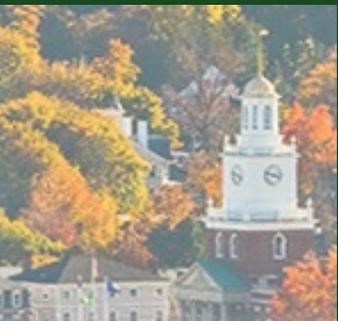
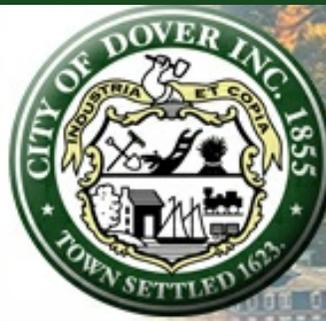


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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council considers placing Charter questions on ballot for Nov. 2 municipal election

The City Council meets for its second regular meeting of the month this coming Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. at City Hall's Council Chambers.

On the Council's [agenda](#) are a few items related to the Nov. 2, 2021, municipal election. One is setting the voting hours. The other two are Charter-related ballot questions: authorizing the placing of the Council's proposed Charter amendments on the ballot and whether to place a question of creating a Charter Commission on the ballot.

The City's Charter and Code -- the set of ordinances specific to the City of Dover -- are periodically reviewed for accuracy and completeness. In 2017, the City contracted with a firm specializing in developing and publishing municipal code to perform an in-depth review of the Charter, along with the rest of the City's Code, as part of an overall recodification process. The

Tuesday,
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8:30 a.m. to 3:30
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recodification process is designed to make the City's Charter and Code more accessible to the public with improved online availability, searchability, and formatting. The detailed review of the Charter and Code revealed typographical and formatting issues, improvements in readability, and needed updates to reflect current statutes and practices.

In 2020, the City Council accepted revisions to the Code to implement the improvements; however, changes to the Charter must be approved using ballot questions during a municipal election. The City Council mandated the Ordinance Committee to propose ballot questions to address the Charter amendments recommended during the recodification process. The Ordinance Committee previously approved the proposed Charter amendments and ballot questions after holding a series of public meetings in 2020 and 2021 to identify, discuss, and refine proposed charter amendments. In July, after a public hearing, the City Council approved the proposed amendments, which were then sent to the Attorney General for final review. The vote Wednesday would authorize these amendment questions to be placed on the ballot for voter approval.

The other item is whether the City Council will put a question on the ballot to see if voters want to create Charter Commission

At least once every 10 years, the Charter dictates the City Council to vote at its first regular meeting of the year on the question, "Shall a Charter Commission be created to review and make recommendations concerning the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dover?"

A Charter Commission is authorized to propose "revisions" to the City Charter, including changing the City of Dover's form of government. In contrast, the City Council may propose "amendments," such as updating language to comply with changes in state law, clarifying the language of the Charter, such as when vacancies occur for elected officials and fixing typographical errors.

The City Council considered the question of forming a Charter Commission at its Jan. 13, 2021 meeting. The resolution failed by a 2-6 vote, with Deputy Mayor and Ward 2 Councilor Dennis Ciotti and Ward 6 Councilor Fergus Cullen voting in favor. However, in recent City Council meetings, some citizens have urged the City Council to put the question on the municipal ballot. A subsequent special election would be needed to elect members to the Charter Commission.

The resolutions, proposed amendments and background materials are included in the agenda materials are [located here](#).

Also on the agenda is a resolution that would contribute grant funds for the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County to manage the Strafford County Extreme Weather Warming Center during the 2021-2022 winter.

The City of Dover purchased the land and building at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth in 2020 utilizing a New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority grant. It was then converted into a regional emergency warming center, also with grant funds, and operates during life-threatening cold temperatures events.

If approved as drafted, the City Council would authorize spending up to \$49,433 utilizing federal funds from the American

Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to support staffing the warming center. The City of Rochester plans to expend a similar amount for staff. The City of Somersworth would contribute funding through in-kind expenditures.

The Council meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.



