

# News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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### CITY OF DOVER, NH

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

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# Olympic medalist and Dover native Jessica Parratto visits Tuesday, will be honored at public event

Dover native and Tokyo Olympics silver medalist diver Jessica Parratto will visit her hometown and be honored by the City of Dover at an event at City Hall this Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m. Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, members of the City Council, and other officials will be in attendance to help celebrate Parratto's Olympic achievements. The public is welcome to attend.

Parratto won the silver medal in the women's synchronized 10-meter platform diving competition on July 27 with diving partner Delaney



Schnell. It is the United States' first Olympic medal in that competition. The 27-year-old also participated in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she placed seventh in the same event and 10th in the individual 10-meter platform diving competition.

Parratto began her swimming career at the Seacoast Swimming Association in Dover, founded by her parents Amy and Mike Parratto, both members of the Dover Sports Hall of Fame. Jessica started her diving career with her mother, a five-time AllTuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. American Diver at Wellesley College, as her coach. Her father was an early coach of another Dover Olympian, Jenny Thompson, one of the most decorated Olympians in history.

As a ninth grader, Jessica dived and swam for the Dover High School team in 2009, helping Dover Green Wave become the Division I New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) Girls Swimming and Diving Champions that year. Her six dive score of 253.95 from Feb. 15, 2009, still stands as an NHIAA record.

Jessica lived in Dover through her freshman year at Dover High School before moving to Indianapolis to further her training with USA Diving. While attending Indiana University, Jessica was the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) 10-meter diving champion. She graduated in 2019 with a degree in sports media.



Moon Boot Lover performs tonight, Friday, Aug. 13, to wrap up the Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series.

# Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series wraps up tonight with Moon Boot Lover

The Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, concludes tonight, Friday, Aug. 13, with Moon Boot Lover, sponsored by Martel Plumbing and Heating. Moon Boot Lover brings its mix of rock, funk and soul to the Rotary Arts Pavilion in Henry Law Park beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The festival's headliner series underwriter is Dover Rotary.

## **Dover Chamber to host free Family Movie Night**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host a free Family Movie Night on Saturday, Aug. 14, at lower Henry Law Park starting at dusk. The Movie Night, featuring "Onward," is part of the Cochecho Arts Festival and is sponsored by Newburyport Bank and will be managed by Malloy Events.

"Onward" is a PG-rated Disney-Pixar computer-animated adventure film. Teenage elf brothers lan and Barley embark on a magical quest to spend one more day with their late father. Like any good adventure, their journey is filled with mysterious maps, impossible complications and unimaginable findings. But when Mom finds out her sons are gone, she teams up with the legendary manticore to bring her boys back home.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and pick up some takeout food from a local restaurant to enjoy during the movie. Acton Academy Seacoast will be serving popcorn at the event.

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 Cowork & Apartments.



All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

For more information, visit <u>www.dovernh.org/CAF</u> or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

# Outdoor water ban to remain in place at least through Labor Day

### Three wells supplying 40 percent of water supply remain offline

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. told the City Council Wednesday that he anticipates keeping the mandatory outdoor watering ban at least through Labor Day to ensure adequate recharging of the public drinking water aquifers.

Joyal issued an emergency order on July 1, 2021, enabling water restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use, per City Ordinance 121-51.

Current daily water use averages two million gallons per day, which Joyal said was manageable for the city's drinking water supply. While the region is no longer considered to be in a drought by the U.S. Drought Monitor and received more than 11.5 inches of rain in July, there is still more than a five-inch precipitation deficit dating from June 2020. From June 23, 2020, to July 20, 2021, the U.S. Drought Monitor classified the City of Dover as either abnormally dry or in drought conditions, including extreme drought last fall.

Even though the region has had significant rains in July, Joyal said the precipitation "does not automatically recharge the aquifers. It takes time for that water to percolate through the ground and get to the aquifer."

### Pudding Hill aquifer remains offline

The City of Dover obtains all of its drinking water through 11 groundwater wells. However, three wells that pump water from the Pudding Hill Aquifer that typically supply 40% of city's drinking water are offline and reserved for emergency use until a water treatment facility is built.

"With those out (wells) out of service, we are being extremely cautious with the demands on our system," Joyal told the Council.

