

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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CITY OF DOVER, NH

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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.

City lifts mandatory water restrictions, effective today

Officials still urge water conservation

Effective immediately, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., rescinded the mandatory, citywide ban on outdoor water use <u>implemented</u> on July 1, 2021.

At Wednesday's City Council meeting, Joyal said the water levels in the city's drinking water aquifers have returned to levels in past droughts, though he continued to urge water conservation. He also noted that recent rains from Tropical Storm Henri should continue to add water to the aquifers.

Joyal made the "Declaration of Water Emergency" and instituted the "Water Emergency Restrictions" soon after the U.S. Drought Monitor drought declaration for the city on June 22, 2021. The 2021 drought declaration followed a full year of the City of Dover being classified as abnormally dry or in drought conditions, including extreme drought, creating a significant precipitation deficit of more than 10 inches. When Joyal declared the water emergency, many of the City of Dover's drinking water aquifers were below the extended 2016 drought levels. The Pudding Hill aquifer, capable of supplying about 40% of the water demand in the city, was and is offline. Joyal and the Community Services Director electively took the Pudding Hill aquifer offline in 2019,

Recycling				
Center	hours:			

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Joyal cited the low aquifer levels and the Pudding Hill aquifer as reasons to continue the outdoor water ban, even after one of the rainiest July's on record. Joyal has noted that significant rains do not "automatically recharge the aquifers. It takes time for that water to percolate through the ground and get to the aquifer." Joyal wanted to ensure rebounding aquifer levels before removing restrictions. "We are being extremely cautious with the demands on our system," Joyal told the Council earlier this month.

> Joyal urges residents and businesses to continue to be conservative with their water use, avoiding prolonged irrigation if possible and checking and fixing water leaks. There are several ways users can help conserve water, including:

reserving it for emergency use until a water treatment facility is

built, expected in the next two years.

- Fix leaks, including running toilets and drippy faucets. 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. A simple faucet 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/dripcalculator.
- Cutting back on shower times. A typical eight-minute shower uses on average 17.8 gallons of water
- Only do 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 New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' "We're for Water" website at https://www4.des.state.nh.us/NHisForWater/

U.S. Census: Dover's population grow by more than 9% over 10 years

Newly released U.S. Census data shows the City of Dover was among the fastest-growing cities in the state, as it was with the 2010 census.

Dover's population increased by 2,754 people from April 1, 2010, to April 1, 2020, according to figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau. It's a 9.18% increase, 0.03 points less than Rochester's 9.21% population increase, the highest among New Hampshire's cities. Rochester's population increased by 2,740 people.

Over the last 20 years, between the 2000 and the 2020 Census, Dover's population increased by 5,857, or 21.79%. During the same time frame, Rochester's population increased by 4,031 or 14.16%, Somersworth by 378 or 3.29 percent, and Portsmouth by 1,172 or 5.64 percent.

"As anyone who lives here knows, Dover is a special place and has a lot to offer residents," said Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker. "It is great to see more people being welcomed into the community, continuing a 100-year trend of positive growth and evolution of the community."

Parker noted New Hampshire's seacoast communities grew by more than 8,600 people in the past 10 years, with 32% of those moving to Dover.

Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce agreed with Parker's assessment.

"Dover's combination of urban amenities, cultural offerings, and outdoor recreational opportunities make it an attractive place for people to want to live," she said. "In terms of economic development, a growing population positions Dover well to attract businesses as the region continues to struggle with labor shortages."

While Dover and Rochester grew more on a percentage scale, the cities of Manchester and Nashua grew more in terms of population. Manchester added 6,079 in the last 10 years, bringing its population to 115,644, a 5.55% increase from 109,565 in 2010. Nashua's population grew to 91,322, a 4,828 increase, or 5.58%, from 86,494 in 2010.

Dover remains the fifth most populace municipality in the state and the fourth most populace city. The Town of Derry is the fourth most populous municipality.

School Board adopts universal masking at all public schools based on 'substantial' virus community transmission

The School Board adopted its "Protocols Applied to Pandemic Education" (PAPE) for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, Aug. 23. PAPE is a set of guidelines Dover public schools will follow during the school year, which includes a "Decision Matrix" to help guide the School Board's decisions on the indoor use of facemasks Dover public schools. After adopting PAPE and the included Decision Matrix, the School Board subsequently voted to require the universal wearing of facemasks at all Dover public schools based current level of community spread of the coronavirus.



