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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

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## City Council to consider resolution urging the use of face coverings

The City Council at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 12, will take up a resolution requesting the use of face coverings in public to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

"The Governor, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, President Trump, and the World Health Organization have issued or recommended further restrictions aimed at minimizing exposure to the novel coronavirus, including social distancing, hygienic practices, and, now, face coverings," the resolution reads. "Having had the opportunity to study the virus for several months, the CDC has confirmed that the virus spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person

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### **Meetings this week:**

#### **School Board, August 10, 5:30 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

#### **City Council, August 12, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

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coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice... and the CDC has also confirmed that a significant number of those infected with the virus are either asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, yet can still readily transmit the virus to others unknowingly."

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

The resolution states that public awareness about the importance of masks is critical to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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

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

The meeting agenda and complete resolution [can be viewed here](#).

### **Council to consider formation of stormwater and flood resilience funding task force**

Also at its Aug. 12 meeting, the City Council will consider the formation of a stormwater and flood resilience funding task force. The panel would be tasked with investigating funding options for stormwater and flood resilience initiatives.

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

The workshop [can be viewed here](#).

The resolution to form the task force [can be viewed here](#).

The Aug. 12 City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall, and will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live via [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv).

upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



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# City of Dover, surrounding towns to hold Hazardous Waste Collection Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Horne Street water main replacement to begin Aug. 13

Work to replace portions of the water main on Horne Street is expected to begin Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020. The work, which follows several recent water main breaks on Horne Street, will be conducted by a private contractor, MacKinnon & Sons.

Approximately 500 feet of water main will be replaced and installed. The work will occur on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is expected to last roughly four weeks.

While the work is underway, there may be minor disruptions in water service. The City of Dover will provide advance notice of water disruptions, when possible. In addition, Horne Street will be closed to through traffic, from Hough Street to Ash Street, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., for

the duration of the work.

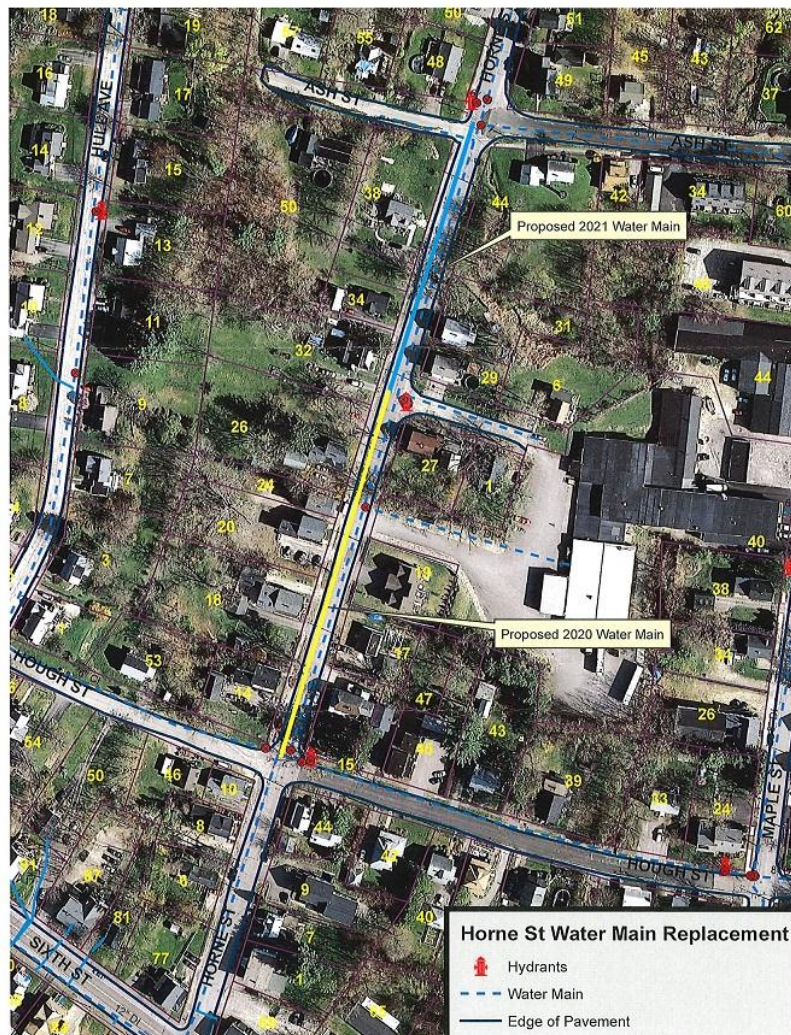
Additional work on Horne Street will continue next year. The City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which proposes funding for significant capital projects over six years, includes the reconstruction of Horne Street, including sidewalks, in fiscal year 2026. Recognizing the roadway needs attention before 2026, a pavement overlay had been planned for late summer or early fall of this year. That work will be delayed to accommodate the urgent water main work. However, the remainder of Horne Street, from Ash Street to Glenwood Avenue, will still receive a pavement overlay this year.

