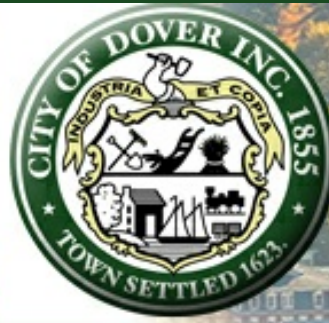


# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 26, 2022



**CITY OF  
DOVER, NH**

288 Central  
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Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

**City Hall  
hours:**

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

**Recycling**

## City implements mandatory water use restrictions

Effective Monday, Aug. 22, the City of Dover issued a mandatory, citywide ban on outdoor water use to ensure an adequate and sustainable water supply throughout the city into the fall and winter months.

Drought conditions in Dover and southern Strafford County continue to be severe, prompting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to urge affected communities to invoke mandatory water restrictions. With drought conditions persisting, along with the Pudding Hill aquifer offline, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. issued an emergency order on Aug. 22, enabling water restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use, per City Ordinance 121-51.

"At this time, we cannot predict how long the outdoor water ban will remain, but it is likely to extend into the early fall when we should see more regular beneficial precipitation," Joyal said.

The order comes after consultation with the city's contracted hydrogeologists tasked with monitoring the city's aquifer levels. They've noted that Dover has recorded as much as 11 inches of precipitation below average this year. While rain this week was

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

helpful, the season's precipitation deficit remains significant.

The U.S. Drought Monitor has classified Dover as being in a severe drought since the beginning of the month. Moderate drought conditions persisted in July, and abnormally dry conditions emerged mid-May.

### Outdoor water 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 of 100 gallons or greater.

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 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 603-516-6450.

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.

Water users can learn more about current drought conditions, outdoor water use restrictions, water efficiency tips, and drought

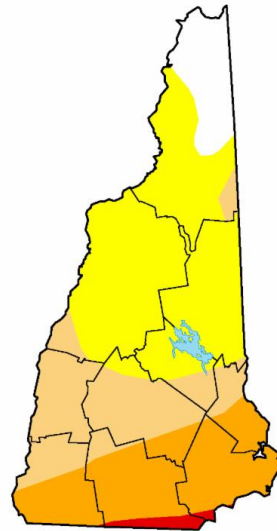
guidance at <http://bit.ly/DROUGHTNH>.

Find information about Dover's water ban

at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/waterban/>, which also includes the water emergency declaration and the order and public notice of emergency restrictions.

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

## U.S. Drought Monitor New Hampshire



**August 23, 2022**

(Released Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022)

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	8.07	91.93	48.22	25.00	1.53	0.00
Last Week 08-16-2022	1.03	98.97	39.07	25.00	1.53	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-24-2022	88.49	11.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2022	87.79	12.21	3.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	78.93	21.07	3.30	0.46	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-24-2021	69.84	30.16	12.86	0.73	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)

# Community Services seeks to replace remaining older water meters

## Meter change out quick; workers can accommodate different schedules

Community Services has replaced nearly all older water meters that have exceeded their life expectancy. The new water meters will help improve billing cycles and timeliness of billings. These water meters also track hourly use, aiding homeowners with leak detection. More than 8,200 new water meters have been installed since the program started a few years ago.

There are still a few hundred of the older water meters that need to be changed out despite multiple attempts by city workers to schedule a water meter change out. Soon, these residents will be notified that if they don't have their water meter changed, their water service will be turned off and remain so until the new water meters are installed.

Changing out water meters is quick, usually taking about 30 minutes or less to complete. City workers are willing to come to do the swap out at a time convenient for the homeowner.

To schedule a water meter replacement or for more information, contact the Water Sewer and Billing Office at 603-516-6028.

# Deadline to order bricks for Veterans Park to be installed by Veterans Day is Aug. 31

The Recreation Department will order another round of engraved bricks for Dover Veterans Park to be added for Veterans Day on Nov. 11. The deadline to have bricks included in that order is Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 4 p.m.