Joyal and Community Services Director John Storer voluntarily elected to take the three wells offline in 2019 when separate monitoring wells detected plumes of PFAS contaminants. No

PFAS were found in the drinking water pumped from the wells; however, ongoing use of the aquifer could draw PFAS, known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, into the aquifer before a water treatment facility could be built.

PFAS seeped into the ground from the former auto recycling plant off Knox Marsh Road, Madbury Metals, also known as New England Metals Recycling, that Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. now owns. The city is working with Schnitzer Steel to remediate the contaminants and build a state-of-the-art water treatment plant behind the Community Services building on Mast Road. The Planning Board approved the site plan for the new facility in May, and construction is anticipated to begin later this year, with completion estimated to be in 18-24 months.

### **Outdoor water use restrictions**

Under the emergency order, the following outdoor water use restrictions are in place:

- No outside lawn watering or irrigation, including automatic sprinklers, automatic irrigation systems, and no unattended lawn watering
- No washing of vehicles, including automobiles, trailers and trucks
- No filling of swimming pools greater than 100 gallons

Hand watering of gardens and new plantings is allowed. Commercial car washes, agriculture operations, flower shops and garden centers are not affected by the restrictions at this time.

Water conservation efforts by all water users, including well users, will reduce the demands on Dover's water supplies, reduce stress on water resources, and ensure sufficient water is available to meet all customer and emergency operation's needs, such as fire supply. The emergency order will be enforced by public outreach, followed by warnings to those in violation, and fines of up to \$250 per violation, if necessary. For specific questions about the water restrictions, including usage, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

In addition to the mandatory water restrictions outdoors, there are several other ways users can help conserve water, including:

- Cutting back on shower times, only doing full loads of laundry when necessary, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes and washing hands.
- Replace old water fixtures and appliances that are wasting water. Top-loading washing machines built before 2003 and toilets older than 1994 are known to be the largest water-wasting culprits in the home. Showerheads older than 1994 can also waste a great deal of water, as can older bathroom sink aerators. Selecting ENERGY STAR certified machines and replacing old water fixtures with EPA WaterSense certified fixtures is an easy way to ensure you are choosing products that will save water and perform. For guidance on selecting ENERGY STAR and WaterSense certified products and more water efficiency tips, see the NHDES water-efficiency fact sheets at https://go.usa.gov/x6ADQ.
- Fix leaks, including running toilets. Running toilets can waste hundreds of gallons a day. Old and worn toilet flappers are often the culprit and are very easy to replace. Also, some toilet leaks can't be heard. Check for a leak by dropping food coloring (12 drops) or a leak detector dye tablet in the toilet tank. Do not flush for 15 or 20 minutes. If the dye shows up in the bowl, you know that your toilet is running.

The city's water users can learn more about current drought conditions, outdoor water use restrictions, water efficiency tips, and drought guidance at <u>https://bit.ly/DROUGHTNH</u>.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450. The emergency declaration and order can be accessed below:

- Declaration of Water Emergency
- Order and Public Notice of Water Emergency Restrictions



# Dover submits Great Bay adaptive management plan with Portsmouth, Rochester and other towns

The cities of Dover, Portsmouth and Rochester and the towns of Rollinsford, Milton and Newington – all members of the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management – recently submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) its first joint adaptive management plan (AMP) to monitor and set scientific benchmarks to judge Great Bay water quality improvements.

The submittal of the joint AMP is a voluntary part of being covered by the EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit (GBTN) for Wastewater Treatment Facilities in New Hampshire that became effective Feb. 1, 2021.

The AMP, <u>which can be read here</u>, outlines a comprehensive method to explore and understand the stressors impacting the health of the Great Bay Estuary. It provides a practical approach to refining and advancing scientifically sound watershed-level water quality protection programs. In addition to focusing on total nitrogen levels, the AMP emphasizes exploring critical information about other potential pollutants and the changing nature of eelgrass, salt marshes, shellfish habitats and fish in the estuary.

"The creation of this adaptive management plan has truly been a collaborative effort by the municipalities, project partners, and stakeholders focused on improving the health of the Great Bay Estuary," said Gretchen Young, Environmental Projects Manager for the City of Dover. "This plan sets us on a clear path toward establishing scientific benchmarks and allows us to continue to improve and protect water quality based on sound science and the right public policy."