The current CIP does not include proposed funding the Horne Street water main. There are pending water main projects along Central Avenue to replace a key water supply artery, which dates back to the late 1800s.

The City is aware of concerns about the condition of sidewalks along Horne Street. City staff will review the sidewalks in their entirety in order to expedite critical repairs. The City will then patch and repair the sidewalks so they remain safe and passable. Complete reconstruction of the sidewalks will be delayed until the larger reconstruction project moves forward.

For more information, contact Community Services 516-6450.





## Adopt-a-Trail program helps keep Community Trail vibrant

The City of Dover and the Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee invite organizations, companies, and general trail lovers to participate in the Adopt-a-Trail Section program. Volunteer adopters help maintain the beauty and function of the Dover Community Trail by removing litter, trimming

overgrowth, and reporting maintenance concerns to the city. Adopters may be individuals, organizations, or civic groups and will be recognized with signage along the trail.

"The Community Trail is a gem in the City of Dover in large part due to the volunteers who assist in cleaning and maintaining the trail throughout the year," said City Planner Donna Benton.

The Dover Community Trail is a multi-use trail in Dover. It comprises two sections: a paved urban section stretching three-quarters of a mile from the Transportation Center to Fisher Street, and a natural section two and a half miles long following the Cochecho River from Beckwith Ballfields to Watson Road. The trail also continues from Fisher Street to the corner of Central Avenue and Rutland Street, and from Fourth Street to the Beckwith Ballfields.

On Aug. 12, the City Council is being asked to award the bid for construction of the third portion of the trail, from Fisher Street to Central Avenue, and to improve the trailhead at Downeast Energy. If awarded, work should begin this fall on these areas.

For more information or to receive an adoption agreement, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-trail/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-trail/). or call the Planning Department at 516-6008.



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

The Woodman Museum's annual "Voices from the Cemetery" live tour event, showcasing some of Pine Hill's most interesting characters, cannot be held in person this year due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. However, the Woodman Museum will instead stage a virtual tour available for online viewing. Actors are currently needed for the production, including 11 adult females and 13 adult males,



who will perform as the long-dead-but-now-come-back-to-life, men and women in 15 scenes. (Sorry, no children are needed for this year's tour, but older teens are welcome to join.) Each scene will be set at their gravestones.

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

Several "classic" scenes from previous tour will be included in this year's production, other scenes have been updated, and several new characters will be introduced. The cast includes sea captains, elected officials, artists, business owners, criminals, medical professionals, soldiers, and some very strong and feisty women who feature prominently in Dover's history.

Please contact Museum Director Dave Tompkins [director@woodmanmuseum.org](mailto:director@woodmanmuseum.org) if interested in participating, or call the Woodman Museum at 603-742-7680 by Aug. 31.

This year's production is being directed Cathy Beaudoin.



## Election workers needed

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

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

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

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018 or email City Clerk Susan Mistretta at [s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov).

## State Primary Election sample ballots now available

The Secretary of State's Office has released sample ballots for the 2020 State Primary Election, which will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020.

The sample ballots for all Dover wards can be viewed on the [2020 State Primary page here](#).

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

## Special election provisions in place due to COVID-19 pandemic

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Secretary of State's office has made provisions for all voters to register to vote by mail and to request absentee ballots for any reason.

Under new guidance, voters can now register by mail during the COVID-19 pandemic and can request an absentee voter packet from the City Clerk's Office or from the New Hampshire Secretary of State. Voters need to fill out a registration form and provide election officials with a copy of a current photo ID, as well as a copy of a bill, bank statement or other document with a name and address.

Voters also need a witness, who will be allowed to stand 6 feet away or behind a window, to watch the voter sign their form and to attest by affidavit to the voter's identity.

Forms must be returned by mail or in person to the City Clerk's office.