Dover honors Olympian Jessica Parratto

Silver medalist started swimming at Dover's Indoor Pool

The City of Dover this week honored Dover native and Tokyo Olympics silver medalist diver Jessica Parratto at an event at the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park. Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, members of the City Council, and other officials will be in attendance to help celebrate Parratto's Olympic achievements. In addition, U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas was in attendance, as were representatives of U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan. Gov. Chris Sununu sent a commendation for Parratto.

The event can be seen on Channel 22 and online here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=UMChpOMonvIr>.

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 All-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. Parratto's 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.

Recent water bills reflect a longer quarterly cycle

The City of Dover recently sent water bills to customers for the last quarter, which for most customers reflect a billing cycle of about 120 days, about 28 days longer than a typical quarter. The lag in water bills is partly due to changes in billing software and the labor to read water meters that haven't been switched out with new meters. Community Services Director John Storer plans to have every old water meter swapped out within 12 months.

Quarterly billing cycles have oscillated between 70 to 120 days. Once all the new meters are installed, the billing cycle will become more consistent. Because of the fluctuations in billing cycles, Storer encourages water customers to look at the gallons-per-day water usage rather than the total bill cost. For questions about water usage or if users feel there is an error in the bill, Storer encourages users to contact Community Services at 516-6450. For those with new meters, city staff can review usage and locate anomalies, such as a water leak, by comparing historical water use. Water leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water. A simple drip every two seconds can lead to a waste of more than 1,500 gallons per year. See a water drip calculator here: <https://drinktap.org/water-info/water-conservation/drip-calculator>.

A portion of the bills also reflects the City Council-approved water rate increase that went into effect when the 2022 fiscal year began on July 1, 2021. The water rate increased from \$5.54 per hundred cubic feet (HCF), or about \$0.0074 per gallon of water, to \$5.95 HCF, or \$0.008 per gallon. A hundred cubic feet of water equals 748.052 gallons of water. An average shower uses about 17.8 gallons of water; with the rate increase, the cost of an average shower increased a penny from \$0.132 to \$0.142.

The City Council also approved a 17-cent sewer rate increase, which is now \$9.64 HCF. The rate increases are used to reinvest in system infrastructure. On the water side, the City of Dover has been upgrading and renovating its drinking well sites. It is also replacing aging water mains, such as the current downtown project that replaced a 133-year old water main that runs along Washington Street and Main Street. On the sewer side, the city has upgraded the wastewater treatment plant to meet strict permit limits and investing in repairing and replacing aging sewer pipes throughout Dover.

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



Dover celebrates Indonesian Independence Day

Mayor Robert Carrier and Strafford County Sheriff Mark Brave celebrated Indonesian Independence Day on Tuesday, Aug. 17, with members of the Seacoast Indonesian community at City Hall. The Indonesian flag was raised on the City Hall flag pole during the ceremony, as Indonesian Community Connect President Raude Raychel sang the Indonesian national anthem. The flag will fly in front of City Hall through Monday, Aug. 23. The Indonesian community continues the country's independence with the Somersworth Indonesian Mini Festival this Saturday, Aug. 21, from 1 to 6 p.m. at 156 High St., Somersworth.





Section of Portland Avenue to close next week

Portland Avenue will be closed from Cochecho Street to Chapel Street on Wednesday, Aug. 25 and Thursday, Aug. 26, during daytime hours. Portland Avenue outbound traffic will be detoured via Cochecho Street and Oak Street. Inbound traffic will be detoured via Chapel Street, Saint John Street and Broadway.

The closure allows the digging of test pits on Portland Avenue in preparation for replacing the deteriorating retaining wall that runs along Portland Avenue from Cochecho Street to near the Chapel Street intersection. The project is currently in the design phase.

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

Ongoing driver shortage forcing temporary suspension of additional COAST services

COAST continues to struggle to find qualified CDL bus operators to drive their local public transit routes. The lack of qualified drivers has, regrettably, reached a point where the public transit system must temporarily adjust parts of some bus schedules further.

After having to suspend a small number of services starting in mid-June, the non-profit public transit system serving the Greater Seacoast region is having to make additional, deeper service suspensions because in addition to already being short staffed, multiple staff who were available for the summer are soon returning to school, or school-based employment.