Orders collected after the deadline through Feb. 28, 2023, will be sent in the next batch to be installed in the park by Memorial Day. The cost is \$100 for an 8-inch by 8-inch brick and \$50 for a 4-inch by 8-inch brick. The only requirement to have a name engraved is for the person to be a veteran. All bricks are engraved consistently with a full name, military rank and branch, and years of service and/or conflict. Upon request, bricks may also be grouped by family or service time.



Orders can be placed online at <https://polarengraving.com/cityofdovernewhampshire>. Contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6410 with questions or help with ordering.

The Dover Veterans Park was dedicated four years ago in 2017 on Veterans Day and now has about 900 bricks honoring veterans.

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## School principals, superintendent discuss what to expect as first day of school nears

With the new school year fast approaching, principals from Dover's public schools recently released video updates that explain what students, parents and guardians can expect for the 2022-23 school year. The first day of school for all grades is Wednesday, Aug. 31.

The videos can be viewed by clicking the images below or the links provided beneath.

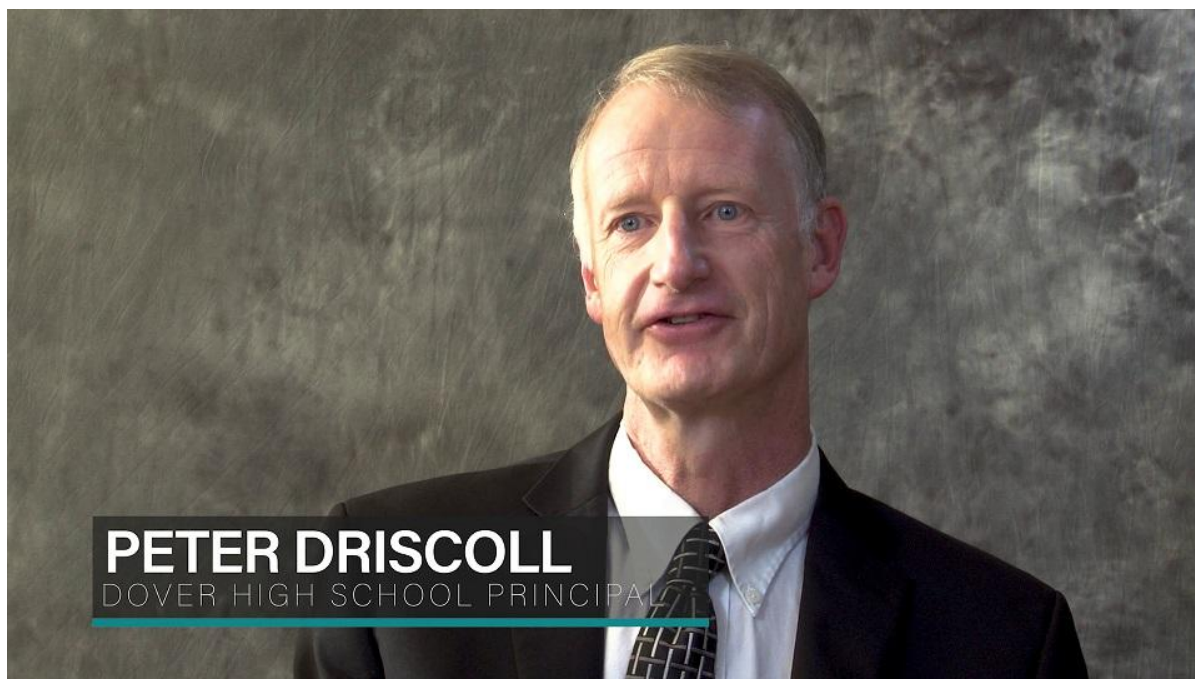
### Elementary schools



Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School Principal Patty Driscoll, Garrison Elementary School Principal Beth Dunton, and Woodman Park Elementary School Principal Patrick Boodey recently sat down to welcome students back to school and to discuss what to expect in the new school year.

