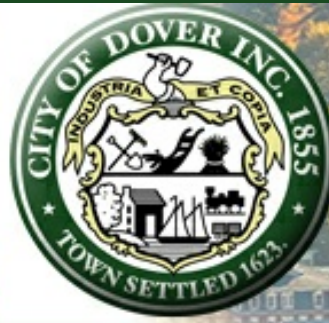


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 19, 2021



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Cox siblings named Dover Recreation Volunteers of the Year

The Recreation Department awarded the sister and brother team of Katy and Matt Cox the Dover Recreation Volunteer of the Year Award for 2020. They were also the recipients of the 2020 Heyliger Dover Recreational Basketball Volunteer Award.

Assistant Recreation Director Krista Trefethen said Matt Cox and Katy Cox have been volunteer coaches for approximately 10 years in the various recreation basketball programs. They have

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children of similar ages, and they coached their kid's teams from third through eighth grade.

"They always want what is best for the kids, and they are always the most positive ones on the floor," Trefethen said. "The kids on their teams always improved their basketball skills and, more importantly, learned to be good teammates and people. They never coached for any reason other than to make sure all the kids had a great experience and to give back to the community. Recreation Director Gary Bannon added, "They truly epitomize the selfless dedication that we always hope to see in our coaches and volunteers, and they demonstrated it year in and year out."

The Don Heyliger Recreation Awards are given annually to honor the many volunteers that make Dover Recreation programs possible. It also celebrates the memory of former Recreation Director Don Heyliger, who died suddenly in 1988. Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Recreation Department did not host a formal award ceremony this year as it traditionally has.

Other Heyliger Recreation Award recipients include:

- Small Business Sponsor of the Year: Ryan's Tree Service
- Benevolent Organization Sponsor of the Year: Loyal Order of Moose Lodge
- Special Recognition Award: James Boos and Rick Schnable and Amy Sanderson for three years of service on the Dover Recreation Advisory Board
- Garrison City F.C.: Patti Subirana
- Dover Youth Football: Joseph Price
- Dover Little Green Football: Danielle Chaisson
- Dover Recreation Basketball: Katy Cox and Matt Cox
- Dover Youth Softball: Scott Smith
- Cal Ripken Rookie: Jessica Seaward
- Cal Ripken Major: Benjamin Grigas
- Babe Ruth Division: Jason Miller
- Dover Youth Hockey: Craig Croteau
- Lacrosse: Derek and Kristie Rowley
- Dover Little Green Cheerleading: Jennifer Donahue

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 516-6401.



School Board receives proposed 2021-2022 budget

The School Board held a [budget workshop](#) this past Monday, Feb. 15, where Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni provided the School Board budget binders that include the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year. The binders include detail of anticipated revenue and proposed budgets broken down by schools, programs and capital expenditures, among others.

The proposed general fund operating budget is \$69,925,177, which is \$3,114,121, or a 4.66 percent increase, over the current adopted budget of \$66,811,056. As proposed, the budget is \$2,017,255 above the \$1,744,846 allowed under the tax cap.

As part of the budget, Harbron recommends a \$1,725,454 reduction in staffing costs, including 12 teaching positions, 18 paraeducator positions, one district clerical position, and one district non-union position. Harbron told the School Board that the district requested the district's three unions, the Dover Teachers Union (DTU), Dover Paraeducators' Association (DPA), Dover Educational Office Personnel (DEOP) Dover Administrative Association (DAA), to re-open contract negotiations. In Harbron's budget introduction, this request is "to spare the district further reductions."

At the meeting, Harbron spoke how the district's starting draft budget using the previous year as a baseline with added contractual obligations began with an \$8,655,297 increase from the current budget. The drivers of the increase stem from required increases the district is to pay to the New Hampshire Retirement System for all eligible employees, health insurance premiums, and wage and benefit increases. There is also a loss of state educational adequacy aid of about \$512,000.

In fiscal year 2022, the school district is to contribute 21.02 percent of retirement into the New Hampshire Retirement System for eligible teachers, an increase of 3.22 percent from the current year's 18.80 percent withholding. For all other eligible district employees, the employer contribution is 14.06 percent, a 2.89 percent increase from the current year's 11.17 percent withholding. Additionally, health and dental insurance premiums have an anticipated increase 5.5 percent increase. There are also \$4,503,840 in contractual increases specified by the contracts with the DTU, DPA and DEOP unions and the non-union Dover Administrative Association.

