

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 12, 2022



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



## Clock tower restoration begins Monday

**City Hall parking lot to be closed for  
project's duration**

The project to rehabilitate the City Hall clock tower begins this Monday, Aug. 15, and is expected to be completed in mid-

## Center hours:

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

November.

On Monday, the contractor will mobilize to the site and begin erecting scaffolding on the roof of the building, around the clock tower. Work will begin in earnest during the last week of August or the first week of September once the scaffolding is installed and hazardous material tests on the site are complete.

The work includes removing the building antenna, repairing and restoring the gold leaf dome, copper roofing, metal sheeting and clock faces. It also includes repair or replacement of bell tower horizontal slats (louvers), repair of wiring within the bell and clock tower and replacement of internal wooden bead board ceiling. Lastly, the work includes the restoration of the exterior dome, repairing clock hands and mechanisms, replacing clock glass on the clock face in front of the building, replacing the roof access door for the clock tower and painting all exterior surfaces.

After a competitive bid, the City Council [awarded the contract](#) to Careno Construction Co. LLC of Portsmouth for a cost not to exceed \$576,000.

### Parking restrictions

City Hall's back parking lot will be closed for the project's duration, starting Monday, Aug. 15; the parking lot will be used by the contractor to stage equipment.

Parking in front of City Hall on Central Avenue will also be closed for up to two weeks from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, starting Monday, Aug. 15. The closure is to facilitate the installation of staging equipment.

City Hall visitors are encouraged to utilize the free, 30-minute parking spaces in the circle in front of the Dover Public Library.

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





# Studio Two takes stage tonight for Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series

The 36th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, Aug. 12, with Studio Two, sponsored by Martel Plumbing & Heating. This New England Beatles band pays tribute to the early Beatles years and performs favorite hits that will bring people to the dance floor. The Rotary Arts Pavilion will be rocking beginning at 6:30 p.m. For the latest updates, visit [www.dovernh.org/CAF](http://www.dovernh.org/CAF).

The festival's headliner series underwriter is Dover Rotary.

The festival lineup for this week includes:

- **Saturday, Aug. 13**, 12 p.m.: **Visual Arts Showcase**, Upper Henry Law Park, sponsored by Atlantic Media.
- **Saturday, Aug. 13**, 8 p.m.: **Encanto**, Lower Henry Law Park, sponsored by Newburyport Bank.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 16**, 12 p.m.: **Magician BJ Hickman**, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by Thrive Family Chiropractic;
- **Thursday, Aug. 18**, 7:30 p.m.: **Dover Community Band**, Rotary Arts Pavilion.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August. This year's festival is underwritten by Orpheum Apartments & Cowork. All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

For more information, visit [www.dovernh.org/CAF](http://www.dovernh.org/CAF) or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

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## Disney's 'Encanto' screens at Family Movie Night

Join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce for a screening of the hit Disney film *Encanto* on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8 p.m. in lower Henry Law Park. Family Movie Night, sponsored by Newburyport Bank, is part of the summerlong Cochecho Arts Festival.

Family Movie Night is free and open to the public. Movie-goers are invited to bring snacks and a lawn chair or blanket. Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce staff and volunteers will be on site selling bottled water and Cochecho Arts Festival merchandise, and Chamber member Acton Academy Seacoast will be selling Popzup Popcorn.



Earlier in the day, local artists will convene at Upper Henry Law Park from noon to 3 p.m. for a Visual Arts Showcase sponsored by Atlantic Media Productions. Eighteen artisans will showcase and sell their unique works, while the Ben Baldwin Trio will provide a musical backdrop for the event.

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## Dover Main Street event to make for a blockbuster summer

Dover Main Street will hold an Outdoor Movie Night at the Rotary Arts Pavilion on Saturday, Aug. 20, and Saturday, Aug. 27. Outdoor Movie Night is a free event.

See the movies on a big screen at the pavilion stage with a full 5.1-surround-sound system.

This summer's movies are:

- **"The Incredibles,"** Saturday, Aug. 20
- **"Guardians of the Galaxy,"** Saturday, Aug. 27

Movies begin at 8:30 p.m.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

All seating is first come, first served. Preferred seats for surround sound within the pavilion bleacher seat area closest to the stage. Main Street recommends bringing a pillow or blanket to pad the hard, stone seats. Bring chairs or blankets for lawn seating outside the pavilion seats. No other seating is provided.