The AMP also describes and details the structural and non-structural nonpoint source best management practices that municipalities plan to implement to meet the terms and conditions of the GBTN and advance total nitrogen controls. The AMP will be updated at least annually through the GBTN five-year permit term. Separate from the adaptive management plan, the GBTN establishes total nitrogen effluent limitations and monitoring and reporting requirements for 13 eligible wastewater treatment plants in New Hampshire, including Dover's.

Earlier this year, the cities of Dover, Portsmouth and Rochester established the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management to collaborate, share costs and not duplicate efforts in Great Bay monitoring. The Municipal Alliance is open to all communities in the Great Bay watershed. In addition to Milton, Newington and Rollinsford, the Town of Exeter has also joined the Municipal Alliance, which submitted its own AMP to the EPA.

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



# Survey work begins on Court Street and Union Street reconstruction project

Residents on Court Street and Union Street may have noticed recent paint markings and flags along the road. The flags and markings denote underground utilities and are part of the initial surveying process for a street reconstruction project targeted for the two streets. Street reconstruction will not begin until next year at the earliest.

The reconstruction project includes replacing underground utilities and extending Court Street's sidewalk from South Pine Street to Hubbard Road. Engineers will also evaluate the intersection of Back Road/Court Street/Middle Road to identify opportunities to increase motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians' safety.

Earlier this summer, the City Council awarded the design services contract to Wright-Pierce of Portsmouth. Part of the design process includes surveying and digging test pits to evaluate existing utilities. The goal is to complete design specifications in early 2022 that would allow the project to go out to bid, with construction occurring during the 2022-2023 construction seasons. Once the base survey of the project area is complete, the City of Dover plans to hold a neighborhood meeting to review project objectives and solicit feedback. A date has not been selected but is anticipated to occur sometime this fall.

As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and business plans for the construction disruption. To sign-up for these updates, visit <u>https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</u>, add "Project update: Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction" to your current email subscription list. There is also a project webpage located at <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/court-street-union-street-reconstruction-project/.</u>

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



Mayor Robert Carrier, left, reads a proclamation recognizing the Dover Arts Commission for receiving the Governor's Arts Award for Creative Communities. Arts Commission members on hand to receive the proclamation were, from left, standing at podium, Chair Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, and Vice Chair Linnea Nemeth.

# City Council recognizes Arts Commission with proclamation

At the City Council meeting this week, Mayor Robert Carrier and the Dover City Council recognized the Dover Arts Commission for being honored by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts with the Governor's Arts Award for Creative Communities. The Creative Communities Award recognizes a city, town, community-wide organization, or an individual that significantly fostered the arts through funding and/or program initiatives within the past three years, and the Arts Commission was chosen because of a number of arts-related initiatives in recent years.

"What you guys do is unbelievable," Carrier said to members of the Arts Commission, shortly before reading the proclamation.

Arts Commission Chair Jane Hamor, Vice Chair Linnea Nemeth, and Commission member Cliff Blake were in attendance at the City Council meeting to receive the proclamation.

The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS: The Dover Arts Commission and the City of Dover were recently honored by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts with the Governor's Arts Award for Creative Communities; and

WHEREAS: The Creative Communities Award recognizes the Dover Arts Commission for significantly fostering the arts through funding and/or program initiatives; and

WHEREAS: The Dover Arts Commission is a City Council-created committee that serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Manager, enhancing appreciation and awareness of arts and culture in the community through increased dialog and citizen participation; and

WHEREAS: Initiatives by the Dover Arts Commission and the City of Dover to foster art within

Dover include:

- Incorporating public art requirements into new development in the Downtown central business district;
- Creating an Arts & Culture Chapter of the Master Plan;
- Establishing City Arts Grants;
- Establishing the Art Beat Program, creating partnerships between local businesses and artists;
- Funding a new state-of-the-art performance center at Dover High School;
- Supporting programming to make art accessible to all citizens through the Dover Public Library and Recreation Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, NEWI HAMPSHIRE, AND THE ENTIRE DOVER CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY CONGRATULATE:

DOVER ARTS COMMISSION

# Central Avenue North Water Improvements slated to begin in September; significant traffic congestion expected

The Central Avenue North Water Improvements, an infrastructure project to replace aging water mains along Central Avenue from Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to Glenwood Avenue, is slated to begin in early September. It is expected to create significant traffic congestion on upper Central Avenue.