The matrix divides the level of coronavirus community spread into three categories: minimal, moderate and substantial. It also has three levels of cases when they occur in the schools: sporadic cases without evidence of facility transmission, single clusters, and multiple clusters/larger outbreaks. The level of community spread is determined by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) coronavirus dashboard https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/schools.

The dashboard currently shows the level of transmission in the state and within Strafford County to be "substantial," based on the new cases per 100,000 people and the test positivity rate in the past 14 days. The dashboard provides numerous data points, such as case summaries, deaths, and current and total hospitalizations, among multiple other data points. The School Board has committed to reviewing the data regularly and updating its protocols based on the data.

Because of the "substantial" virus transmission level, the School Board unanimously voted to require facemask indoors at all public schools for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Federal regulations already require facemasks while riding on buses. Based on the adopted PAPE, masks do not have to be worn during recess or other outdoor activities "but can be considered

for high-risk and/or contact stations or activities" such as "close/physical contact activities." The new mask protocol is updated from the School Board's Aug. 9, where it required facemasks to be worn at the elementary and middle schools and recommended but not required the masks to be worn at the high school.

Superintendent William Harbron included information about the upcoming year, including daily health screenings, school start times, online registration and other updates in his Aug. 24 parent-family communication letter, which can be found on the district's website at https://www.dover.kl2.nh.us/apps/pages/index.jsp? uREC_ID=1236202&type=d&pREC_ID=1466449.

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

		Level of Community Transmission		
		Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Cases Within Facility	Sporadic cases without evidence of facility transmission	Optional*	Optional*	Universal+
	Single Cluster	Targeted	Targeted	Universal+
	Multiple clusters or a larger outbreak	Universal+	Universal+	Universal+

DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 DECISION MATRIX

*Face masks still recommended for people who want maximal protection for themselves or others (e.g., a household member who is unvaccinated or medically vulnerable)

+Exceptions can be made for classrooms/schools that have achieved a high vaccination rate (e.g., highschool), or where other prevention measures can be strictly implemented (e.g., 6 feet of physical distancing)

School principals, superintendent excited for new school year, explain what to expect

In a series of videos released this week, Dover's superintendent of schools and principals at Dover's public schools welcome back students to in-person learning at all schools for the new school year.

The superintendent and principals also review important dates and information for students and parents, including orientation, scheduling, start times, bus routes and safety protocols.

The videos can be viewed at the following links:

Welcome from the Superintendent

In this video Superintendent of Schools William Harbron welcomes back students to Dover's public schools and discusses what to expect this school year. To view the video, click on the image or the link below.

Welcome from the Superintendent

Dover High School

In this video High School Principal Peter Driscoll updates students and parents on the new school year. To view the video, click on the image or the link below.

Welcome to Dover High School

Dover Middle School

In this video, Middle School Principal Kimberly Lyndes and Dean of Students Meredith Vail update students and parents on the new school year. To view the video, click on the image or the link below.

Welcome to Dover Middle School

Elementary Schools

In this video, Dover's elementary school principals update students and parents on the new school year. To view the video, click on the image or the link below.

Welcome to the Elementary Schools

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Dover Fire and Rescue to host 9/11 remembrance ceremony on 20th anniversary

Dover Fire and Rescue will hold a 20th anniversary remembrance ceremony of those lost during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The event will be held at Dover Veteran's Park in front of the McConnell Center at 32 Locust St. at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Unformed personnel planning to attend are asked to stage in the McConnell Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

In inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Dover High School Auditorium at 25 Alumni Drive in Dover.

Equipment and material mobilization for Central Avenue north project to begin next week

The Central Avenue North Water Improvements, an infrastructure project to replace aging water mains along Central Avenue from Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to Glenwood Avenue, is slated to begin next week.

Crews will begin bringing materials and equipment to its staging site near the Lowell Avenue Water Treatment Plant. They also plan to begin cutting into sections of the road where the new water main will be installed. The contractor will start the Central Avenue work at Lowell Avenue and work towards Old Rollinsford Road. When needed, traffic on Central Avenue will be reduced to one lane with alternating traffic.