Acton Seacoast Academy will provide, as a fundraiser, popcorn and beverage sales during the movie. Grab a large popcorn made by Dover's own Popzup Popcorn Company. Main Street encourages moviegoers to have dinner downtown at Dover's many restaurants or grab takeout or an ice cream and bring it to the park.

Production support for the event is provided by Spires Creative Media and LLC & Guyer Travel International.

DF Richard Energy is the event underwriter.

For more information, visit <https://dovermainstreet.org/>.

# Supervisors of the Checklist in session on Sept. 6

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, make changes to addresses and names, and other necessary corrections to the checklist. Voters cannot change party affiliation during this session.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018

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## Public feedback sought on Fifth and Grove project before work begins on final design

The City of Dover seeks public feedback through a brief survey to help guide design work for the Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction Project.

The survey questions include questions about the layout of sidewalks, trees, use of sump pumps, water ponding issues and whether property owners in the project area seek modifications of their driveway curb cut.

The reconstruction project includes the replacement of water mains and stormwater drainage; repairing or replacing sections of the sanitary sewer line; reconstruction of Fifth Street; restoration of Grove Street; and sidewalks on both sides of the street, among other work.

The deadline to complete the survey is 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

For more information and to sign up for project-specific email updates, visit the Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction Project webpage.

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## City to begin work on updating Master Plan's Vision Chapter

The City of Dover is about to embark on another cycle of updating its Master Plan, its comprehensive plan to guide long-term development in the city. It recently completed its last Master Plan cycle, with the Planning Board's recent adoption of the 2022 Community Facilities and Utilities chapter, [available here](#). This chapter analyzed Dover's municipal facilities and

services and the public and private utilities that are depended on daily by residents and businesses.

About every ten years, the City of Dover reviews each chapter of its Master Plan, beginning with the Visioning Chapter. Last updated in 2012, this chapter describes the long-term view of the city, as captured through a community-wide visioning process, which included a citizen's lead steering committee.

This chapter, entitled [Building Our Tomorrow](#), includes three main components:

1. The Vision Statement that describes characteristics the community wants to possess.
2. Vision Themes that describe the Vision Statement in eight functional categories.
3. Vision Elements that explain how the vision can be accomplished.

To help update the Visioning Chapter, the City Council authorized contracting with Resilience Planning and Design, LLC of Plymouth for professional consulting services. The city will again form a citizens steering committee to ensure that the updated Vision Chapter is broadly accessible and reflects Dover's vision for the future. The Planning Board will appoint committee members in the coming weeks. With the help of Resilience Planning and Design, the steering committee will gather feedback from community members, businesses, community organizations and the city and school district.

Plans for the visioning process will become available as it is developed. Please email Assistant City Planner and Outreach Coordinator Erin Bessegio at [E.Bassegio@dover.nh.gov](mailto:E.Bassegio@dover.nh.gov) with any thoughts or questions about the upcoming Visioning Chapter and how you can contribute to shaping the vision for Dover's future.

To review Dover's Master Plan, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/master-plan/>.

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## City Council authorizes warming center operation for this winter

The City Council, at its Aug. 10 meeting, authorized operating the Dover-owned facility on Willand Drive in Somersworth as a warming center for the coming winter.

The authorization allows the warming center to operate on an as-needed basis during extreme cold weather events, determined by the emergency management directors of the tri-cities, in consultation with state officials. City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., told the Council the goal of the warming center's operation is to preserve life during extreme weather conditions when there are few beds available in the region's shelters.



Somersworth passed a similar resolution at its Aug. 1 meeting. Rochester's City Council is slated to take up the topic at an Aug. 16 special meeting.

At Dover's meeting, the mayors of Rochester and Somersworth spoke in support of the measure, along with Strafford County Commission Chair George Maglaras. Maglaras discussed the commissioners' long-term vision to build a new Riverside Rest Home state-of-the-art nursing facility on county land and turn the current facility into a transitional shelter for those who are unhoused. [Click here](#) to watch the City Council's full discussion on the warming center.