The video can be viewed at: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=is4VYsPvlz4n>

## High School



High School Principal Peter Driscoll recently sat down to welcome students back to school and to discuss what to expect in the new school year.

The video can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=ouWBiRqX1AXN>

## School Board discusses re-entry plan, COVID protocols



The Dover School Board also discussed the new school year this week during a special session on Aug. 22, and approved the school district's [re-entry plan](#) and updates to the [Protocols Applied to Pandemic Education \(PAPE\)](#).

The meeting can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=XoMsyCwnD6LF#>.

## Message from the Superintendent

Schools Superintendent William Harbron released additional information this week about the new school year, including details about school transportation.

According to the announcement, "In order for students to be eligible for bus transportation, elementary students (including kindergarten), must live a distance of one mile or more from their school; middle school students, at least one and one-half miles from school; and high school students, at least two miles from school. The bus routes and schedule information have been posted on our website. You can view them by clicking [here \(www.dover.k12.nh.us\)](http://www.dover.k12.nh.us), on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DoverNHSchoolDistrict/>, as well as in each of the schools, the office of the Superintendent, or by calling the bus provider First Student at (603) 692-4406. Parents of students who receive special education transportation services within Dover should call the bus company Seacoast Learning Collaborative (SLC) at (603) 679-2021 with any questions. Parents with questions regarding other special busing arrangements should call the Special Education office directly at (603) 516-6722."

Harbron also explained how new student registration works. The process is completed through the [school district's website](#). Registration requirements include a copy of the student's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of a medical physical dated Aug. 30, 2021 or after (or details of an upcoming appointment with the date and time, to be conditionally enrolled), and proof of Dover residency (ex. Utility bill or signed copy of lease). Students entering grades seven and eight will not be enrolled without an updated rubella immunization.

Harbron's complete announcement can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/3e2q4uh>.

For more information on the Dover School District, visit <https://www.dover.k12.nh.us/>.



## **Tri-city mayors seek proposals to operate warming center for winter season**

The City of Rochester released a bid this week from the mayors of Dover, Somersworth and Rochester that seek proposals from organizations to operate the warming center on Willand

Drive in Somersworth for the upcoming season.

The bid follows an agreement by the city councils of Rochester, Somersworth and Dover to jointly operate the Dover-owned facility from November 2022 through March 2023.

The warming center would operate up to 60 beds on an as-needed basis for overnight protection when extreme winter weather is predicted to pose a significant threat to life safety for unsheltered residents. The bid seeks proposals from organizations that have experience working with vulnerable populations and coordinating with local medical, health and social service providers. The organization must also be able to staff the facility, train volunteers, and operate the program on a cost-reimbursement basis with a fiscal management system compliant with government accounting systems.

Bid proposals are due to the City of Rochester by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022. Full bid documents are available at <https://www.rochesternh.gov/bids/bids/bid-23-11-tricities-willand-road-warming-center-services>.

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## 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 various 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 [s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov).

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### Upcoming Meetings:

#### Housing Authority, August 30, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

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



### Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

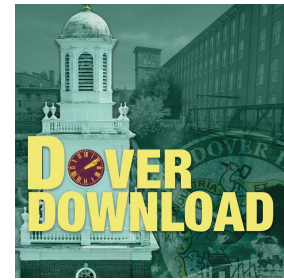
Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

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

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

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



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



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

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

**Aug. 28, 1797** — Town selectmen vote to allow Dr. Jacob Kittredge to open a hospital to inoculate for the small pox. It was also decided that the selectmen, along with Dr. Ezra Green and William Hale, will constitute a committee to locate the hospital and decide when it should be opened and closed.

**Aug. 29, 1814** — The town appointed a committee, of which Daniel M. Durell was chair, to examine encroachments upon common land. The committee reported that many roads had been fenced in by adjoining landholders and much common land that formerly belonged to the town had also by some means become included in the lots of private individuals. The report was accepted, but no other action appears to have been taken upon it.