The School Board plans to meet this Monday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. in Room 305 of the McConnell Center to continue budget deliberations. According to the district's budget adoption schedule, the budget is due to the City Manager on March 2. The meeting will be televised live on Channel 22 and be available for on-demand viewing at dovernh.viebit.com/index.php.

Dover Police releases Use of Force Analysis for 2020

Dover Police Chief William Breault released the Dover Police Department's annual [Use Force Analysis and Citizen Compliant](#) that details in a spreadsheet how many incidents of use of force in the previous calendar year along with enforcement by race and gender and citizen complaint statistics. This year, Breault also released a narrative report, "[2020 Use of Force Analysis](#)," that provides additional detail about incidents when Dover Police Officers used force as part of their law enforcement duties.

Both documents are available for download on Dover Police Department's "[Statistics and Reports](#)" webpage. The Statistics and Reports page also includes annual uniform crime reports (UCR) and yearly departmental reports that detail crimes, arrests, solved and unsolved cases, and non-criminal police contacts, among other statistics.

The department has published Use of Force Analysis and Citizen Complaints for the past three years that details use of force incidents occurring in Dover. This is the first year the department has published a narrative analysis report.

"The Dover Police Department has had a long-standing commitment to transparency, and releasing a narrative report that analyzes how the use of force is used by City police officers is another step in that transparency commitment," Breault said. "Our officers are well trained in de-escalation techniques and only use force when necessary. Any incident where force is used is documented and reviewed by myself and two members of the command staff to ensure accountability of our officers. In 2020, all incidents of force were found to be within departmental policy, and none lead to serious injury or death. We also had a 14 percent reduction in the use of force as compared to 2019."

The 17-page report contains an executive summary, incident tracking, and numerous use of force categories, such as the use of force resulting in injury, use of force by age, race and gender, and use of force by calendar year and date and time. "The Dover Police Department remains committed to working with our community to promote and ensure public safety as well as to uphold the community's confidence and trust in the police department," it states in the executive summary. "An important part of that is to ensure that our actions are consistent with our community's values and that our policies and training are effective in minimizing the use of force by our officers."

The department's use of force policy and practices comply with national and state laws and regulations and meet the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation standards. This policy has strict rules on the use, documentation, and administrative review of force used by on-duty police officers. The policy requires officers to report and document all uses of force or any use of force they observe by another officer. Officers also have a duty to intervene if they observe inappropriate conduct by another police employee. All use of force incidents were reviewed by a first-line supervisor, a division commander, and Chief Breault and were found to be within department policy.

In 2020, the Dover Police Department responded to 29,303 calls for service that resulted in 95 incidents involving force, or 0.32 percent of all service calls, according to the report. Total use of force incidents was 14 percent lower in 2020 than in 2019, where there were 111 incidents. In 2020, there were no incidents in which deadly force was used.

Fourteen of the use of force incidents, or 15 percent, involved sick or injured animals that officers humanely euthanized. Forty-three percent of all use of force incidents occurred while officers were making criminal arrests. An additional 16 percent of the incidents occurred while officers were placing people into protective custody, and 15 percent of incidents occurred while officers were taking people into custody for involuntary emergency mental health admissions. Five percent or five of the incidents involved multiple suspects. Forty-seven percent of the individuals on whom force was used were documented to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Regarding race and gender, 65.9 percent of use of force incidents involved white males, 24.7 percent involved white females, and 9.4 percent involved black males. There were no documented use of force incidents involving black females or any other minority group. Of the eight incidents involving black males, all were the result of a call for service, not the result of an officer's initiated contact.



City Council to consider application to develop old courthouse under community revitalization law

At its regular meeting this Wednesday, Feb. 24, the City Council will hold a public hearing and then consider approval of an application for tax relief under the state Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive law, RSA 79-E. Chinburg Management is seeking approval of its application as part of its proposal to rehabilitate the old Strafford County Courthouse on First Street.