The state's complete guidelines [can be viewed here](#).

Absentee ballot requests [can be downloaded here](#) from the City of Dover's website. Absentee ballot requests must be returned in person or by mail to the City Clerk's Office at City of Dover, NH, City Clerk, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820. The completed request form can also be returned via the public drop box, located inside the Customer Service Center vestibule at City Hall.

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





## Final week to get tickets for this year's Cochecho Arts Festival

### Headliner Series sold out

Tickets are still available for the 2020 Cochecho Arts Festival but are selling fast. Saturday night's Headliner Series is sold out, but tickets are still available for the remaining events.



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This year's festival will take place Aug. 14 to 16 in a different location and format to ensure audience members' safety. Visit [dovernh.org/caf](http://dovernh.org/caf) to purchase tickets and see the full weekend schedule.

The Cochecho Arts Festival has taken place each summer for the past 33 years, bringing music and arts to downtown Dover. Given the COVID-19 restrictions, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is adapting the festival to bring the arts to residents in a safe and enjoyable format. This year's festival is underwritten by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, and would not be possible without the generous support of all CAF sponsors.

The Friday and Saturday festival shows will be in drive-in format at St. John's United Methodist Church, located at 28 Cataract Ave. The visual arts exhibit on Sunday will be held at the Seacoast Growers Association Farmers' Market in upper Henry Law Park on Henry Law Avenue.

Friday, Aug. 14 will be a Drive-In Movie Night, sponsored by Newburyport Bank. For only \$10 per vehicle, festival-goers have the chance to view "Rocketship," a short film directed by Alfred Thomas Catalfo, a local screenwriter, director, and attorney. Following that will be "Shrek," featuring the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz which earned the film an Academy Award.

The Drive-In Children's Series on Saturday, sponsored by Service Credit Union, will be free of charge (registration still required). Magic Fred will get things started at 10 a.m. with lots of age-appropriate comedy and awe-inspiring magical illusions. At 11 a.m., Wayne from Maine will be performing his unique, interactive brand of children's music as he has for over two decades. To cap off the Children's Series, magician BJ Hickman will take the stage at 12 p.m. for his magic show that is always loaded with clever deceptions, mind-reading miracles, and lots of non-stop action and silly surprises.

Saturday night's Headliner Series, sponsored by First

Seacoast Bank, is sold out. The night will kick off with "Shark in the Parking Lot" at 5:30 p.m. that will feature the band Rosie, hosted by 102.1 & 105.3 The Shark. Rosie has been touring New England for 39 years playing originals to hard rock, metal, blues, and some country. Taking the stage at 7 p.m. is Entrain, the eclectic Martha's Vineyard-based six-piece band formed in 1993. Capping off the Headliner Series will be local band Soggy Po' Boys at 8:30 p.m. The Soggy Po' Boys serve their jazz messy, mixing brass-fueled mayhem with spirituals, Meters-style old-school funk, and the Caribbean side of the New Orleans tradition.

On Sunday, in collaboration with the Seacoast Growers Association, the Cochecho Arts Festival will showcase artists and their work at the Farmers' Market in upper Henry Law Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and check out all of the different local crafters and artists and what they have to offer. This event is free and open to the public, with no ticket required.

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## UPDATED: Status of City and school facilities and services

### Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is open Mondays, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



For patrons who choose not to visit in person, the Library will continue to offer its pickup service on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., and on Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

See [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) for more information about the pickup service.

The Library is open with the following restrictions:

- The hours of 9 to 10 a.m. will be reserved for elderly or medically vulnerable patrons.
- Patrons with any symptoms of COVID-19, including fever or cough, should not enter the building.
- The Library is requesting that all patrons wear masks. Masks will be provided to those who need one.
- A maximum of 22 patrons will be allowed in the building at a time and of those 22, eight will be allowed in the Children's Room.
- The parking lot door, near the Children's Room, is the designated entrance, and the front door will be the exit. This does not apply to patrons in need of the elevator, or families exiting the Children's Room.

- Patrons will be allotted one hour to be in the building to give computer users enough time to get their work completed. However, patrons are asked to keep their visits as short as possible.
- Please follow all social distancing protocols. Decals on the floor denote 6-foot spacing at service desks.
- Please no food and drink in the building due to the fact that patrons would need to remove their masks to consume.
- Please return all materials in our outside book drops. All books will be quarantined for three days and will be checked in on the fourth day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all service desks.
- The DVD collection has been relocated to the Lecture Hall to allow for more spacious browsing.

