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City of Dover urges voluntary water conservation as moderate drought conditions persist

As Dover and southern New Hampshire enter a third month of moderate drought conditions, the City is asking all water users to help conserve water. The voluntary conservation request is due to the severe lack of rainfall this spring and summer, and the reduced amount of snowfall last winter. Precipitation levels fall far short of the amount necessary to replenish the underground reservoirs from which the City draws its water. rent? Assistance available

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Missed the meeting?

Meetings this week:

School Board, August 17, 5:30 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, 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 20, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

The voluntary conservation request is the result of consultation with neighboring utilities and the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). Moderate drought conditions have persisted in southern New Hampshire, including Dover, since June, according to NHDES. Current drought conditions <u>can be found here</u>.

Conservation measures suggested by the NHDES and City staff include no outdoor water use except hand watering of vegetable gardens, flower gardens and new plantings, as well as shutting off automatic irrigation systems.

"We will continue to closely monitor drought conditions," said Community Services Director John Storer. "For now, we're asking people to be conservation minded with water use. If conditions do worsen, and voluntary measures are not effective, we may have to recommend more stringent water restrictions to the Dover Utilities Commission and City Council."

Other ways to conserve water include:

- Cut out non-essential uses such as outdoor water use for lawn watering, car washing and pressure washing.
- Conserve water by 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 here.
- 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.

Fire Chief Paul Haas added that drought conditions also present a fire danger, including wildfires.

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.



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> City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



Stay social with your City

Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official **Facebook page** and **twitter feed** for the latest updates. "We encourage residents to use caution with any outdoor activities that can lead to fire," Haas said. "Our mandatory burn permit process is a dependable way for residents to determine whether conditions are suitable for outdoor fires of any kind."

Online burn permits are <u>available here</u>. Select Dover from the list of communities.

The City's water users can learn more about current drought conditions, outdoor water use restrictions, water efficiency tips, and drought guidance <u>here</u>.

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



Absentee ballots available

Dover City Clerk Susan Mistretta reminds voters that absentee ballots for the State Primary Election on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 are available at the City Clerk's Office. Applications for an absentee ballot are <u>available online here</u> or at the City Clerk's Office.

Voters are urged to request and return absentee ballots as soon as possible to avoid postal delays.

Any registered voter unable to vote on Election Day, or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance, due to employment obligations, or any reason relating to COVID-19, may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall, is open 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.

For more information, call 516-6018 or visit <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/</u>.

Election officers needed in all wards

The City Clerk's Office is seeking election officers to help staff Dover's polling places during upcoming elections, including the State Primary in September and the General Election in November.

The City Clerk's office provides training to all election workers. These are paid positions. Election workers must be at least 18 years old and a Dover resident.

Election officers assist with a variety of duties on election day, including aiding voters, maintaining order, opening and closing the polls, and processing the vote counts. Election workers are needed in all of the City's six wards.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018 or email City Clerk Susan Mistretta at <u>s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov</u>.





City Council resolution urges use of masks in public

The City Council at its Aug. 12 meeting unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the use of face coverings in public to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.



"This is a resolution to strongly say, put your mask on, be safe, and socially distance," said Mayor Robert Carrier at the Aug. 12 City Council meeting. "This protects yourself, your neighbors and the entire community."

The resolution cites recommendations from several health officials and agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about the use of masks and face coverings to help prevent transmission of the virus.

"New Hampshire's numbers are OK; they are not zero," said Councilor Dennis Shanahan. "We are still seeing 20 to 30 to 40 new cases a day. We are still seeing a death every several days. This virus is not down to zero yet and we need to keep working on it."

"We didn't know as much about this virus back in March as we know now," said Councilor Lindsey Williams. "This is the science evolving and this is the policy response evolving with it. Wearing a mask is caring for the community. All of us who physically can wear a mask need to be wearing a mask. If we're going to get this under control, and if we're going to be able to have an economy while we wait for a vaccine, we've got to wear masks."

The resolution points to guidance from medical experts who strongly recommend the wearing of face coverings when in public, and particularly where a person is not able to maintain adequate distance from another person.

The resolution requests "in the strongest terms" that all residents and visitors in the City of Dover, "who are medically able to... wear appropriate face coverings while in public. Face coverings should cover the nose and mouth of the person wearing it."

The resolution also urges businesses to develop face covering policies and procedures, "including appropriate signage or notices, urging or requiring visitors to wear face coverings."