**Aug. 29, 1842** — The remains of two skeletons, thought to be those of Native Americans, were found while excavating the high bank that stood where Orchard Street meets Central Avenue, near which was also the site of Peter Coffin's garrison house in 1689.

**Aug. 26, 1930** — From the Associated Press: "A 40-foot whale attempted to break up a reunion of the Pollock family here today and got stranded at the wrong end of the Cochecho River. The obstreperous mammal chased the Pollocks up the river, 12 miles inland from Portsmouth, and got stuck in the mud. He flipped his tail in wild commotion, while the Pollocks gave him the piscatorial laugh. He was unable to go forward, reverse, or make a left or right turn. Police fired 14 bullets into his ebony hide while thousands of citizens looked on. The whale refused to die however and the board of health was informed of his visit. Just what the board is going to do with the four-ton wanderer was anybody's guess tonight."

**Aug. 26, 1997** — The Planning Board approved the 35,000-square-foot expansion of Cramer Fabrics Inc., located at Enterprise Park facility on Venture Drive. Cramer, an industrial fabric producer, began operations at the Venture Drive plant in 1994. The company was allowed to develop the upland parcel of land in exchange for agreeing to transfer developmental rights of wetlands areas they also own in the vicinity. As part of the agreement, Cramer set aside three



wetland areas which will remain permanently undeveloped. Cramer Fabrics continues to operate from its Dover facility on Venture Drive.

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## Dover Main Street's summer movies event wraps up Saturday

Dover Main Street wraps up Outdoor Movie Night at the Rotary Arts Pavilion on Saturday, Aug. 27, with "Guardians of the Galaxy." The movie begins at 8:30 p.m. Outdoor Movie Night is a free event.

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

Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

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

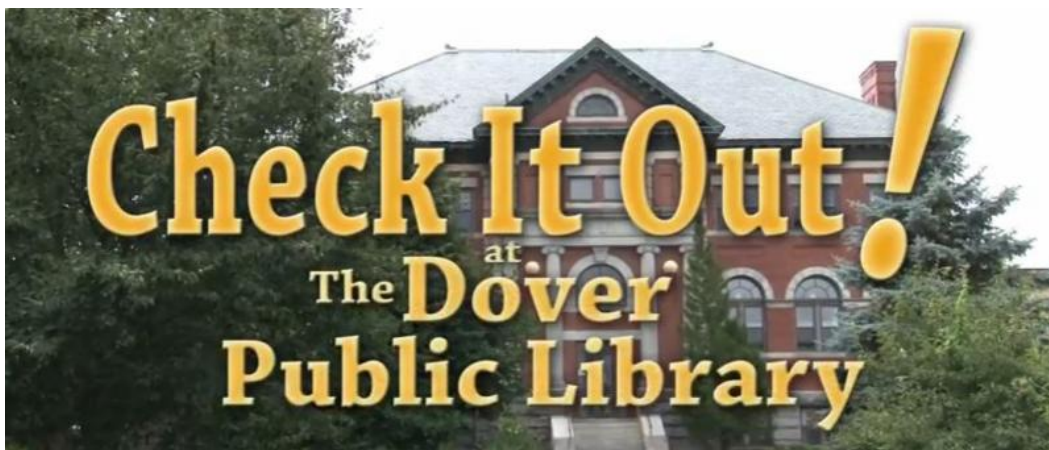
Acton Seacoast Academy will provide, as a fundraiser, popcorn and beverage sales during the movie. Grab a large popcorn made by Dover's own Popzup Popcorn Company. Main Street encourages moviegoers to have dinner downtown at Dover's many restaurants or grab takeout or an ice cream and bring it to the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

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

DF Richard Energy is the event underwriter.

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

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### The Week at the Library

**Tuesday, Aug. 30, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**  
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though

how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. 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.

Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov) or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

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.