For more information, call the Library at 516-6050 or email [libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov](mailto:libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov).

## Parks and Recreation

### **Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool**

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is open for recreational swimming. To meet state guidelines for reopening, several restrictions are in place, including:



- Everyone should arrive showered and ready to swim. Locker room use will be limited.
- Capacity will be limited to 40 patrons on a first come, first served basis.
- Patrons must maintain 6 feet of physical distance from other patrons who are not members of the same household.
- Masks must be worn when entering and exiting the facility, in the pool lobby, locker rooms and pool deck, prior to entering the water.
- The pool is modified for physical distancing and no equipment, such as goggles, will be provided.
- The use of any equipment, including kickboards, fins, noodles, toys, and barbells are not allowed until further notice.
- Diving boards will be open to the public from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 3:30 p.m. only.

Under the new guidelines, the Outdoor Pool cannot offer group and private lessons until further notice.

For additional information and guidelines, see <https://go.usa.gov/xfxGd>.



## **McConnell Center**

The Fitness Center, located at the McConnell Center, is open during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Precautions will be in place for those using the facility, including:

- The Fitness Center will operate at half capacity
- Staff will be wearing masks and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear masks in all common areas
- Cardio rooms will be limited to 4 people at a time
- Time restrictions may be placed on cardio equipment, if needed
- The weight room, Cybex room and dance studio will be limited to 7 people at a time
- It is recommended that patrons call about room availability in advance to working out
- Additional hand sanitizers will be available
- Anyone who is sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is asked to stay home

## **Butterfield Gym**

The Butterfield Gym is open during regular hours.

## **Dover Community Senior Center**

The Dover Community Senior Center, also located at the McConnell Center, remains closed.

## **Ice Arena**

The Dover Ice Arena is open. Although open, a number of Arena programs planned for the summer will not occur, including Learn to Skate, Rock Night, youth and adult introduction to hockey, recreational public skate, and skate rentals from the Pro Shop.

## **Parks and playgrounds**

Some recreation areas are open again to the public, including the Longhill Park Dog Park, pickleball and tennis courts, and the Bellamy Park Disc Golf Course. Several restrictions are and remain in place at these locations until further notice, including prohibited use by those who exhibit and symptoms of the coronavirus, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are at risk due to known factors including underlying health conditions.

Pickleball and tennis courts are now available first come, first served. Additional pickleball programs, drop-in and recreational play are also now available.

Parks and playgrounds are no longer closed, but an advisory is in effect. Please remember:

- Playground equipment is not sanitized
- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash hands before and after use
- Avoid touching surfaces
- Use of parks and playgrounds is at your own risk

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 516-6401.

### **Dover Indoor Pool**

The Indoor Pool is open for lap swim only. Lap swimming will be broken down into one-hour swim blocks, followed by a 30-minute block for staff to clean the facility. Patrons will exit the facility no more than 15 minutes after their swim block has ended.

All swimming is arranged by reservation only. To make a reservation, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/aquatics/index.html> and follow the instructions to sign up.

For additional information, including new guidelines and restrictions, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xwQuy>.

### **City Hall**

City Hall is open to the public during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



When open, additional safety precautions and guidelines will be followed at City Hall, including:

- The building is open with limited capacity.
- All staff wear masks. Customers are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Masks are available to the public, if needed.
- Clear partitions are installed in all offices at City Hall to limit in-person contact.
- While in the building, please remain 6 feet apart from others.
- Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout City Hall.
- All common surfaces are cleaned and disinfected frequently.

Payment for a variety of bills and services can still be made via a drop box at City Hall. The drop box is conveniently located inside the Locust Street Customer Service Center entrance at City Hall and is accessible during regular business hours. Payments for water and utility bills, property taxes and parking violations can be made via the drop box. The drop box can also be used for motor vehicle registrations.

### **Public School Offices and SAU**

School and SAU offices are open to the public by appointment. To make an appointment, call the respective school's main phone line or SAU office. All visitors are required to fill out a questionnaire, have their temperature taken before entering, and wear a mask.

### **Community Services**

The Community Services facility on Mast Road is open to the public during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



The Recycling Center on Mast Road has remained open during its regular schedule of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility on Middle Road is open to septic, RV and sludge deliveries.