The resolution was amended, following a motion by Councilor Fergus Cullen, to remain in effect until Gov. Chris Sununu's State of Emergency is lifted. The State of Emergency, which was first issued in March, must be renewed by the governor every 21 days. The current emergency order is set to expire Sept. 1.

"There is an ongoing State of Emergency declared by the governor," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "The expectation is that will continue until this situation is under control."

The meeting can be viewed here.

To read the resolution, <u>click here</u> and select the tab for agenda materials.

Governor executive order requires masks for gatherings of 100 or more

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu this week issued an executive order requiring masks be worn at scheduled gatherings of more than 100 people.



According to the order, the requirement applies to "scheduled gatherings of 100

people or more for social, spiritual, and recreational activities, including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, private, leisure, faith based, political, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities; where individuals are gathered in the same place at the same time."

The order does not apply to gatherings where attendees are seated and separated by at least six feet from any person except those who are a member of that person's household, part of that person's party, or assigned to the same table. Attendees must still wear face coverings while entering and exiting the gathering and while moving to and from their seats. The order also does not apply to day-to-day operations of for-profit or not-for-profit organizations and state and local governments, including K-12 schools, where 100 or more people may be present in a facility.

According to the order, "any entity, property owner, facility owner, or person that organizes or allows its property/facility to be used for a scheduled gathering of 100 or more people shall make reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with this Order. It shall constitute a violation of this Order if any such entity, property owner, facility owner, or person (a) knowingly violates this Order, or (b) refuses to comply with a prior warning about the requirements set forth in this Order."

The complete order can be viewed here.

STOPPING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOU.

IT'S ABOUT PROTECTING EVERYONE AROUND YOU.



How cloth face coverings help slow the spread of COVID-19

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be



inhaled into the lungs. <u>Recent studies</u> show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are "asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other <u>social distancing</u> measures are difficult to maintain.

Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at <u>higher risk of severe illness</u> from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

The cloth face coverings recommended here are not surgical masks or respirators. Currently, those are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment (PPE). They are not appropriate substitutes for PPE such as respirators (like N95 respirators) or medical facemasks (like surgical masks) in workplaces where respirators or facemasks are recommended or required to protect the wearer.

For more information,

visit <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html</u>.

City Council seeks to fill stormwater and flood resilience funding task force

The City Council is seeking to fill a stormwater and flood resilience funding task force. The task force was created following the unanimous vote of the City Council on Aug. 12.

The panel will be tasked with investigating funding options for stormwater and flood resilience initiatives.

The City Council discussed the formation of a task force at a workshop on the topic on Aug. 3. At the workshop, the City Council heard details about a pilot program established by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that aims to help coastal communities explore alternative funding to address stormwater and flood resilience. Stormwater and coastal flooding are significant issues for coastal communities, including Dover, and will require significant investments in resources in the coming years due to new regulatory requirements and climate change.

The workshop can be viewed here.

Those interested in joining the task force should contact the City Clerk's Office for an application. The application can also <u>be downloaded here</u> and returned to the City Clerk's Office. The Appointments Committee will recommend members of the task force to the City Council after interviewing all applicants

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

City of Dover, surrounding towns to

hold Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the City's Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road.

The goal of Hazardous Waste Collection Day is to allow for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. Residents of the four communities can bring household hazardous waste to Community Services for safe disposal.

The following household waste will be accepted: fertilizer with acids; bathroom cleaners; brush cleaner; pesticides car waxes/polish; disinfectants; corrosives; fungicides; creosote; furniture polish paint/stain/finish; insect spray; driveway sealers/tar; metal polish (lead and oil based); lighter fluid; flea powder; mothballs; rust preventative; pest strips/traps; gasoline; oven cleaner; solvents; pesticides; radiator flush; photo chemicals; thinner/turpentine; poisons; roofing tar; rug cleaner; wood preservatives; pool chemicals; and wood strippers.

Empty containers are not hazardous. Please dispose of them in your regular trash.

Explosives, asbestos, latex paint, oil (new or used) and antifreeze will not be accepted.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Dover is for household residents only. Proof of residency is required.

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

Harvey Knepp scholarship awarded to Dover High School student

Seacoast Education Endowment of Dover (SEED), a nonprofit organization that promotes academic excellence by providing innovative learning grants to Dover educators, recently awarded Dover High School's Arijs Hendrarto the 2020 Harvey Knepp Scholarship. Valued at \$1,000, this annual scholarship is given to a graduating senior who is considered the unsung hero for dedication to the DHS school community and culture.