The Central Avenue North project will replace two sections of water mains. One is a 133-yearold, 14-inch water main from Lowell Avenue to Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive, a critical piece of the City of Dover's water system infrastructure. The other is an undersized six-inch water main from Glenwood Avenue to Lowell Avenue installed in 1927. Both mains will be replaced with 16-inch ductile iron pipes that are expected to last the next 100-150 years. The project is anticipated to be substantially complete by mid to late December, weather permitting.

In preparation for the project, Community Services members have been digging test pits and marking known underground infrastructure. This work has also created periodic backups on Central Avenue.

After a competitive bid process, the City Council in June selected N. Granese & Sons, Inc. of Salem, Massachusetts as the project contractor. It is the same contractor as the Washington and Main Water Improvements project. Work will begin on the Central Avenue North project once the Washington and Main project is substantially complete.

Director of Community Services John Storer understands there will be "huge inconvenience" for residents and businesses but stresses the project is needed to replace critical infrastructure before it fails. Storer encourages residents and businesses in the construction area with questions or concerns to contact Deputy Community Services Director Bill Boulanger at <u>b.boulanger@dover.nh.gov</u> or 516-6450. Boulanger will be managing the project for the city.

The City of Dover plans frequent updates about the project to help residents and business plans for the construction disruption. To sign-up for these updates, visit <u>https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</u>, add "Project update: Central Avenue North Water Improvements Project" to your current email subscription list. There is also a dedicated project page on the City of Dover's website. Find it at <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/central-avenue-north-water-improvements/</u>.

### Washington and Main Water Improvements nears completion

The new water main has been installed along Washington Street Main Street, from Henry Law Avenue to Broadway. The City of Dover is testing the final piece of the new main to put into operation. The contractor, N. Granese & Sons, Inc. of Salem, Massachusetts, is in the process

of connecting properties to the new water main already in operation and removing the temporary main where it is no longer needed.

In September, the contractor will return to mill out and replace the trench paving with a smoother coat even with the roadway. Next year, the roads will receive a full pavement overlay once the soils of the work areas have had a chance to settle over the winter.

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

## Citywide road striping work begins tonight

Crews striping the city's roadways and parking areas will conduct painting operations tonight, Friday, Aug. 13, 2021.

The citywide striping work begins at 9 p.m. tonight and will continue until 5 a.m. on Saturday morning.

While the crews are at work, drivers should use caution and be aware of road cones, wet paint and striping vehicles. The work may cause some traffic delays.

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



## School Board adopts re-entry plan for 2021-2022 school year; masks required for K-8 students

The Dover School Board on Monday, Aug. 9, adopted its 2021-2022 re-entry plan for students returning to the classroom this fall amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The re-entry plan is a guiding document utilizing the least restrictive COVID-19 protocols. It prioritizes providing full-time, in-person learning at all Dover public schools beginning on Sept. 1, 2021. The guidance adopted by the School Board is based on a review of the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) in conjunction with current local and state COVID-19 data as of July 27, 2201, and the family feedback survey.

The policy document provides the School Board and School District flexibility to amend the guidelines depending on increased or decreased community spread of the coronavirus, emerging science, and availability of vaccines for children under 12 years old. Currently, the

Federal Drug Administration has provided emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to be administered to children 12 years old and older.

Based on the current re-entry guidelines, students in kindergarten through eighth grade will be required to wear masks. The Dover School District will strive to maintain social distancing where reasonable and practical, particularly for children ages 3-11. Students and staff are asked to self-screen at home before school and not come into school if they have a fever or feel sick. Based on current federal guidelines, masks are required for all students and staff traveling on a school bus.

This year, Dover High School (DHS) will not offer an in-house virtual option; however, full-time virtual education is available through the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS). There are options to take some in-person courses at DHS and some courses through VLACS. Families should contact the DHS guidance counselor office for more information. The Dover School District is working with area school districts to form a virtual school consortium for kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

The Dover Middle School and DHS plan a full range of athletic programming unless a significant rise in coronavirus transmission levels change and policy adjustments are needed. All spectators at indoor events must wear a mask.

The School Board and School District plan to revisit the policy document and update where appropriate regularly. They will continue to consult with the CDC, DPHS, and the Dover Medical Advisory Council, whose membership includes pediatricians, nurse practitioners, school nurses, public health officials, epidemiologists, and the City of Dover Emergency Management Director and selected district leadership members.