At its [Jan. 27 meeting](#), the City Council approved expanding the downtown Community Revitalization District to include the block where the old courthouse is located and also amended the criteria used to review RSA 79-E applications to incentivize affordable housing. This approval allowed Chinburg Management to file its application.

At the same Jan. 27 meeting, the City Council also authorized a development agreement between the City and Chinburg Management, contingent on the RSA 79-E application's approval. The agreement states that the City of Dover would approximately maintain the courthouse property's current tax valuation for seven years after the City issues the certificate of occupancy for the rehabilitated building. The goals of the agreement include retaining the historic building and providing increased options for affordable housing.

Beginning in tax year 2030, there would be a guaranteed tax assessed value of the property of \$7 million. If the actual assessed value were below \$7 million at that time, the developer would owe the difference. If the assessed value was above \$7 million, the developer would owe the higher amount. Currently, the property is assessed at \$789,100. The guarantee is an increase in valuation of more than 780 percent during the tax credit period.

The Heritage Commission met last week to review whether retaining the old courthouse building is vital and worthy of inclusion in the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive program. The Downtown Tax Increment Finance District Board met to review whether the project would negatively impact the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District proforma. Both boards recommended City Council approval after reviewing the application.

The City Council first discussed the potential of expanding the Community Revitalization District at its Jan. 6, 2021 workshop, which can be [viewed here](#).

The City Council will also consider extending temporary authorization to the City Manager to waive any locally set or adopted fees on a case-by-case basis for good cause, provided there is demonstrated hardship or other circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the waiver meets applicable law. If approved as proposed, the City Manager would maintain the authority until the State of Emergency in New Hampshire expires or lapses, or upon further resolution of the City Council, whichever occurs sooner.

According to the background material, the "resolution is not intended to address waivers of any fees set by statute. Examples of fees likely to be waived include outdoor seating licenses for restaurants or temporary signs."

The full agenda and materials are [available here](#). The City Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting will broadcast live on Channel 22 and be available for on-demand viewing at dovernh.viebit.com/index.php.

Upcoming Meetings:

School Board, Feb. 22, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Planning Board, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

A video preview of the meeting can be viewed here: [Planning Board Preview, 2/23/2021](#).

City Council, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

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

City boards provide many ways to let your voice be heard, from home

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings without attending in person. Public participation is vital for City of Dover operations and future planning.

Dover residents, business owners and property owners may contact any public board or commission, such as the City Council or School Board, by utilizing specific email addresses or contact information that reaches all members at once. People can also call 516-MEET (6338) and leave a message that will be forwarded to the appropriate public body. To be heard ahead of a particular meeting, call or email at least two hours before the meeting begins.

As with speaking at a public hearing or Citizens' Forum, phone messages and emails sent to all board members will be retained as part of the meeting minutes and are subject to New Hampshire's Right to Know law, RSA 91:A.

City Council, School Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings and workshops are televised live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.

Other boards and commissions have audio recordings of their meetings that are usually available the next day. You may download these audio recordings from the meeting minutes page of the public body.

To see all of the City's boards, commissions and committees, visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/.

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

DOVER PLANNING BOARD – AGENDA	
Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Location:	Council Chambers, City Hall, 208 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.

Certain members of the Planning Board may be participating in this meeting remotely. In addition, the Chair of the Planning Board may, per NH RSA 91-A:2, 81 (c), declare an "emergency" within the meaning of that statute and waive the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting. In either event, no vote members will identify their location and any person present with them at that location. All votes will be by roll call.

The City of Dover has taken extra steps to ensure the physical location of this meeting conforms with all safety provisions during the pandemic, including social distancing, face coverings, and frequently sanitized facilities. Although qualified members of the public are permitted to the meeting at the physical location, the public is encouraged to have concerns or advice by calling 508-MEET (6378), emailing DOVER.Planning@dovernh.gov, or calling to view concerns to the Planning Board, Dover City Hall, 208 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820. Messages must be received no later than 4 p.m. the day of the meeting and should identify the name and Dover address of the person leaving the message or providing the concern.