Joyal urged anyone who is in need of housing, medical care or food to contact their local public welfare office. Under state welfare statutes, municipalities are required to provide emergency shelter, food and medical care. Dover's public welfare office is located in the McConnell Center



## Upcoming Meetings:

**Energy Commission,  
Wednesday, Aug. 17,  
5:30 p.m.**

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

**Planning Board  
Technical Review  
Committee, Thursday,  
Aug. 18, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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



## 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](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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## Dover Download podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past with a look back at the week in Dover's history.

The podcast is now available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh>.

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

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

**Aug. 12, 1875** — From the Dover Enquirer: "As a team in which two ladies and five children were crossing the bridge at Dover Point, the horses became frightened by an awning on a boat

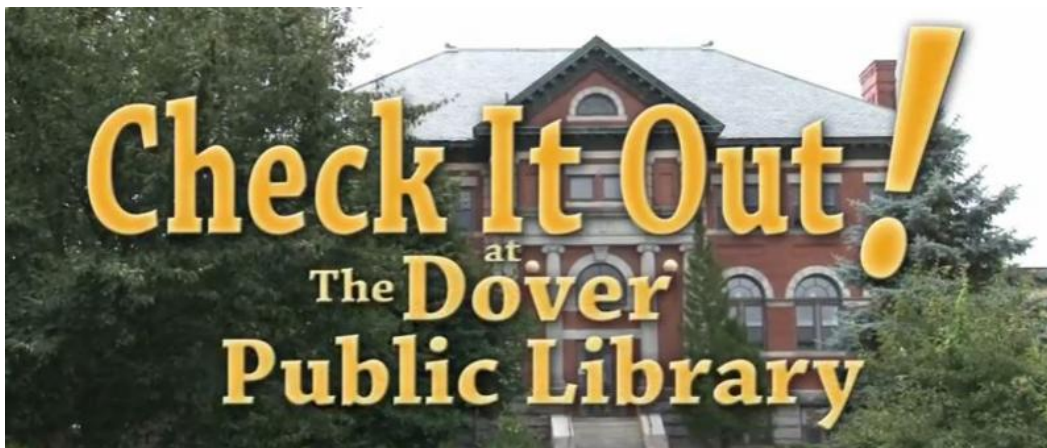
which was passing underneath, and began to prance. The lady who was driving, fearing that she might wreck the carriage or spring over the rail, whipped him into a trot, being desirous to get over the bridge quickly. As she did so, she casually noticed a sign forbidding horses to go over the bridge faster than a walk on penalty of a fine. This led her to pull in the frightened animal, and just as she had done so, she saw that she was within a few feet of the open draw, which is a swinging draw. Had she allowed the animal to have gone on at the speed he had attained, he would have plunged into the boiling flood below, and seven lives would have been lost. There is a gate or bar on the bridge to prevent just such occurrences and the criminal neglect of the toll-gate keeper to use it might have resulted in a very serious catastrophe."

**Aug. 14, 1925** — Dover's new downtown electric street light system is turned on at 8 p.m. for the first time. To celebrate the event, a "Mardi Gras" is held, including 4,000 people in the carnival parade and 10 bands. Over 20,000 people attend the festivities. To learn more, see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WOTO\\_G\\_mVs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WOTO_G_mVs).

**Aug. 17, 1925** — From Foster's Daily Democrat: "Last Saturday morning, the M&M Bakeries, Inc. of Dover inaugurated the first air delivery of fresh baked bread in New England, if not the world, when a speedy plane made the trip of 12 miles as the crow flies, to Portsmouth, in 7 minutes, 12 seconds. The delivery was made in less than 25 minutes of the receipt of a request for extra loaves."

**Aug. 18, 1933** — Insurance companies agree to pay the City of Dover \$151,000 for the loss of City Hall, which burned down on Aug. 3 that same year. City Hall was built in 1892 at a cost of \$250,000.

**Aug. 17, 2001** — Friends, family and coworkers held a farewell ceremony for Dover firefighter Doug Conway, who retired from Dover Fire & Rescue after 24 years. Conway, who was then 45, was planning to start his "second career" at Dover Middle School as a teaching aide working with special education students. Conway said he chose public service because of his family background: his father was a police officer for eight years, his mother was always helping her friends and neighbors, his three sisters worked in nursing, child care and elderly care, and his brother, Richard, was then the police chief in Barrington. During the ceremony, Conway was recognized for his contributions to Fire & Rescue projects including the George Grenier Fund, a fund for the needy and the Toys for Tots program. Conway also served as president of the local firefighters union, the Dover Professional Firefighters Local 1312.