The full policy document is available on the Dover School District's website, <u>https://www.dover.k12.nh.us/.</u>

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

# CDC: Most COVID-19 hospitalizations are with unvaccinated patients

Right now, most people admitted to the hospital for COVID-19 are unvaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines help protect you from severe illness, being admitted to the hospital, and death.

If you're not vaccinated against COVID-19, get vaccinated as soon as you can: <u>www.vaccines.gov</u>

# **Delta variant is surging in the U.S.** Vaccination is **more urgent** than ever.



## Mobile Vaccine Van in Dover on Sunday, Aug. 22

The NH Department of Health and Human Services Mobile Vaccine Van will be in Dover on Sunday, Aug. 22, from noon to 4 p.m., at the First Parish Church parking lot, 218 Central Avenue. All three FDA authorized vaccines will be available (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson). No appointment necessary!

Vaccines administered at the van are free and available to anyone 12 and older. Parental consent is required for children ages 12-17.

The NH Mobile Vaccine Van is available to businesses,

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religious organizations, community groups, fairs, festivals, and farmers markets. Anywhere people gather, you can request the van to provide #COVID-19 vaccines at no cost. The van is available through September 30.

Go to <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> and click on the icon to book the van.

# **Mobile Vaccine Van**

# WALK-INS WELCOME

First Parish Church 218 Central Avenue, Dover Sunday, Aug. 22, 12 to 4 p.m.

- The Mobile Vaccine Van will have Pfizer. Moderna, and J&J
- Walk-ins welcome

 Vaccine is FREE and available to anyone 12 and older



### Unable to make it to the clinic?

**URGENT CARE** 

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies. To schedule an appointment, visit vaccines.nh.gov and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines". The link will bring you to the national site where you can search for vaccines by zip code and vaccine type.

Currently, in Dover, vaccines are offered at the following locations:

#### ConvenientMD (walk-in)

14 Webb Place, Dover 603-742-7900 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Vaccines offered: Pfizer

#### Walgreens (schedule online)

1 Glenwood Ave. Dover 603-749-4136 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 2 to 8 p.m. Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

Hannaford (walk-in or schedule online) 833 Central Ave. Dover

603-749-9363

Weekends: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

> CVS (schedule online) 50 Sterling Way, Dover 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 603-742-3995 Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

For additional locations and options, visit vaccines.gov.

# COVID symptoms or need to confirm you aren't infected? Get tested

Many health insurance plans cover COVID-19 tests without a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for persons with symptoms of COVID-19. Locations throughout the state offer COVID-19 tests, including hospitals, pharmacies, primary care offices, urgent care centers.

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.

The federal government has contracted with Walgreens and Rite Aid pharmacies to offer COVID-19 tests at no additional costs for persons without insurance with symptoms of COVID-19. Visit the website of these pharmacies or contact your local Walgreens or Rite Aid pharmacy to learn more about their free testing program.

Persons who do not have insurance or have a health insurance plan that does not fully cover the cost of tests may also have testing paid for by a New Hampshire Limited COVID-19 Testing Benefit. To apply online for the Testing Benefit, please visit NH EASY at <a href="https://nheasy.nh.gov">https://nheasy.nh.gov</a> and click on "COVID-19 Testing". Additional information about other DHHS programs and benefits, including different Medicaid plans that cover more than COVID-19 testing services, are on the NH EASY website.

#### **Dover area COVID-19 testing locations:**

CVS (Ages 3 and up) 50 Sterling Way, Dover Type of test: PCR https://cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing

Rite Aid (Ages 4 and up) 679 Central Avenue only, Dover Type of test: PCR https://riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing

> **ConvienentMD** 14 Webb Place, Dover Type of test: PCR

https://convenientmd.com/covid-19-testing/

#### Walgreens (ages 3 and up)

1 Glenwood Ave., Dover Type of test: PCR and Rapid https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid vanity testing

Quest Diagnostics (Ages 2 and up) 311 Route 108, Somersworth (inside Goodwin Health Center) 5 Clark Way, Somersworth Type of test: Rapid https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test?utm\_campaign=2021-5-CIIP-CIIP-Consumers&utm\_medium=Vanity&utm\_source=QuestCOVID19-com&utm\_term=Paid-Owned

> Wentworth-Douglass Hospital 789 Central Ave., Dover Type of test: PCR Scheduled through affiliated PCP only

# Show you care, get the vaccine

One way to show you care about others is by getting vaccinated against COVID-19. A COVID-19 vaccine helps protect you as well as those you love.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free! Get your vaccine: <u>www.vaccines.gov</u>



# City of Dover offers local business assistance program for coronavirus impacts

"Dover CARES" grant funding targeted to microenterprise and small businesses is still available. The grants are made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

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and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The grants are intended to provide working capital to assist small local businesses in avoiding job loss caused by the coronavirus. The program offers up to \$3,000 in assistance to qualifying businesses operating within Dover.