Arijs Hendrarto

Hendrarto will be attending the University of New Hampshire College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, majoring in analytics and data science. Established in 2012, the Harvey Knepp Scholarship was established to honor Knepp's service to Dover High and his legacy of caring for his students above all else. Knepp was hired as a Physics teacher in February of 1950. His career was almost immediately interrupted when he was called back to serve in the United States Army for two more years during World War II. When his tour was finished, he returned to teach at Dover High and eventually became assistant principal. In 1962, he was named principal, a role he held until 1975. His 13 years as DHS principal are exceeded only by the tenure of Charles Langdon "Pop" Wallace, who served from 1919 to 1933.

The scholarship is funded by donations received throughout the year. If you would like to support the Harvey Knepp Scholarship Fund, please send donations to: The Harvey Knepp Scholarship Fund C/O: SEED, 61 Locust Street, Suite Mailbox 236, Dover, NH 03820. For more information, visit www.DoverSEED.org.

Formed in 2011, SEED is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to promote academic excellence, champion technology and reward educator innovation in Dover's public schools. SEED support is not intended to replace appropriate municipal funding. SEED raises private philanthropic dollars and provides grant funds, on a competitive basis, to educators who submit formal applications. SEED's overarching goals are to create a legacy for educational excellence in Dover Public Schools and to advocate the value of education in the community. SEED welcomes donations of time, talent, and resources. www.DoverSEED.org

Survey seeks input on formation of virtual learning co-op

The Virtual Learning Co-op is a parent-organized group working to support Dover public school families who wish to form educational pods during this challenging period of virtual learning. The co-op is run by parents and other education stakeholders within Dover. It does not represent or speak for the Dover School District.

The co-op seeks to provide opportunities for families to connect into small groups (pods) based on similar needs regarding childcare, student grade/classroom, family schedule, personal safety thresholds and desired socialization opportunities. According to a letter sent to Dover families, the co-op aims to "leverage the collective resources of Dover's "village" to support families who come to the virtual learning experience with a wide variety of needs, concerns and perspectives."

The group says it is looking to first create a database to facilitate family networking and is currently conducting a

survey to assess the interest and individual needs of Dover families. If interested in connecting with families to form a coop pod, please fill out the survey by midnight on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

The survey can be accessed <u>here in English</u> and <u>here in</u> <u>Spanish</u>.

For more information, visit <u>www.dovervirtualpods.com</u> or <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/3059863924068862/</u>.



Actors sought for Woodman Museum's "Voices from the Cemetery 2020"

The Woodman Museum's annual "Voices from the Cemetery" live tour event, showcasing some of Pine Hill's most interesting characters, cannot be held in person this year due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. However, the Woodman Museum will instead stage a virtual tour available for online viewing. Actors are currently needed for the production, including 11 adult females and 13 adult males, who will perform as the long-dead-but-now-come-back-to-life, men and women in 15 scenes. (Sorry, no children are needed for this year's tour, but older teens are welcome to join.) Each scene will be set at their gravestones.

The 15 scenes -- some solo; some with two people -- will be filmed on site at the Cemetery on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call times for actors will be staggered throughout the day. If you've participated in a "Voices" production before, you know that you've had to repeat your lines many times per day, over the course of a weekend, as tour groups went past. The good news about this year's tour is that our actors will perform only once. The footage will be edited into a cohesive online tour led by the deceased-butstill-lively Col. Daniel Hall.

Several "classic" scenes from previous tour will be included in this year's production, other scenes have been updated, and

several new characters will be introduced. The cast includes sea captains, elected officials, artists, business owners, criminals, medical professionals, soldiers, and some very strong and feisty women who feature prominently in Dover's history.

Please contact Museum Director Dave Tompkins <u>director@woodmanmuseum.org</u> if interested in participating, or call the Woodman Museum at 603-742-7680 by Aug. 31.

This year's production is being directed Cathy Beaudoin.



Mortgage, rent assistance available through Welfare office and CAP

The state has authorized \$35 million from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund to support those in need of housing assistance as a result of COVID-19. Funds are available through New Hampshire's five Community Action Program (CAP) agencies.

The program is open to all New Hampshire residents and there are no income restrictions.

The program has two components: one-time assistance grants and a short-term rental assistance program.