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## The Week at the Library

**Monday, Aug. 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**  
**Learn Ukulele**

Learn ukulele with the Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group! This lesson provides a quick overview of the ukulele and instructions on playing a few simple songs.

sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

**Wednesday, Aug. 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Adult Knitting Group**



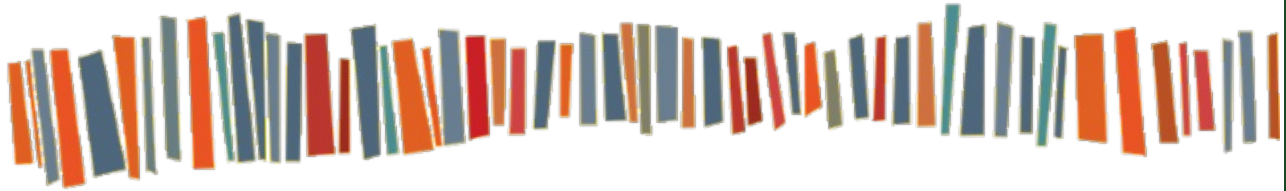
No experience, no problem! Even a complete beginner can learn how to play a song on the ukulele in an hour or less! There will be 15 ukuleles available to lend. Registration required. [Click here](#) to register.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**  
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

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

**Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Meet Author Ann Driscoll**  
Meet Ann Driscoll, author of Sammy the Seahorse. She will read from her book and talk about her research on this fascinating creature.

**Thursday, Aug. 18, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Candy Sushi**  
Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to try their hand at making sushi out of candy!



## Absentee ballots now available in City Clerk's Office

### Sample primary election ballots on city's election webpage

Absentee ballots for the state primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, are now available at the City Clerk's Office.

Any registered voter unable to vote on either Election Day or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance, or employment obligations may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail. The online absentee ballot application is [available here](#).

Voters may also request an absentee ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 8 general election. Absentee ballots for the general election will not be available until early October.

The City Clerk's Office is located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall. Its regular business hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The mailing address is 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820.

### Sample ballots, polling locations for state primary available on city's 2022 State Primary webpage

The City of Dover's [2022 State Primary Election webpage](#) has sample ballots for the Republican and Democratic primaries for each of Dover's six wards. The page also has the polling locations for each ward. Please note, some polling locations have changed since the last election.

#### What ward do I live in?

Dover's election pages also have an interactive map showing which ward a residence is in. For some, the ward they live in has changed since the last election, as the City Council approved ward redistricting earlier this year based on the 2020 Census results. [Click here](#) to view the updated ward boundary map.



## Dover Holiday Parade seeks volunteers

Cochecho Friends, a local volunteer organization, is organizing the 2022 Dover Holiday Parade, the theme of which will be, "Holiday Countdown to Celebrating our Past, Present, and Future."

The parade will be held on Nov. 27, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The parade organizing committee, which has been meeting since spring, is seeking volunteers to help prepare for this year's event, including in the days leading up to the parade. Volunteers are needed to assist with safety, fundraising/sponsorship, and logistics, and to fill other committee positions. Parade organizers are also seeking marching bands, along with commercial and non-profit groups, youth organizations, and other parade participants.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Lori Nollet at [CochechoFriends@gmail.com](mailto:CochechoFriends@gmail.com) or Dennis Shanahan at [d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov).

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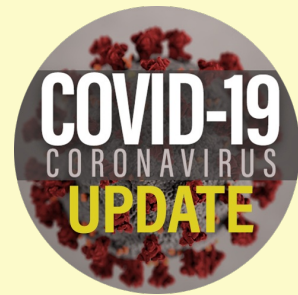
## COVID-19 vaccines and testing

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

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

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

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## City of Dover employment opportunities

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

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

- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Account Clerk II**
- **Account Clerk II - Water and Sewer Billing**
- **Planning Office Assistant**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets and Stormwater**
- **Maintenance Mechanic - Streets**
- **Deputy Director - Operations and Construction**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Arena Maintenance - Ice Resurfacers**

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

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