virtually delicious with Chef Hennessey

Did you know that seaweed is edible? Join 3-time Food Network Chopped Champion, Chef Evan Hennessey, in his kitchen for a virtual culinary challenge featuring seaweed ingredients! Marine scientist, Dr. Gabriela Bradt, will answer all of your questions about seaweed along our coast.

Registration required.

Thursday, April 15, 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.

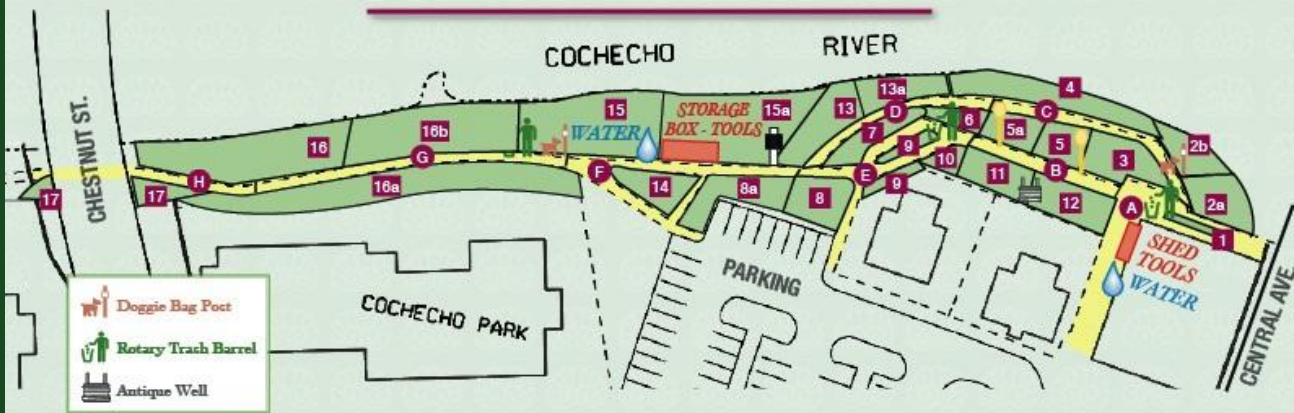
A craft will be available to take home.

Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

Friday, April 16, 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.



The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens



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://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 Cochecho 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 installed in the garden by art students from Dover High School. Each garden is maintained by a volunteer garden tender.

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, calling 1-800-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.



**American
Red Cross**

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

- Monday, April 12, from 12 to 5 p.m., at Dover Baptist Church, 151 Washington St.
- Tuesday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 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.



Webinar series looks at climate change and wildlife

If you have ever wondered how climate change is affecting wildlife, an upcoming series of webinars will be offered by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Public Affairs Division, Education Program and is sure to be of interest to you. Everyone has heard about warming temperatures and more powerful storms worldwide, and less snow and ice here in the Granite State, but these types of changes also have significant impacts on the animals that live here too.

This series of four webinars entitled "Climate Change and Wildlife in New Hampshire" takes a look at the specific effects of climate change in the state and how they are changing life for some of our species. These webinars are free and open to the public and will be provided on the Zoom platform as listed below. Webinars will also be recorded and available for viewing afterward on the NH Fish and Game website.

Webinar 1: Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 12 p.m. (noon) – Climate Change and Wildlife in New Hampshire: Introduction to Climate Change

Join NH Fish and Game and guest speaker Sherry Godlewski, Environmental Program Manager at the NH Department of Environmental Services, who will provide an overview of climate change and its specific impacts on New Hampshire, from the seacoast to the mountains. Many effects are already visible and are having an effect on people, plants, land, and wildlife.

Please click the link below to join this first webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84452402590>

Or via Telephone Dial 1 646 876 9923

Webinar ID: 844 5240 2590

The three additional webinars in the series are on the following topics with dates to be announced.

Webinar 2: Climate Change and Wildlife in New Hampshire: Phenology, Timing Is Everything

Webinar 3: Climate Change and Wildlife in New Hampshire: Reconnecting the Watershed

Webinar 4: Climate Change and Wildlife in New Hampshire: Climate Change and the Marine Environment

To learn more about the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's work related to climate change, visit <https://wildlife.state.nh.us/climate/index.html>.

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](#).

"The state of single-stream recycling has changed on a global basis," Storer said. "There is a dwindling market for single-stream recycling, so in order to keep to keep recycling fiscally viable, we need cooperation from residents in what gets placed for collection."

On July 1, 2020, Waste Management took over as the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste vendor. The City Council approved the new five-year contract in February, following a five-year contract with Pinard Waste Services. Recycling accounts for \$600,000 of the \$1 million increase in waste collection costs due to changes in the recycling market and challenges dealing with contaminated recycling.

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's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#).

Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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

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](#).

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.