- The one-time assistance grants cannot exceed \$5,000 and can be used to assist households with:
- Past-due rent from April 2020 forward for households that fell behind on rent due to either increased household expenses or lost household revenue as a result to COVID-19;
- Past-due housing/household related expenses that may impact an individual's/families' ability to remain housed; and/or
- Other housing related one-time expenses that if not paid impact the ability to maintain housing.
- The short-term rental assistance to maintain or secure permanent housing includes assistance for:

- Past-due rent that was not paid due to a COVID-19 related inability to pay and ongoing rental assistance on a short term basis. The rental assistance will decrease over time as households regain stability; or
- First month's rent and ongoing short-term rental assistance to assist with initial costs to facilitate the transition of working households from shelters into permanent housing.
- Program payments will be made directly to the landlord or provider, and this program will end by Dec. 30, 2020.

The Housing Stabilization Fund application is available through Community Action Partnership of Strafford County. For more information on the Housing Relief Program, including the application, visit <u>https://straffordcap.org/housingrelief-program/</u>.

Residential tenants unable to make rent payments, or who are falling behind, can reach out for assistance to:

- Dover Public Welfare; 603-516-6500; s.gaston@dover.nh.gov; bit.ly/doverwelfare
- Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, 577 Central Ave., Suite 10, Dover, NH 03820; 603-435-2500; cap@cap.org; straffordcap.org.
- DHHS Bureau of Housing Support, 271-9196, or <u>dhhs.bhhs@dhhs.nh.gov</u>
- Dial 2-1-1

Business tenants and landlords may be eligible for financial relief through federal and state resources. For more information about assistance available to landlords and commercial tenants, contact the **Office of Economic Development** 603-516-6043.

Visit <u>www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares</u> for additional resources.

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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, <u>click here</u>.

To download an application for board and commissions, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>. 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 Council still seeking applicants for

Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias

The City Council is still seeking applicants for an ad-hoc Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias. The committee will hold listening sessions, review data and develop an action plan intended to help identify and eliminate systemic racism in municipal operations, including public boards and commissions.

The advisory committee will report its recommendations to the City Council.

The City Council discussed the composition of the committee in July. Members of the committee will likely include a City Councilor; a School Board member; a representative of Dover High School's Project DREAM; a member of the public representing the NAACP, ACLU, or similar organization with a mission that seeks to eliminate racism and promote racial justice and equality; a member of a field of academia with a focus on identifying and eliminating systemic racism/bias; and members of the community with knowledge, interest, and experience in addressing systemic racism and bias. The number of community members is yet to be determined, pending interviews of applicants by the City Council's Appointments Committee.

Members of the community interested in serving on the Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias should contact the City Clerk's Office for an application or <u>download</u> <u>the application here</u>. Applications must be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail or by email. Applications will be reviewed by the Appointments Committee.

The pending formation of a Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias follows the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the City Council in June that condemns systemic racism and acknowledges the effects of racial inequity on education and economic opportunities. The resolution states that Dover will continue to "strive to become increasingly welcoming, inclusive, representative, and responsive to historically underrepresented and underserved communities."

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



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 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.



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.

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Aug. 20, 1820 - There was a severe drought this summer and vegetation was also much injured by grasshoppers - corn and potatoes on the higher ground being almost entirely cut off.

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Aug. 17, 1925 - 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.

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Historic Walking Tours: Summer 2020

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer its Historic Walking Tours on a limited basis throughout the summer of 2020. There will not be a set schedule; rather, tours will be conducted by request depending on the availability of our volunteer tour guides. The three tours offered include Downtown Walking Tour, Pine Hill Cemetery Tour, and Historic Homes Architectural Tour.

Group size will be limited to no more than 10 and participants will be required to wear masks. Participants will also be encouraged to bring their own water, wear comfortable shoes, and wear a head covering. Tours run about 90 minutes long.

To schedule a tour, call the chamber at 603-742-2218 or email <u>info@dovernh.org</u>. The fee for the walking tours is \$10 per person, with a \$25 limit for families.

If interested in becoming a tour guide, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218 or info@dovernh.org.



Movies on the Lawn series starts at Dover Public Library

Looking for something fun to do with your Summer Nights? Dover Public Library invites you to have the Time of Your Life with a new outdoor film series: Movies on the Lawn.

Whether you are a reader with magic powers, a fan of dinosaur theme parks or an archaeologist searching for ancient relics, Movies on the Lawn will include a throwback film that will make for A Lovely Night.

The first film in the series will be Monday, Aug. 17 at 8:30 p.m. and is sure to make you do a Magic Dance. Subsequent dates and times of films in the series can be found online at the library's website.