- CITIZENS' FORUM
- APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
 - February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Consideration and acceptance of a Minor Subdivision for Townsquare Media Portsmouth, LLC., Assessor's Map M, Lot 91A, zoned R-40, and located at 292 Middle Road. (921-49)
 - Consideration and acceptance of a Conditional Use Permit for 54 BBR, LLC., Assessor's Map I, Lot 6, zoned R-12, and located at 54 Back River Road. (Proposed to allow road and utility construction, stormwater treatment, and structures including retaining walls, with steep slope impacts of 18,799 sq. ft.) (921-01)
 - Consideration and acceptance of a Transfer of Development Request for 54 BBR, LLC., Assessor's Map I, Lot 6, zoned R-12, located at 54 Back River Road. (Proposed to increase development density allowed by 35-10.0 zoned units.) (920-04)
 - Consideration and acceptance of a Site Review for 54 BBR, LLC., Assessor's Map I, Lot 6, zoned R-12, located at 54 Back River Road. (Proposed to develop an affordable housing accessory with 44 detached 104 sq. ft. one-bedroom units.) (920-06)
 - Consideration and adoption of Street Tree Policy
- STAFF COMMENT
- MEMBER COMMENTS
- ADJOURNMENT

*Indicates that if the application is accepted for discussion, the public hearing will be held the same evening. Note that some hearings will be conducted from one hearing to another and some may be postponed. Since this is only a partial description of the proposal and may change, persons with questions or wishing to see the plans are invited to visit the Planning Office, Monday through Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or email Dover.Planning@dovernh.gov. You may also view materials at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>. Follow us on Twitter (@DOVERNHPlanning) and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DoverNHPlanning>.

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On the Agenda: Feb. 23 Planning Board meeting

The Planning Board meets Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. for a regular meeting to consider:

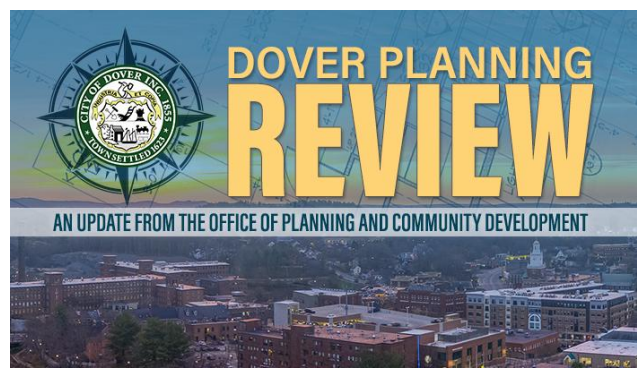
- A request for a minor subdivision to create one new lot for Townsquare Media Portsmouth, LLC., located at 292 Middle Road
- Site plan approval for 44 cottage-sized units at 54 Back River Road. The project requires a conditional use permit to allow road and utility construction, stormwater treatment, and structures that include retaining walls, with steep slope impacts of 18,799 square feet.
- Adopting the proposed Central Business District Street Tree Plan. The proposal was recently presented to the Conservation Commission and can be [viewed here](#).

View the map of application locations [here](#). The agenda and agenda materials are [available here](#).

To view a video preview of the meeting, visit <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=D5dAQ3iMHRfa>.

The meeting will be held in the Council Conference Room at City Hall and is open to the public. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at dovernh.viebit.com.

The Dover Planning Review is a publication of the City's Office of Planning and Community Development that offers regular updates on current projects and initiatives throughout the city, as well as updates about the work of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and other land-use boards and commissions. To sign up to receive the newsletter in your inbox, add Dover Planning Review to your current email subscription list here: <http://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>.



Seacoast Chamber Alliance hosts Offshore Wind Forum

The Seacoast Chamber Alliance will host an Offshore Wind Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon via Zoom. The forum will consist

of a panel discussion on this burgeoning industry featuring State Sen. David Watters and New Hampshire Offshore Wind Industry Development Director and Dover Energy Commission member Michael Behrmann. The forum is sponsored by Eversource.

This Offshore Wind Forum is free and open to the public but pre-registration is required. The Zoom link will be sent the day before the event. Register at dovernh.org/wind.

Additional panelists include Susannah Hatch, New England for Offshore Wind and Environmental League of Massachusetts; COL (ret) Curt Thalken, PE, Normandeau Associates; Joe Casey, IBEW; Bob LaBelle, Former BOEM Deputy Associate Director; and Elizabeth Donohue, Eversource.