The chapel at Pine Hill Cemetery is open but appointments are encouraged. To contact the chapel for an appointment, call (603) 516-6480.

### **Public Welfare**

Public Welfare, located at the McConnell Center, is open. Please use Door 3 at the McConnell Center. Public Welfare can also be accessed by appointment. Contact the office by phone at 516-6500 to set up an appointment. Interviews may also be conducted over the phone, instead of in person. Necessary paperwork can be mailed to the office at Dover Public Welfare, 61 Locust St., Dover, NH 03820, faxed to the office or placed under the office door.

Some forms are available online at the [Public Welfare website](#).

Those eligible for welfare benefits must still qualify financially and apply to other programs for which they are eligible.

### **Public Meetings**



Most public boards, commissions and committees are now meeting in person. Provisions are in place to accommodate physical distancing by public body members and the public, including additional audio and visual equipment and overflow space.

See the City of Dover's [website for a calendar of upcoming meetings](#).

### **Inspection Services**

Inspection Services, located at the Liberty North End Fire Station at 262 Sixth St., is open during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The number of people permitted into the facility will be limited. For more information, contact Inspection Services at 516-6038.

### **All services and facilities**

For more information, including a list of available services and city facility access, see [our online resource here](#).



Use cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person

coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are "asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

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

### **Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering**

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

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

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



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# Mortgage, rent assistance available through Welfare office and CAP

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

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

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

- The one-time assistance grants cannot exceed \$5,000 and can be used to assist households with:
- Past-due rent from April 2020 forward for households that fell behind on rent due to either increased household expenses or lost household revenue as a result to COVID-19;
- Past-due housing/household related expenses that may impact an individual's/families' ability to remain housed; and/or
- Other housing related one-time expenses that if not paid impact the ability to maintain housing.
- The short-term rental assistance to maintain or secure permanent housing includes assistance for:
- Past-due rent that was not paid due to a COVID-19 related inability to pay and ongoing rental assistance on a short term basis. The rental assistance will decrease over time as households regain stability; or
- First month's rent and ongoing short-term rental assistance to assist with initial costs to facilitate the transition of working households from shelters into permanent housing.
- Program payments will be made directly to the landlord or provider, and this program will end by Dec. 30, 2020.

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

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

- **Dover Public Welfare**; 603-516-6500; [s.gaston@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.gaston@dover.nh.gov); [bit.ly/doverwelfare](https://bit.ly/doverwelfare)
- **Community Action Partnership of Strafford County**, 577 Central Ave., Suite 10, Dover, NH 03820; 603-435-2500; [cap@cap.org](mailto:cap@cap.org); [straffordcap.org](https://straffordcap.org).



- DHHS Bureau of Housing Support, 271-9196, or [dhhs.bhhs@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:dhhs.bhhs@dhhs.nh.gov)
- Dial 2-1-1

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

Visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares) for additional resources.



## Enjoy New Hampshire's waterbodies safely this summer

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) and the New Hampshire State Police Marine Patrol Division (NHSPMP) are urging residents and visitors to exercise extreme caution while swimming in, or recreating around, any of the Granite State's many waterbodies. Large rivers, for example, present unique hazards for bathers including steep

drop-offs and dangerous currents which makes these types of moving waters inappropriate for novice swimmers.

"It is incredibly important that all Granite Staters take the necessary steps to remain safe while enjoying New Hampshire's waterbodies," said Gov. Chris Sununu. "We must remain vigilant while enjoying the outdoors and these precautions will help save lives."

With municipal pools and public beaches limiting capacity to facilitate social distancing during the COVID-19 public health emergency, many people are seeking relief from the summer heat in more remote swimming locations which are not monitored by lifeguards.

"Swimming, like any other form of outdoor recreation, has the potential to be life-threatening for people who are unprepared or do not have a deep respect for the power of flowing water. Rivers like the Merrimack are as unpredictable as they are beautiful, and all swimmers must be responsible and know their own capabilities and physical limitations," said Fish and Game Law Enforcement Chief Colonel Kevin Jordan. "Always tell someone where you will be swimming, when you will return, and never swim alone"

"With a little extra planning, communication, approved life jackets and PFDs, and respect for the power that all New Hampshire waterbodies' possess, outdoor enthusiasts will be better prepared to more safely enjoy the recreational opportunities of the Merrimack River this summer," said Captain Tim Dunleavy of the New Hampshire State Police Marine Patrol Division.