Starting wages for CDL Bus Drivers at COAST have been raised twice this year, now at \$21.25 per hour. After a CDL Bus Driver completes their first year at COAST, the wage rate currently increases by an average of 8.3 percent per year through their fourth anniversary. COAST's wage scale is also increased annually, or more frequently when necessary, to account for market conditions and inflation. The organization regularly has overtime opportunities which result in time and a half for all hours worked over 40 in a week. COAST also offers a benefits package including medical, dental, disability, life, generous paid time off, SIMPLE IRA with employer match, and many others.

Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director stated, "We are a mission driven public transit system, offering good career-oriented jobs that positively impact the communities we operate in. When you leave work for the day here at COAST, you know you made a real difference in people's lives."

COAST provides a comprehensive paid training program that allows operators to be fully prepared prior to driving routes on their own. Unfortunately, COAST cannot train drivers to get their commercial driver's license, due to liability insurance restrictions. However, COAST can help CDL drivers earn their passenger endorsement, if needed.

Additional Service Suspensions

Starting on Saturday, August 28, and continuing until COAST reaches adequate staffing levels, services on the following bus routes will be affected:

- Route 12
- Route 13
- Route 14
- Route 33
- Route 40
- Route 43

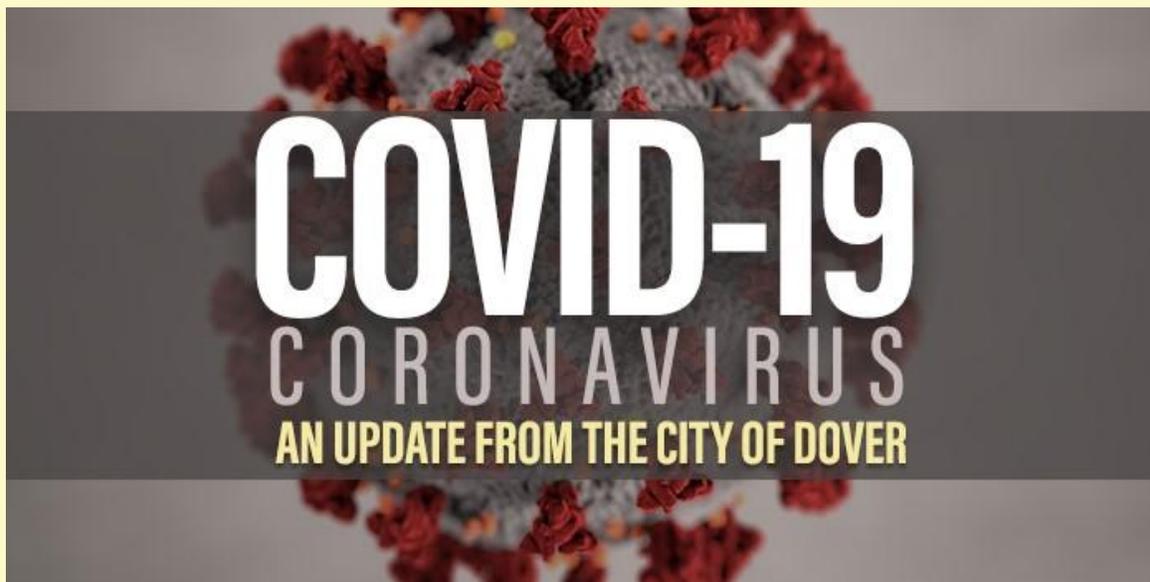
For more information on the specific runs being suspended on each of the affected routes, please visit www.coastbus.org/upcomingservicechanges.

Nichols confirmed, “the sole reason COAST is suspending these services is due to the shortage of CDL drivers to operate our scheduled routes. Unfortunately, these additional suspensions represent a more sizeable reduction in the services we offer. Our goal is to get back to full operations as soon as possible.”

Being a public transit bus driver can be an incredibly rewarding career, where every day you help your many passengers safely get to work or school and back, go to doctor appointments, make trips to the grocery store or local retailers, meet up with friends for a day or an evening out, or otherwise go about their daily lives. COAST buses are “rolling neighborhoods” that represent each of the 13 communities in which they operate. Friendships are formed, life stories and struggles are shared, and successes are celebrated. COAST bus drivers get to experience all that first-hand.