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

The Central Avenue North project will replace two sections of water mains. One is a 133-yearold, 14-inch water main from Lowell Avenue to Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive, a critical piece of Dover's water system infrastructure.

The other is an undersized six-inch water main from Glenwood Avenue to Lowell Avenue installed in 1927. Both mains will be replaced with 16-inch ductile iron pipes that are expected to last the next 100-150 years. The project is anticipated to be substantially complete by mid to late December, weather permitting.

After a competitive bid process, the City Council in June selected N. Granese & Sons, Inc. of Salem, Massachusetts as the project contractor. It is the same contractor as the Washington and Main Water Improvements project, now in its final stages.

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

Washington and Main water improvements in final stages

Water shutoff planned for Wednesday night

The new water main has been installed along Washington Street Main Street, from Henry Law Avenue to Broadway, and all water users are now connected to the new system.

A water shutoff is expected next Wednesday night, Sept. 1, around 9 p.m. to allow the contractor to cap a section of the water main at Central Avenue and Washington Street and remove an old hydrant. The shutoff is expected to last two to three hours and will affect water users on Central Avenue from Kirkland Street to the Central Avenue Bridge.

Beginning the week of Sept. 6, the contractor will begin milling and repaving trenches dug during the project, creating a more level roadway. The work will start at Henry Law Avenue, then continue along Washington Street to Main Street. Next year, a full pavement overlay is planned once the soils of the work areas have had a chance to settle over the winter.

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



Dover400 lecture series continues with "Treasures of the Woodman Museum"

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual lecture series on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at 7 p.m. with an online presentation about the origins and collections of Dover's Woodman Museum. <u>Click here</u> to register online.

The Woodman Museum was founded in 1916 from a trust established by Annie E. Woodman. The four historic houses that make up the campus include:

- **The Woodman House** (1818) houses a large collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils, an extensive display of taxidermy specimens including animals of all sizes, marine life, birds, and butterflies, and the War Memorial Rooms on the third floor.
- **The Damm Garrison House** (1675), housed under the protective white canopy midcampus, is the oldest house in Dover and displays over 800 artifacts from the colonial era.
- The Hale House (1813) holds an eclectic collection of diverse objects which detail the social, economic, cultural, and industrial history of Dover. Formerly the home of Abolitionist U.S. Senator John Parker Hale, the home also includes some primary examples of early seacoast-built furniture and related artworks.
- The Keefe House (1825) contains a small library, as well as the Thom Hindle Art Gallery and museum offices. The adjoining barn displays early examples of Dover carriages and tools.

Our presenter for this month's webinar is Mike Day, Operations Director for the Woodman Museum. Mike, a lifelong resident of the area, has a background in teaching and carpentry and began volunteering at the Museum as a docent in 2011. He was hired as a Tour Guide in 2013 and was promoted to Operations Director in 2017, after an apprenticeship with former curator Thom Hindle. Mike's decade-long service at the Museum has resulted in updated displays, refreshed exhibits, and creative programs which have attracted many new visitors.

Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the September 14 lecture, please RSVP on <u>www.Dover400.org</u> or at the <u>event</u> registration page here.

The earlier eight lectures in the series (presented January through August) can be viewed online if you missed them. They cover early Dover history from the 17th to 19th centuries and can be found here: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400</u> or on the <u>Dover400.org</u> website.

Upcoming lectures in the monthly series include:

- Downtown Dover during the early 20th Century
- Dover's service in the two World Wars
- Movie event: "Voices From the Cemetery," filmed at Pine Hill Cemetery 2020

Dover400 is currently underway with two fundraising campaigns, "\$400 for 400", an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover's 400th Anniversary; and also "The 1623 Society" with membership available for a donation of \$1623. All proceeds will support the activities planned throughout 2023. Donations may be sent to Dover400, 24 Chestnut St., Dover, NH 03820. For more information, please visit <u>www.Dover400.org</u>. About

Established in 1623, Dover was the first permanent settlement in New Hampshire. Dover400 is a group of appointed volunteers gathered to plan and organize the City's 400th birthday celebration which will include historical reenactments, fireworks and parades, school involvement, souvenirs and more.