Colonel Jordan and Captain Dunleavy strongly recommend that anyone recreating in, on, or along any of New Hampshire's waterbodies should:

- Always wear a personal flotation device (PFD) whether recreating from a boat, along shore, or in the water.
- Know where you will be swimming and the name of the area you will be in.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Never swim alone, always bring a friend.
- Research new swimming spots thoroughly including known drop-offs and currents.

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## City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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

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## City Council still seeking applicants for Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias

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

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

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

Members of the community interested in serving on the Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias should contact the City Clerk's Office for an application or [download the application here](#). Applications must be returned to the City

Clerk's Office in person, by mail or by email. Applications will be reviewed by the Appointments Committee.

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

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



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

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



**Aug. 10, 1706** - Nicholas Peaslee was slain by the Indians in the day time, at his cave, some miles above Oyster river, where he had dwelt night and day, summer and winter, from the last breaking out of the war, precisely three years, though he was in the very wake and way where the enemy used to pass. He was a man of strange confidence, and would not be persuaded to leave his place.



**Aug. 7, 1826** - A very heavy thunder shower, during which the house of Moses Hodgdon, Esq. on Silver street, was struck by lightning. A beautiful sycamore tree in front of the house received the electric fluid, an immense body of which ran down the trunk, ripping off the bark, a portion of the lightning entering the house by a limb of the tree. The house of Mr. John Evans, about 50 rods distant, was struck at the same instant: a man was struck to the floor, but recovered in a few minutes. About the same time, a barn belonging to Mr. Benjamin Kielle, about 2 1/2 miles from the village, was struck and considerably injured.



**Aug. 11, 1826** - Great rains and freshets, carrying away dams, bridges, etc., and doing much damage to crops. In a



period of 35 days, from Aug. 11 to Sept. 14, rain fell on 17 days. "A damp mold and rust are penetrating every part of our dwellings. The hay in our barns, the vegetables in our gardens, and the potatoes in our fields are perishing with rot." (N. H. Republican)



**Aug. 8, 1828** - "Dover Society for the promotion of Temperance" formed - the members pledging themselves to abstain entirely from the use of ardent spirits, except for medicinal purposes - the first Society of the kind in the town.



**Aug. 12, 1844** - Andrew Howard tried at the Dover Courthouse for the murder of Phebe Hanson; the jury failing to agree he was remanded to prison.

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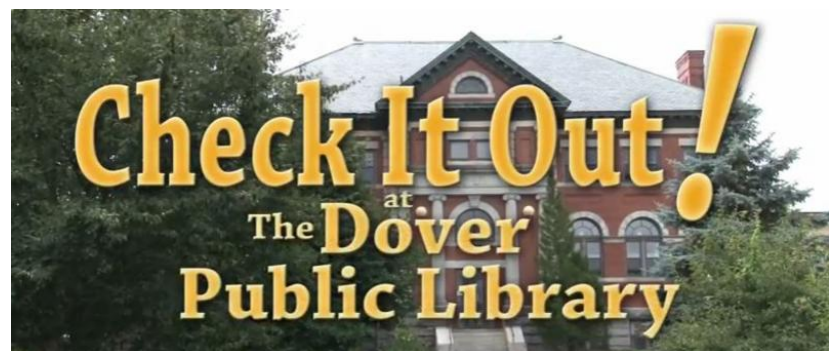
## Historic Walking Tours: Summer 2020

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

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

To schedule a tour, call the chamber at 603-742-2218 or email [info@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org). The fee for the walking tours is \$10 per person, with a \$25 limit for families.

If interested in becoming a tour guide, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218 or [info@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org).



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## The Colored Folks Ain't Gonna Make It: A Black American Experience

In the summer of 1957 the Ward family moved from Brooklyn, New York to escape gang violence and ended up on a dirt

road in rural Lee, New Hampshire. It was an era when racial tensions were high and they were the first "colored family" in the area.

Author Michael C. Ward will talk about his family's experience as the "Index of Integration" in the virtual presentation "The Colored Folks Ain't Gonna Make It: A Black American Experience" hosted by the Dover Public Library on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The free program will be held online through Ring Central and registration is required to access the login information. You do not need to be a library card holder to attend.