The offshore wind industry promises thousands of new jobs and billions of dollars in investments and economic impact. New Hampshire is estimated to have 3.4 gigawatts of potential offshore wind power off our coasts and we also have the capacity to serve as an important part of the offshore wind supply chain. In December 2019, Governor Chris Sununu passed an Executive Order preparing New Hampshire for future wind development and Senator Watters has filed legislation designed to help spur the development of offshore wind projects and other renewable energy in the region.

The Seacoast Chamber Alliance is made up of the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce, Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, and The Falls Chamber of Commerce, who collectively represent more than 2,500 businesses throughout the Seacoast region. More information about the Seacoast Chamber Alliance can be found at visitseacoastnh.com.

Featured Speakers:



Senator
David Watters
(D-Dover)



Michael Behrmann
Director
**NH Offshore
Wind Industry
Development**

TALES FROM THE DIRT: ARCHAEOLOGY AND DOVER POINT'S DIVERSE EARLY COLONIAL LANDSCAPE
PRESENTED BY MEGHAN HOWEY AND DIANE FISKE

DOVER 400 TUESDAY, MARCH 9 7 P.M.

DOVER NECK VILLAGE
CHARLES W. HAYES - CIVIL ENGINEER
- HISTORIAN
The Completed June 22, 1857

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Dover400 lecture series continues in March with “Tales From the Dirt: Archaeology and Dover Point’s Diverse Early Colonial Landscape”

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover’s 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual historical lecture series on March 9, 2021 at 7 p.m. with an online presentation detailing an important recent archeological dig at the site of the First Parish Church’s 1654 Meetinghouse on Dover Point Road.

The March lecture features Dr. Meghan Howey, UNH anthropology professor, and Diane Fiske, First Parish Church historian, who will present their research on the early colonial landscape of Dover Point. The Church Meetinghouse was erected ca. 1654, fortified 1667—1675, removed prior to the Revolutionary War, and the property was deeded back to First Parish Church in 1889. In 1983, the site was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Howey and Fiske, along with a cadre of volunteers, explored the site during the summers of 2018 and 2019. They gained valuable insight, through recovered artifacts and buried structures, into the diversity of lives and colonial experiences that were not fully captured in written documents, including information on indigenous peoples, enslaved Africans, and indentured Scots. Although historical records are important for understanding early colonialism in New Hampshire, they were written from a dominant, Euro-centric, often biased perspective. Howey and Fiske believe that the physical materials people discard and leave behind offer important evidence as to what went on that didn't make it into the history books.

Diane Fiske has served as Historian of Dover's First Parish Church since 2010, preserving early church and town records in the church archives, sharing the stories they tell with all who are interested, and providing genealogical information to those whose ancestors were early church members. She also serves as a volunteer transcriptionist of colonial church records for the Hidden Histories Project of the Congregational Library in Boston. She is presently Historical Researcher for the Great Bay Archaeological Survey (GBAS) Project with UNH, conducting extensive early colonial records research (deeds, probates, etc.) to help GBAS identify 17th century sites for survey and excavation.

Dr. Meghan Howey is an anthropological archaeologist specializing in landscape archaeology and interdisciplinary approaches to deep-time coupled human natural systems. She is a Professor in the Anthropology Department and the Earth Systems Research Center at UNH. Howey has conducted research in North America, Europe, and East Africa. Currently, Howey directs the Great Bay Archaeological Survey (GBAS), a community-engaged and interdisciplinary archaeology program exploring 17th and early 18th century landscapes within NH's Great Bay Estuary. She is interested in how this early colonial period can help us better understand our place in the Anthropocene today. Her work is supported by the James H. Hayes and Claire Short Hayes Professor of the Humanities and an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship. Upcoming lectures include:

- A Historian Lives the Revolution: Rev. Jeremy Belknap in the Crossroads of the 18th Century
- History of the Cocheco Cotton Mills
- Dover railroad history
- Dover regiments in the Civil War
- Dover Booms as a 19th Century Shipping Port
- Treasures of the Woodman Museum
- Downtown Dover During the early 20th Century
- Dover's service in the two World Wars

This month's presentation, "Dover in the 17th Century: Abenaki Life and History from an Indigenous Perspective," held Feb. 9, can be viewed here: dovern.viebit.com/player.php?hash=4k0jdzXnB4Fh.