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

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

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

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

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including household income thresholds for the owner(s) of the business and retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.

- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

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

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Demonstrate that wages/benefits meet specific HUD income guidelines for either one full-time position of at least 40 hours a week or two part-time positions of at least 20 hours a week each.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

Grants are open on a first-come, first-serve basis for completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered nor be used as a placeholder for a completed application. Once an application is determined to be complete, the Dover CARES Loan Committee will review the application. The Loan Committee is comprised of City of Dover officials, including City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker, and Finance Director Daniel Lynch.

The review consists of:

- Analysis of application and supporting material.
- Verification that the proposal meets all eligibility requirements.

Applications for the Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant are available online here.

Applications for the Small Business Assistance Grant are available online here.

Both applications are also available at the Office of Economic Development located within Dover City Hall. Mail completed applications to the Office of Economic Development, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820 or email them to Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at <u>r.amy@dover.nh.gov</u>. The Office of Economic Development is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

For more information, contact Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at 516-1560 or <u>r.amy@dover.nh.gov</u>.

# Candidate filing for Municipal Election opens Sept. 8

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election begins on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. and ends Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at 4 p.m.

Candidates seeking the office of Mayor, City Council, School Board, Supervisor of the Checklist, Moderator, Selectpersons and Ward Clerk must file a written declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk during the filing period.



The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

At the election, voters from all wards will elect the Mayor, two at-large City Councilors, and one at-large School Board member. In addition, voters in each of the six Dover wards will elect a City Councilor and School Board member and election officers, including a Supervisor of the Checklist, Moderator, three Selectpersons, and a Ward Clerk. All elected positions are two-year terms.

Candidates seeking an elected position must be duly qualified voters in the city. For Mayor and City Council positions, candidates must have lived in Dover for at least one year preceding the election. Candidates seeking a specific ward position must live in that ward. Visit <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/">https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/</a> for a map that shows Dover's ward boundaries.

For more information, visit the <u>2021 Municipal Election</u> page on the city's website or contact City Clerk Susan Mistretta at 516-6018 or <u>s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov</u>.

# Supervisors of the Checklist in session Sept. 7

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, 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, record changes of address, name and party affiliation, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist.

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

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

# School Board, August 16, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m.in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

### Waterfront Committee, August 17, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a special session on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m.in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

Zoning Board, August 19, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a



## Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?



Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, click here or on the license plate image above.

regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting 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>.

# ON THE AGENDA ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

### A look at the 8/19/2021 meeting

In a video released this week, Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker reviews what's on the agenda at the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19. The video can be viewed here: https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=fD7ICskG2mrB

### 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.

## A Night Out to remember



Photos/Councilor Fergus Cullen

The Dover Police Department participated in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 3, held at the Police Station on Chestnut Street. National Night Out allows community members to meet with police officers and other public safety officials to discuss issues, learn about public safety operations, and unite with the common goal of crime prevention and safety. This year's event featured numerous vehicles, tours, food and hands-on exhibits. In the photo above, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce gets first-hand experience with the fingerprinting process.





## Learn about Dover's Waterfront History with former

## **Mayor George Maglaras**

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, held its most recent online presentation this week with a lecture about Dover illustrious history as a 19th-century shipping port.

The speaker, George Maglaras, is proprietor of George's Marina which is located at the former epicenter of Dover's thriving and bustling seaport. This shipping trade, which included all manner of vessels from gundalows to three-masted schooners, also supported many businesses and industries which lined the Cochecho River. This area, along Cochecho Street, was the commercial center of Dover for 200 years, until the great flood of 1896, called "Dover's Black Day", wiped out most riverfront businesses and deposited vast amounts of silt and sand into the river, essentially ending large-scale shipping.