*Harold and Virginia  
Ward  
11/01/1945 - 11/01/2005*

The presentation will include stories from Ward's Sketches of Lee collection, which chronicles his family's history combatting the racial stereotypes of the 50's. Signed copies of the first two volumes in the collection, *A Colored Man in Exeter* and *The Colored Folks Ain't Gonna Make It*, will be available for purchase at the library until August 24. Cash or checks made out to the author will be accepted.

Ward began writing his family's history in 2015 when his father Harold was in the hospital with weeks to live. He recalled him saying, "Michael, I want you to write the stories of our existence. I want my great-grandchildren to know where they came from." Since then Ward has been fulfilling his father's last request and recounting the stories of his family.

The Ward family was led by Harold and Virginia, a couple with strong convictions and compassion that they passed down to their children. As the first African-Americans in the area, the family encountered many people who had never spoken to or seen someone of color before and were relentless in disproving stereotypes of that era, eventually becoming respected members of the community.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration required. For more information or to register, visit [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

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## This Week at the Library

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

Join us for a virtual exploration of Katie Lee's *Endless Summer Cookbook*. Throughout the month of August, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. We will

share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

**Sunday, August 9, 2 to 4 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan Bolduc! The group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Please register for this program and you will receive an email 48 hours prior to the event with the log-in information.

**Monday, August 10, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Read to a Librarian**

You can choose what works best for your child, phone or computer and schedule reading time for your child to keep practicing their reading skills this summer! You can pick from any title we have on Hoopla so a librarian can read along with them easily. Please register for this program and you will get a specific time slot.

**Monday, August 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Outside Knitting Group on the Front Lawn**

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and craft together on our front lawn! Don't forget to bring a little bug spray (just in case). We request all social distancing rules are followed.

**Monday, August 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL Zombie Outbreak Escape Room for Teens**

Something terrible is happening. The government has been keeping the disasters quiet for years. Oftentimes, they get lucky and contain the problem. But now, reports of a new outbreak has been spreading. Only you can help figure out how to stop the spread before it is too late. Hurry - time is running out! For teens in grades 7-12. Registration is required. Registrants will be sent the Ring Central meeting link 30 minutes prior to the event start time.

**Wednesday, August 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**The Colored Folks Ain't Gonna Make It:  
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**Thursday, August 13, 11 to 11:30 a.m.**

### **Learn to Zoom Virtual Class**

Zoom is a very popular way to connect with people online. Try out Zoom with us and learn about some of its features. You can ask any questions that you have. Get comfortable with Zoom so that you don't miss out on the virtual connections that are so popular today. You will need a computer, tablet, or phone to practice Zooming. Please register for this program so that you can be sent a Zoom link.



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## Trash and recycling reminders

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

- The pick-up time on your regularly scheduled collection day may be different than it was prior to July 1. To ensure trash and recycling are picked up, please remember that all items must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.
- By City ordinance, the maximum weight of trash bags is 35 pounds. Waste Management may reject trash bags that exceed the weight limit. Bags should be tied or sealed and should not be overloaded. Please note that the smaller, 15-gallon bags are rated for 20 pounds maximum.
- Dover trash bags can be purchased from a variety of local merchants, as well as the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, and the Recycling Center. For a list of local merchants selling Dover trash bags, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xfXAs>.
- Curbside trash and recycling pick-up will follow the existing holiday schedule. Collection during a holiday week will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week beginning on the holiday. For a list of holidays, see the city's website here: <https://go.usa.gov/xwApG>.
- All non-metal items too large to fit in a Dover trash bag, such as furniture, mattresses, toilets and carpets, require a bulky item tag. Bulky item tags can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, the Recycling Center and at most locations where city trash bags are sold.

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



household recycling bin:

- **Plastic:** Only #1, #2 and #5 plastics are allowed. Bottles, tubs, jugs, jars only. Remove caps. Rinse and dry. NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- **Glass:** Bottles and jars only. Rinse and dry.
- **Cardboard, cartons, paper:** Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten, then place in recycling bin, paper bags, or bundle and tie. Rinse and dry. No plastic bags.
- **Metal:** Aluminum, tin and steel cans. Rinse and dry.

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

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

Follow these simple recycling guidelines:

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

For more information, [visit the city's website here](#) or contact Community Services at 516-6450.

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**CITY OF DOVER**  **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, development and construction project updates, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special

announcement mailing lists.

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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 the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Police Secretary I**
- **Systems and Technology Librarian**
- **Deputy City Attorney**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Arena maintenance/Ice resurfacers**

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

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it 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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