If you have a commercial driver’s license and are looking for a change and a great work environment, please visit www.coastbus.org/careers.

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. COAST is a public, non-profit transit system that relies primarily on federal and local government support to operate. COAST is governed by a board of directors representing the communities served, two regional planning commissions, and many local and state agencies. COAST is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.



Mobile Vaccine Van in Dover on Sunday

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 is 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, 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 vaccines.nh.gov and click on the icon to book the van.



Unable to make it to the clinic?

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 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 <https://nheasy.nh.gov> 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>

ConvenientMD

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



Families and COVID-19

As more people are getting vaccinated and resuming activities they did before the pandemic,

parents and caregivers are making hard decisions on how to protect their families. Everyone [12 years and older](#) should get a COVID-19 vaccination to help protect against COVID-19. People who are not fully vaccinated and children under 12 years who are not able to get a COVID-19 vaccine should continue taking [steps to prevent getting sick](#).

To maximize protection from COVID-19, and in particular, the Delta variant, and prevent possibly spreading it to others, everyone, regardless of vaccination status, should wear a mask indoors in public if in an [area of substantial or high transmission](#).

For more information, visit the [CDC resource here](#).

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: www.vaccines.gov



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 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.

DOVER CARES

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 r.amy@dover.nh.gov. 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 r.amy@dover.nh.gov.

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 <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/> for a map that shows Dover's ward boundaries.

For more information, visit the [2021 Municipal Election](#) page on the city's website or contact City Clerk Susan Mistretta at 516-6018 or s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov.

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 22, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, Aug. 22, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, August 24, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, August 25, 7 p.m.



A look at the 8/24/2021 meeting

In a video released this week, Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 24. The video can be viewed here:

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=GI36wnmAYESw>



You have access to free DMV practice tests through the Library

Did you know you can access New Hampshire Department

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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

of Motor Vehicle practice tests at the Dover Public Library? These practice tests are good for the permit test, driver's license test and the senior citizens' refresher test.

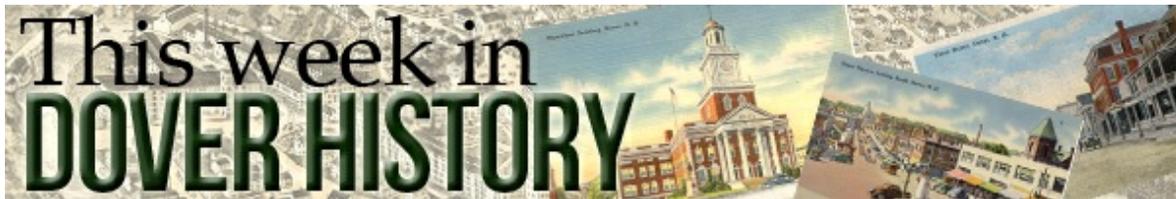
Access includes 10 car practice tests, six motorcycle practice tests, three commercial driver's license practice tests, three online drivers' manuals (car, motorcycle, and commercial driver's license), and an FAQ section with DMV-related questions and answers.

Start practicing today at <https://dover.driving-tests.org/new-hampshire/>.

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest European permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