Dover400 is comprised of enthusiastic citizens from diverse backgrounds who are all committed to one purpose: ensuring a Dover is recognized and celebrated for this momentous event. Members include Kevin McEneaney, Chair; Sam Allen, Vice-Chair; Nicole Desjarlais-Paulick, Secretary; Kathleen Morrison, Treasurer; Deborah Ballok; Cathy Beaudoin; Bob Carrier; Angela Carter; Guy Eaton; J. Andrew Galt; Zachary Koehler; Tom Massingham; Karen Weston; Sam Crane; Kerry Berry; and Stephanie Bolduc.

Dover's Open Lands Committee partners with First Light Habitats for pollinator talk

Dover's Open Lands Committee and First Light Habitats will hold "Places for Pollinators: Creating habitat for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds" on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. The talk will be held at Riverside Gardens, 201 Tolend Road.

The talk will feature Deb Perkins from First Light Habitats, who will discuss identification, ecology and habitat needs of bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. The event will feature a 45-minute indoor presentation, followed by a pollinator garden tour. Masks and comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.



Visit the Dover Open Lands Committee's Facebook page for more information.

Dover Mental Health Alliance holds convening meeting of Mental Health Task Force

On Thursday, July 29, key community stakeholders from the city of Dover, fire, police, business community and local service providers as well as mental health organizations joined forces in the convening meeting of the Dover Mental Health Alliance's Mental Health Task Force.

The task force will look to decrease barriers to communication between organizations while increasing the network of care for the citizens of Dover. The task force will also work together to create policy change on the local, county and state level to allow for better mental health support and services.

The Dover Mental Health Alliance (DMHA), a grass roots community coalition, envisions a culture that understands, embraces, and addresses the complexities of mental health. The convening of the Mental Health Task Force is one part of the DMHA's efforts to build a resilient community that is educated, responsive, and conscious of the impact of mental illness.

The Dover Mental Health Alliance has been facilitating Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid training as well as training in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) for community members and organizations in Dover and surrounding towns. This fall, the DMHA, in partnership with the National Association for Mental Illness (NAMI NH) and the Dover Public School system, will launch two additional training initiatives: NAMI Connect Suicide Prevention/Postvention Training and the NAMI Youth Empowerment Program which will help peers talk to peers about mental health. In addition, trainers from Dover High School and Community Partners will also implement Teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) for all Dover High School sophomores. For more information about Mental Health First Aid, go to https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/.

The DMHA is part of Strafford County's local, non-profit community mental health center, Community Partners. For more information about Community Partners, go to www.communitypartnersnh.org. For more information about the Dover Mental Health Alliance, visit www.facebook.com/DoverMHA/, or email Suzanne Weete at suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org.

Don't Trash Dover holds Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Aug. 28, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at main entrance of Hannaford, 30 Grapevine Drive. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people, while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/201985717259565.



Vaccines are available on demand

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. To schedule an appointment, visit <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> 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 <u>vaccines.gov</u>.

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

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

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

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

Persons who do not have insurance or have a health insurance plan that does not fully cover the cost of tests may also have testing paid for by a New Hampshire Limited COVID-19 Testing Benefit. To apply online for the Testing Benefit, please visit NH EASY at 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

ConvienentMD

14 Webb Place, Dover Type of test: PCR <u>https://convenientmd.com/covid-19-testing/</u>

Walgreens (ages 3 and up)

1 Glenwood Ave., Dover Type of test: PCR and Rapid <u>https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing</u>

Quest Diagnostics (Ages 2 and up) 311 Route 108, Somersworth (inside Goodwin Health Center) 5 Clark Way, Somersworth

Type of test: Rapid

https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test?utm_campaign=2021-5-CIIP-CIIP-Consumers&utm_medium=Vanity&utm_source=QuestCOVID19-com&utm_term=Paid-Owned

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital

789 Central Ave., Dover Type of test: PCR Scheduled through affiliated PCP only

Show you care, get the vaccine

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

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



City of Dover offers local business assistance program for coronavirus impacts

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including household income thresholds for the owner(s) of the business and retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

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

must:

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

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

The review consists of:

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

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

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

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

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

Candidate filing for Municipal Election opens Sept. 8

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

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

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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

Candidates seeking an elected position must be duly qualified voters in the city. For Mayor and



City Council positions, candidates must have lived in Dover for at least one year preceding the election. Candidates seeking a specific ward position must live in that ward. Visit <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/</u> for a map that shows Dover's ward boundaries.