All movies will be played on the library's front lawn, with free parking in the back. Showings will be limited to the first 50 people. No registration is required. Attendees are welcome to bring a snack and a blanket or chair to sit on. In order to stay safe, the library will be practicing social distancing measures and ask that movie-goers wear a mask when they are not seated.

So what are you waiting for? Engage Ludicrous Speed and mark a night out at the movies on your calendar.

This program is free and open to the public. You do not need to be a member of Dover Public Library to participate.

For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050 or email Aimee at <u>a.lockhardt@dover.nh.gov</u>.

This Week at the Library

Saturday, August 1 through Monday, August 31, All Day VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of Katie Lee's Endless Summer Cookbook. Throughout the month of August, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. 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, August 17, 8:30 to 10:15 p.m. Movies on the Front Lawn

Enjoy the throw back film, Labyrinth (1986), starring David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly. Sixteen-year-old Sarah is given thirteen hours to solve a labyrinth and rescue her baby brother Toby when her wish for him to be taken away is granted by the Goblin King Jareth. Showing will be limited to the first 50 people. No registration is required. Attendees are welcome to bring a snack and a blanket or chair to sit on. In order to stay safe, the library will be practicing social distancing measures and ask that movie-goers wear a mask when they are not seated. Rated PG

Wednesday, August 19, 6 to 7 p.m.

Pizza & Pages Teen Book Group on the Front Lawn Pizza & Pages is a book group for kids in grades 7 and up. At each meeting the group picks the books for the next session. This month, we will be discussing *Serafina and the Black Cloak* by Robert Beatty. Copies of the book are available on Hoopla Digital and NH Overdrive. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks!

<u>Thursday, August 20, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.</u> VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Zoom with Dungeon Master Griffin! The group will meet every other Thursday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Please register for this program and you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the event with the login information.

Trash and recycling reminders

Waste Management, the City's new solid waste and recycling vendor, began curbside pick-up on July 1. Although pick-up routes mostly remain the same, residents are reminded that:

• The pick-up time on your regularly scheduled collection day may be different than it was prior to July 1. To ensure trash and recycling are picked up, please remember that all items must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.

- <u>By City ordinance</u>, the maximum weight of trash bags is 35 pounds. Waste Management may reject trash bags that exceed the weight limit. Bags should be tied or sealed and should not be overloaded. Please note that the smaller, 15-gallon bags are rated for 20 pounds maximum.
- Dover trash bags can be purchased from a variety of local merchants, as well as the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, and the Recycling Center. For a list of local merchants selling Dover trash bags, visit <u>https://go.usa.gov/xfXAs</u>.
- Curbside trash and recycling pick-up will follow the existing holiday schedule. Collection during a holiday week will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week beginning on the holiday. For a list of holidays, see the city's website here: <u>https://go.usa.gov/xwApG</u>.
- All non-metal items too large to fit in a Dover trash bag, such as furniture, mattresses, toilets and carpets, require a bulky item tag. Bulky item tags can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, the Recycling Center and at most locations where city trash bags are sold.

There are new restrictions on what types of plastics can be recycled. Only the items listed below should be placed in your household recycling bin:

- **Plastic:** Only #1, #2 and #5 plastics are allowed. Bottles, tubs, jugs, jars only. Bottle caps can be recycled if removed, washed, and placed back back on the bottle. Loose caps, which fall through processing screens, cannot be recycled. NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- Glass: Bottles and jars only. Rinse and dry.
- Cardboard, cartons, paper: Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten, then place in recycling bin, paper bags, or bundle and tie. Rinse and dry. No plastic bags.
- Metal: Aluminum, tin and steel cans. Rinse and dry.

Note: The City of Dover discourages the use of single-use plastics including, but not limited to, plastic straws, disposable plates, cups, utensils, light-weight plastic bags, beverage containers and razors.

Clean recycling means materials can get to their next best use, which helps protect the environment by conserving natural resources, saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Placing items in recycling bins that are not recyclable such as Styrofoam, light bulbs, plastic flower pots and bags, contaminates the entire load and may send it to a landfill and will cost us more. Recycling bins that contain nonrecyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker.

Follow these simple recycling guidelines:

- Recycle all bottles, cans and paper.
- Keep items clean and dry.
- No plastic bags of any kind.

For more information, <u>visit the city's website here</u> or contact Community Services at 516-6450.

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- Police Officer
- Police Secretary I
- Systems and Technology Librarian
- Deputy City Attorney
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Arena maintenance/lce resurfacer

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