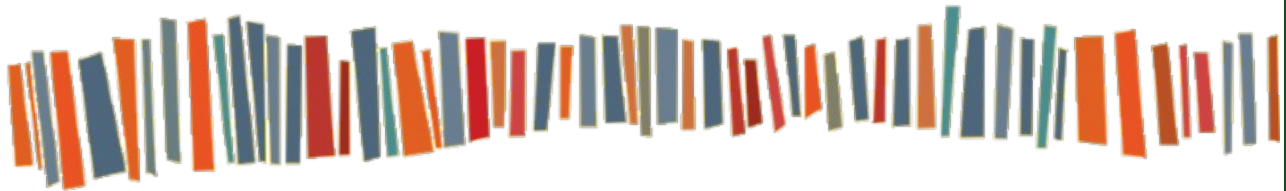
### **September VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The New England Orchard Cookbook* by Linda Beaulieu. Throughout the month of September, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process,

### **Thursday, September 1, 10 to 11 a.m. Cover 2 Cover Book Group**

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. September's selection is *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

**Saturday, Sept. 3 - Monday, Sept. 5  
Library Closed - Labor Day Weekend**



THE CHAMBER WELCOMES:

## **Index Packaging expands their 150 Venture Drive location in Dover**



The expansion, which added 58,000 square feet to the building, was the largest expansion in the 54-year history of Index Packaging Inc. The space will be used to augment the overall production capacity for the packaging company that has seen a 37% increase in sales over the past year. They now can fabricate foam and corrugated packaging products at their Dover location and have a warehouse large enough to support the production floor. The total size of the building is 105,000 square feet.

“We should be able to produce dramatically more specialty packaging, both in Dover and at our campus in Milton,” says Mike Wiles, President at Index Packaging. “We are using the vacated floor space in Milton to add to our wood manufacturing capability.... we expect to be able to increase overall volume of both wood and foam/corrugated packaging by fifty percent, if all goes well.”

Index Packaging has 70 employees in Dover and employs 210 overall. Many of them were on-hand at the ribbon cutting ceremony as part of an employee appreciation day.

Index Packaging also purchased a company called Plastifoam on Oct. 1, 2021, which is based in Manchester and Merrimack. They are working on the consolidation of Plastifoam into one location (Merrimack) which will be completed by the end of September.

For more information about the services provided at Index Packaging, visit [www.indexpackaging.com](http://www.indexpackaging.com) or call 800-662-3626.

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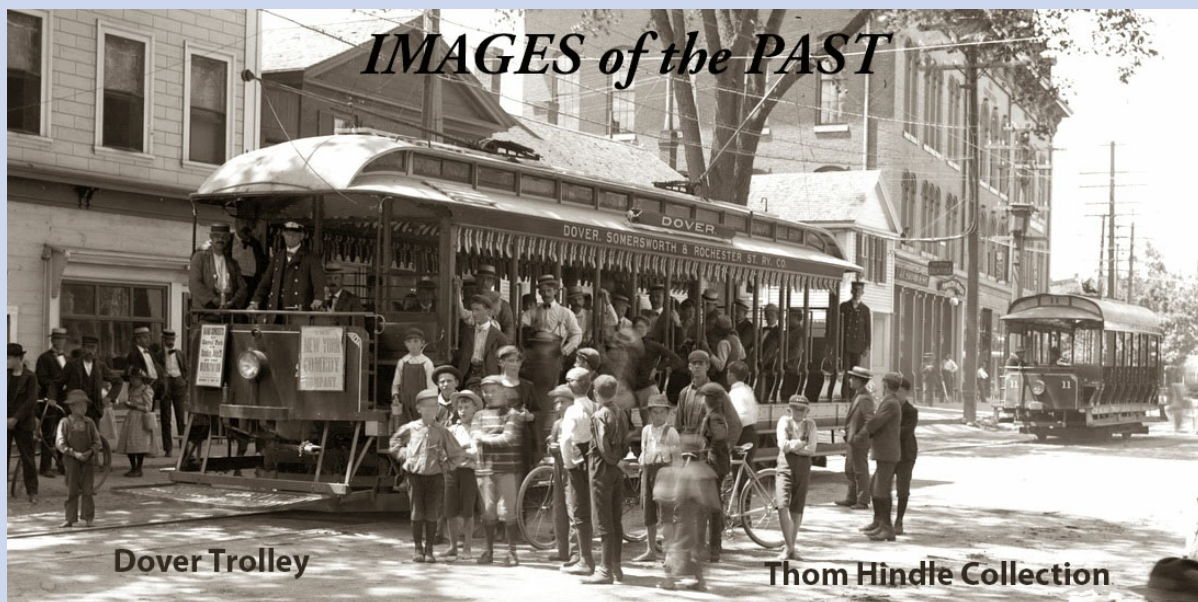
## Supervisors of the Checklist in session on Sept. 6