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

Supervisors of the Checklist in session Sept. 7

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, record changes of address, name and party affiliation, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Waterfront Committee, August 31, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee 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, <u>click here</u>.

DBIDA, September 1, 4 p.m.

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, beginning at 4 p.m.in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

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



Pay your bills online

Did you know property taxes and utility bills can now be paid online? Simply use the "Pay My Bill" button on the homepage of the City's website to pay property taxes, utility bills and miscellaneous bills via credit card or by electronic check.

Learn more: https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/payment/

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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



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

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

Aug. 28, 1797 — Town votes to allow Dr. Jacob Kittredge to open a hospital to inoculate for the small pox, and that the selectmen, with Dr. Ezra Green and William Hale be a committee to locate the same and order when it should be opened and closed.

Sept. 2, 1812 — A meeting of sundry persons from almost all the towns in the county of Strafford was held in Dover and it was voted "to call a public meeting of the friends of peace who disapprove of the present premature, impolitic and unnecessary war, at Gilmanton, on the 7th of October to take into consideration the present alarming state of our public affairs and to adopt such prudent legal and constitutional measures as will most effectually promote the interests, welfare and honor of the nation. All persons of the foregoing description were requested punctually to attend." The notice was signed by "Moses Hodgdon, Secretary for Com. of Arrangements." The meeting was held at Gilmanton as notified and largely attended, some 3,000 persons being present. Resolutions and an address in opposition to Madison and the war were adopted, and candidates for Presidential Electors and Members of Congress nominated. Among the latter was Daniel Webster, who, with the other candidates on the Federal ticket, was subsequently elected. New Hampshire at this election voted for DeWitt Clinton giving him 8 votes to 0 for James Madison. The vote of Dover was 236 for Clinton, 87 for Madison.

Aug. 31, 1827 — Died at Brunswick, Maine, at the residence of his son, Col. John Waldron, aged 87, a native and life long resident of Dover. He was a Colonel in the Army of the Revolution, marching his Regiment of 700 men whom he had himself enlisted, to Cambridge when the war broke out. He was prominent also in civil affairs, having served as moderator of town meetings about 30 years in succession, and represented the town and district in both branches of the Legislature.

Aug. 28, 1830 — John Parker Hale of Dover, admitted to practice as an attorney.

Aug. 30, 1851 — The Cochecho Railroad was opened from Farmington to Alton Bay, and the steamer Dover, which was built this year, commenced running from Alton Bay to Wolfeboro and Center Harbor.



Surviving September 11th: Lessons Learned on the 20th Anniversary, a virtual program

Dan Holdridge knows he is lucky to be alive. On September 11, 2001 he was standing only ten feet away from the blast of a commercial airliner crashing into the Pentagon. Everyone on the other side of the wall next to him was killed, while he survived.

Now Holdridge has a personal mission to honor the 184 heroes who died at the Pentagon that day. On Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m., Holdridge will speak virtually at the Dover Public Library about Surviving September 11th: Lessons Learned on the 20th Anniversary. In the presentation, Holdridge shares a message that challenges audiences to understand the value of life through gratitude, respect, appreciation of others, and hope for a better world. He believes the way to end terrorism in our world is to understand differences between cultures and to respect them, eliminate feelings of entitlement, and honor the heroes that serve.

In 2001, Holdridge was one of the youngest Program Directors at General Dynamics Corporation in Needham, Mass., where he oversaw computer engineering operations. In April he was sent to the United States Pentagon to support the construction of a newly renovated section.

Today, Holdridge lives in Rhode Island and serves as president and chief executive officer of Eagle Industries Incorporated, overseeing the entire operation of the electrical engineering and manufacturing corporation. He is a member of the National Speakers Association, and published the book Surviving September 11th about his life-changing experience.

This program is free and open to the public. It will be held live online through RingCentral and registration is required to access the login information. For more information or to register, visit <u>library.dover.nh.gov/events</u> or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

Fall library hours begin September 7 and are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed for Labor Day weekend September 4 to 6.