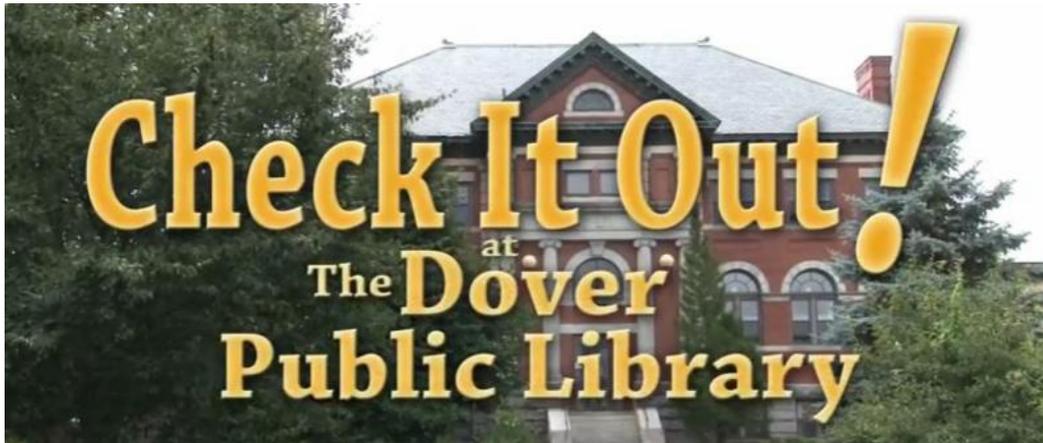
Aug. 26, 1793 — Theophilus Dame, Sheriff, gives notice that "the noted Henry Tufts" broke out of jail on the night of the 25th. He was "confined for his old offence, that is, 'theft'," and is described as "about six feet high, and forty years of age, wears his own hair, short and dark coloured, had on a long blue coat." Five dollars reward is offered for his arrest. Tufts, who was a native of Lee or that vicinity, was the most noted vagabond of his day, and spent much of his time in Dover and other jails for the petty offences of which he was guilty. A history of his life and misdeeds was published about the year 1800 from the Dover printing office, written by Major Thomas Tash of New Durham, from Tufts dictation. Tufts lived many years after this time, and died in Maine about the year 1825 under an assumed name.

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.

Aug. 25, 1822 — Died at Wolfeboro, the Rev. Robert Gray, aged 61, a Revolutionary pensioner and pastor of the Congregational Church in Dover from 1787 to 1805.

Aug. 26, 1828 — John H. White appointed Postmaster of Dover, in place of Asa A. Tufts, who resigned.

Aug. 22, 1864 — Five companies of Heavy Artillery having been called for from New Hampshire, a rendezvous for enlisting one of these companies for the term of one, two or three years, was opened in Dover, and a full company enlisted within the week, which was dispatched to Concord with a large number of supernumeraries to take the places of those who might fail to pass the requisite examinations. George W. Colbath was commissioned as Captain.



Dover Public Library presents: New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them

Join the Library on Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m. for a virtual presentation on the lighthouses of New England.

Everyone knows that there's something about lighthouses that gives them broad appeal, but their vital role in our history and culture is little appreciated. Our early nation was built on maritime economy, and lighthouses were part of the system that made that possible. Due to automation, traditional lighthouse keeping is a way of life that has faded into the past. Jeremy D'Entremont tells the history of New England's historic and picturesque lighthouses primarily focusing on the colorful and dramatic stories of lighthouse keepers and their families.

[Registration is required](#) to receive a link to this program. [Click here](#) to register.

Library to host live-action role-playing 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 end-of-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 a.sonia-bolduc@dover.nh.gov.

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

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

e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, August 22, 2 to 4 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen A

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master

Aidan! This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. Registration required.

Monday, August 23, 8 to 9:45 p.m.

Monday Movie Night on Front Lawn

INTERACTIVE *Charlotte's Web* (2006) starring Dakota Fanning, Julia Roberts, and Oprah Winfrey. Wilbur the pig is scared of the end of the season, because he knows that come that time, he will end up on the dinner table. He hatches a plan with Charlotte, a spider that lives in his pen, to ensure that this will never happen. At this special showing, you will be given a kit containing a script, and all of the supplies

needed to shout, stomp, and play along with the movie! Rated G

Tuesday, August 24, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them

There's something about lighthouses that gives them broad appeal, but their vital role in our history and culture is little appreciated. Our early nation was built on maritime economy, and lighthouses were part of the system that made that possible. Jeremy D'Entremont tells the history of New England's historic and picturesque lighthouses primarily focusing on the colorful and dramatic stories of lighthouse keepers and their families. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Thursday, August 26, 3 to 5 p.m.

Antipathy's Call: Teen Live-Action Roleplaying Game on Front Lawn

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 the changing of the seasons from the malevolent spirit Antipathy, solving puzzles and searching the library 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 13-18. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



Representatives from the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce joined staff and volunteers of Seacoast Birthright for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome Seacoast Birthright to the Dover Chamber.