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

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

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

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## The Art Center presents 'Images of the Past: The Thom Hindle Collection'

In celebration of the upcoming 400th anniversary of the founding of Dover in 1623, The Art Center is pleased to present "Images of the Past: The Thom Hindle Collection". This insightful, historically significant exhibition is dedicated to the rich history of Dover, New Hampshire and the surrounding areas.

Thom Hindle, the curator of this collection has an avid interest in history and photography. He discovered early photographers work of the city that consisted of glass plate negatives,

photographers' notebooks, and antique cameras. In the last 50 years over 100,000 of these objects have been studiously preserved by Hindle and stored in a climate-controlled environment. This immense collection now includes not only images from Dover's past but also Rochester, Farmington, Concord and Massachusetts, as well as Maine, Vermont and New York.

Throughout the month of September, The Art Center will feature photographs never exhibited before. Hindle reproduced these from original glass negatives representing the works of local and Boston area photographers. Focusing this exhibit on the years 1900 through the 1950s, Hindle chose to display a variety of themes. Vintage images of Dover, Rochester and Portsmouth are set along with exquisite "Portraits" including families, children. "Transportation" surges with images of street cars, trains, bicycles, motorcycles and even an old Jenny airplane at Hampton Beach. The 1939 World's Fair, Washington DC in the 1920s, fish shanties at Ogunquit, clam shacks at Joppa Flats and more are explored in "Travel". Early swimming costumes, the original Farragut Hotel in Rye and the Nubble Light and Bell Tower from the 1930s are all in the section "On The Beach". "Camping-Fishing" will be of particular interest to the outdoorsmen and women who want to see how old-fashioned camps were set up and what gear was used by both fishermen and hunters back in the day.

Hindle is also a noted author. "Dover a Century of Change" was published in 1994, "Tri-City Memories" published 2014, "Factory on Fire" published in 2017 and "Dover, N.H. Through Time" which was published in 2020.

### **An Evening with Thom Hindle Book Signing**

The Art Center is pleased to invite guests to the artist's reception to meet Thom Hindle in person on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. to sign his just released 128 page "Dover, N.H. Through Time Volume Two" with over 325 photographs in sepia and full color.

The exhibit is sponsored by Northeast Delta Dental and Kennebunk Savings.

Please visit The Art Center located at 1 Washington St., Dover, Suite 1177. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.theartcenterdover.com](http://www.theartcenterdover.com) or call (603) 978-6702.

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## **Dover Holiday Parade seeks volunteers**

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

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

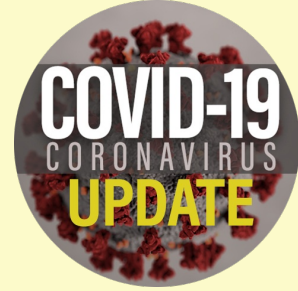
To volunteer or for more information, contact Lori Nollet at [CochechoFriends@gmail.com](mailto:CochechoFriends@gmail.com) or Dennis Shanahan at [d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov).

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## **COVID-19 vaccines and testing**

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

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



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

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## City of Dover employment opportunities

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

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

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

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