The Week at the Library

September VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Now and Again* by Julia Turshen. Throughout the month of September, 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. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, August 30, 6 to 8 p.m. VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen B Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Registration required.

Tuesday, August 31, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons 18+, Trustees Rm is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Weds., September 1, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group on Front Lawn Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to join us on the front lawn with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. All levels welcome.

Thursday, September 2, 10 to 11 a.m. Cover 2 Cover Book Group, Lecture Hall Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. September's selection is *Saints for all Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome



NH Maker Fest is back for more hands-on discovery in Downtown Dover

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is once again organizing and hosting the annual NH Maker Fest on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., inside and around the museum. Generous lead sponsors including Sprague, the UNIQUE College Investing Plan, and Kennebunk Savings Bank have made it possible to have this year's festival entrance be by donation.

"We're grateful to all our sponsors for helping to make this year's festival the most accessible one yet," shared CMNH President Jane Bard.

The NH Maker Fest is a daylong festival that invites all ages to explore the creativity and ingenuity of area makers, hobbyists, artisans, performers and more. "Much like the Children's Museum's of NH mission, which is to actively engage families in hands-on discovery, the NH Maker Fest is a great opportunity to experience a ton of local innovation and resourcefulness all in one place," said Neva Cole, CMNH Communications Director.

Participants in the Fest vary from year to year, and Maker applications are still being accepted. Lindsey Castellon, owner of Angry Gato Designs, is excited to participate for the first time this year, and will not only be selling her fantastical laser-cut works of art, illustrations, jewelry and more, but will also be showing guests how to make their own fabric scrap garland. Local podcaster Laura Harper will be on hand with her friends from the Creative Guts podcast, and will be inviting folks to stop by and record answers to a few of their creative questions. Recordings from the Fest may even be used in a future episode of Creative Guts.

NH Maker Fest alumni will include the Maker Lab at the Dover Library, who are always popular with guests because of their creative activities, as well as the talented students of the McDonough-Grimes Irish Dance group who will be performing on the Rotary Arts Pavilion stage in front of the museum. Also back again this year is the FIRST LEGO League team from the Dover Middle School who will not only show off their robots, but help guests code and operate a robot to complete missions of their own.

Interested Makers also have the option of participating virtually through pre-recorded videos, online workshops, blogs and more. "We went totally virtual with the Fest last year, and we wanted to offer that option to people again this year since it was a lot of fun, and an easy way for people to show off their talents," shared Cole.

Also new this year, the Fest has partnered with the Cochecho Arts Festival, organized by the Dover Chamber of Commerce. Magic Fred, a children's magician will perform from 10 to 10:30 a.m., and then The Kenney Brother Band, a folk rock band, will perform from 3 to 4 p.m. as the culmination of both the NH Maker Fest and the Cochecho Arts Festival summer concert series. Both performances will take place on the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park and the stage sponsor is Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin, P.A.

"We are excited to partner with the Children's Museum of New Hampshire to provide entertainment for the NH Maker Fest," says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce. "This is a natural extension of our summer-long Cochecho Arts Festival and allows us to celebrate the arts with Maker Fest attendees."

The museum would like to thank all its NH Maker Fest sponsors including Sprague, UNIQUE College Investing Plan, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Albany International, Alexander Technology

Group, Beswick Engineering Company, Inc., QA Cafe, The Rowley Agency, Loftware, Martel Plumbing & Heating, and NHPBS. To learn more about the Fest, to support this event, or to apply as a Maker, please visit <u>www.childrens-museum.org</u>.

A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

Don't let your recycling be rejected

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

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



What's acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover?

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

Plastics that are not accepted include plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, plastic wrap, tarps and colored cups. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker. See full details of <u>Waste Management's curbside pickup here</u>.

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

"Recycling contamination happens when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables," says Waste Management in their <u>Recycling 101 webpage</u>.

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

Bulky trash items

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

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

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

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

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
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Utilities Engineer
- Swim Instructor I
- Water Exercise Instructor II
- Gym attendant
- Arena maintenance / resurfacer
- Custodian
- Utilities Project Engineer

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

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