George Maglaras grew up along the waterfront and is a highly regarded raconteur of Dover's maritime history. Maglaras has been a Strafford County Commissioner for 19 terms, and Chairman since 1987. He has over 45 years of involvement in numerous civic, municipal, and state organizations as well, serving in the NH Legislature and as Mayor of Dover in 1990-91. His presentation combines waterfront history with a large dose of entertainment through George's tales of river lore and legend.

The presentation is now available online and can be viewed here: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=kgiMID74POAI</u>.

The earlier lectures in the series (presented January through July) can also be viewed online. They cover early Dover history from the 17th to 19th centuries and can be found here: <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400">https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400</a>.

Upcoming lectures in the monthly series include:

- 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 <u>www.Dover400.org</u>



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>.

**Aug. 16, 1725** — At a meeting of the freeholders of Dover Parish at the Cochecho meeting house, moderator Col. Waldron, it was "voted that our minister Mr. Jonathan Cushing's salary that the town gave him of 100 pounds in the year 1717, shall be made as good to him as it was at his first settlement amongst us."

Aug. 19, 1788 — A violent hurricane destroyed hundreds of acres of woodland in New

Hampshire, including Dover, unroofed many barns, and did much other damage.

**Aug. 19, 1806** — Mr. Watson, while tinloading a gundalow in the evening, accidentally fell overboard and was drowned.

**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.

**Aug. 17, 1925** — 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.



## Dover Public Library to host live-action role-playing Game for teens

Send the summer out right a one-of-a-kind gaming experience for teens: Antipathy's Call.

This original Live-Action Role Playing game (LARP) combines the storytelling of Dungeons & Dragons with the in-person challenges of an escape room. Our players will help defend an endof-summer festival from the malevolent spirit Antipathy, solving puzzles and searching the building for hidden resources before the dark spirit can complete its own goals. With spells to cast, traps to avoid, and mystical creatures to outwit, this will be a library event like no other.

This game is designed for ages 13 to 18 and will be held Aug. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m., starting in the Lecture Hall. Players can come as themselves in regular clothes, or they may come in any fantasy/historical costuming they would like. If you have any questions or accessibility concerns, please reach out to Aidan at <u>a.sonia-bolduc@dover.nh.gov</u>.

This LARP was written with the help of game designers at the Wayfinder Experience summer camp in New York.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information or if you have accessibility requirements, call the library at 603-516-6050 or email Aidan at <u>a.sonia-bolduc@dover.nh.gov</u>.

### The Week at the Library

August VIRTUAL Cookbook Club Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Love* & *Lemons Cookbook* by Jeanine Donofrio. Throughout the month of August, 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. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Tuesday, August 17, 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.

Weds, August 18, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group, Front Lawn Knitters and crocheters are welcome to gather on the front lawn with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please bring a blanket of chair to sit on. All levels welcome.

Thursday, August 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Live Music with Paul Nelson Front Lawn Join us on the lawn for a fun evening of live music featuring Paul Nelson of Manchester, NH. Paul has an album in the library's collection and has played at the library in 2019. His music can be described as a mixture of blues, gospel, soul, and rock. He'll play a 90 minute set and have you up and dancing on the lawn.



### THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



## **Dover Democratic Committee joins Dover Chamber**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome the Dover Democratic Committee as a valued member of the chamber.

The Dover Democratic Committee is comprised of all Dover residents that are registered as Democrats according to the bylaws of the NH Democratic Party. Those who regularly attend the Dover Democrats' meetings and other activities represent a wide range of Dover residents. The DDC welcomes all of those who support democratic values regardless of race, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status. Election to the Dover Democratic Executive Committee is open to all Democratic Party members registered to vote in Dover, NH.

The purpose of the DDC is to improve the quality of life of all persons, especially residents of Dover, New Hampshire, through the democratic process of government at the local, county, state, and national levels. They work to promote and support the Democratic Party, to identify and elect strong Democratic candidates, and to advance legislative actions reflective of Democratic values.

To learn more about the Dover Democratic Committee, visit dovernhdemocrats.org.

# A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

### Don't let your recycling be rejected

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

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



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

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

Plastics that are not accepted include plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, plastic wrap, tarps and colored cups. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker. See full details of <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
- Police Secretary I
- Police Safety Dispatcher
- Fleet Maintenance Supervisor
- Swim Instructor I
- Water Exercise Instructor II
- Gym attendant
- Arena maintenance / resurfacer
- Custodian

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

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