Seacoast Birthright joins Dover Chamber

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

Seacoast Birthright, located at 278 Washington Street in Dover, is a charitable organization that has been committed to providing support for women with unplanned pregnancies for over 50 years.

Birthright is committed to providing confidential, non-judgmental support to any woman who is pregnant or thinks she might be pregnant, no matter her age, race, circumstances, religion, marital status or financial situation.

Birthright helps women discover hope for the future through friendship, love and support. They know the importance of simply being with her, being a compassionate listener and respecting that it is her life and her plan. Birthright is available to support her for as long as she needs them, from the time of her first call or visit, throughout her pregnancy and after. Along with providing love and support, they help her with essentials such as pregnancy testing, medical, housing and counseling referrals as well as maternity and baby items. Birthright also has a free and confidential helpline (1-800-550-4900) that is available 24/7.

To learn more about Seacoast Birthright visit birthright.org/seacoast or call them at 603-436-5558.



Representatives from the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce joined Monet Massage Therapy at the 8 Atkinson Street massage studio for a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Monet Massage to the chamber.

Monet Massage Therapy brings services to Dover

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

Monet Massage Therapy is a massage therapy studio located at [8 Atkinson Street](#) in Dover that was opened in 2021. Owner Erika Monet brought her business over from Colorado. Along with being a licensed massage therapist, she also has an expertise in trauma touch therapy and trauma recovery coaching. She can offer a number of different modalities, including integrative bodywork, intuitive massage, therapeutic prenatal and private lessons for couples massage.

“Inspired by the healing power of compassionate touch... I feel massage is an art and a gift,” says Erika Monet. “The therapeutic benefits go well beyond relaxation in helping to maintain a healthy lifestyle and improve emotional balance. I hope to encourage the mind-body connection through intuitive, nurturing touch to meet each individual’s unique needs.”

Monet Massage Therapy will create a personalized treatment plan specific to physical needs and lifestyle or anything additional that will help a client toward their goals.

For more information on treatments and services, visit www.monetmassagetherapy.com. To contact Monet Massage Therapy, call 720-373-4825 or email Erika@MonetMassageTherapy.com.

Garrison Players host Ball in the House Aug. 28

Ball in The House, an R&B/soul/pop a capella group based out of Boston, will bring their high-energy show featuring singing, dancing, and beatboxing to the Garrison Players Arts Center on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m.

Bring your own chair and blanket and enjoy live music on the outdoor stage. Tickets are \$20 for

adults and \$15 for children. Tickets are available at www.garrisonplayers.org. The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 29.

Garrison Players Arts Center (GPAC) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theatre group dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the area by presenting high-quality theatrical performances geared for family audiences. Established in 1953 in Dover, the players encourage people of all ages to enjoy and participate in the many facets of the performing arts, and to help maintain the Garrison Players Arts Center.

For more information about auditions, shows, or GPAC, visit the website at www.garrisonplayers.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 [Waste Management's curbside pickup here](#).

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

"Recycling contamination happens when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables," says Waste Management in their [Recycling 101 webpage](#).

For example, food or liquid placed recycling that saturates paper and cardboard can contaminate it. "Once contaminated, these recyclables can no longer be recycled. They become trash."

Bulky trash items

For large, non-metal trash items, such as beds, couches, toilets, sinks, carpets, and furniture, residents must purchase a "Bulky Item Tag" for each bulky trash item to be picked up. A bulky item tag costs \$10 and is available at most places where Dover trash bags can be purchased. See the Community Services' [Bag and Tag webpage](#) for a list of locations.

Please note, televisions, computer monitors, microwaves and other metal objects are not accepted for bulky item pickup.

Items left on the curb without a tag may be turned over to the City's health officer to see whether the items can be traced to a property.

All recycling and trash, including bulky tag items, should still be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.

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

City 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**
- **Utilities Engineer**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II**
- **Gym attendant**
- **Arena maintenance / resurfacers**
- **Custodian**

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