Each presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the March 9, 2021 lecture, [click here](#) or visit www.Dover400.org.

Dover400 is currently underway with its first fundraising campaign, \$400 for 400, an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover's 400th Anniversary. All proceeds will support the activities planned throughout 2023. For more information, please visit www.Dover400.org.

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 fourteen 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; and Karen Weston.

Dover400 appoints new members

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th anniversary, recently announced two new board members have joined the group. Stephanie Bolduc and Sam Crane will both serve a three-year term.

Bolduc has strong volunteer experience and currently serves on the Dover Chamber Annual Banquet Committee, Garrison City Futbol Club Board, the Dover Softball Board, and serves on the Festival of Trees Committee. Bolduc lives in Dover with her husband, Mike and their three daughters, Olivia, Alaina, and Genna

A history enthusiast, Crane comes to the board with previous volunteer experience from participating in beach clean-ups to community beautification projects.

"The board has been working hard and there is still so much to do," said Kevin McEneaney , Dover400 Chair. "We are so excited to welcome Stephanie and Sam to the board; the pair will complement our already-talented team."

Originally formed as an ad-hoc committee of the City Council, Dover400 recently reorganized as a separate, 501C-3 nonprofit.

American Red Cross lifeguard training and recertification course offered at Dover Indoor Pool

An American Red Cross lifeguard training and recertification course will be held at the Dover Indoor Pool March 20-28, 2021. Participants will learn the skills needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. The course includes the latest science in first aid, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, emergency cardiac care, as well as the latest lifeguarding rescue skills and safety protocols. Students must be at least 15 years old by the last day of the class.

The following prerequisites must be fulfilled:

- Swim 300 yards continuously
- Tread water for 2 minutes
- Starting in the water, the participant must be able to swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object and exit water without using a ladder or steps within 1 minute, 40 seconds

No refunds will be given for failure to pass prerequisite requirements. All course dates must be attended in order to pass the course.

The course will be offered:

- Saturday, March 20: 2 to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, March 21: 2:45 to 6:45 p.m.
- Monday, March 22: 7 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, March 27: 2 to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, March 28: 2:45 to 6:45 p.m.

*Re-certification held on Sunday March 28 from 2:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Cost for the full course is \$200. Cost for re-certification is \$40.

Any COVID related cancelations will be carried over to the next scheduled course. No refunds will be given.

For more information or to sign up, contact Erika Friedman at (603) 516-6427 or e.friedman@dover.nh.gov.

Survey seeks feedback from motorists

Over the next 12 months, staff from the City of Dover and Sebago Technics will monitor traffic data and implement new traffic signal coordination programming throughout 17 signalized intersections along the Central Avenue corridor. As part of the ongoing implementation, drivers who use the corridor are asked to provide feedback about how these efforts are improving traffic flow. This feedback includes a simple, five-question poll, which can be accessed online at <https://conta.cc/3pFYtQI>. Other such surveys will be published as changes to the signal timings are made to gauge public reaction.

The program is the result of a partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT), which provided grant funding to install the innovative technologies at 17 of Dover's intersections within the Central Avenue corridor.

The \$811,875 project is made possible from \$649,500 in grants from the FHWA's Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration Grants Program administered by the DOT and a 20 percent match from the City of Dover, totaling \$162,375. The FHWA grants were approved by Governor and Executive Council, DOT and Dover City Council. FHWA's AID Demonstration Program provides funding to accelerate the implementation and adoption of innovation in highway transportation.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450. To view a video detailing the project, visit <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=WPwgOuxNGoqm>.

Dover Chamber now accepting nominations for 2021 Annual Awards Gala

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards Gala, in which awards will be given out to the citizen, volunteer, educator, business and non-profit of the year. The Chamber also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.

These awards provide an opportunity for member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Gala, held on Friday, June 4, 2021. The format of the event is to be determined.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to think about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit award nominations, visit www.dovernh.org/awards. Nominations for business, volunteer, non-profit, and citizen of the year are due April 9 by 4 p.m. Nominations for educator of the year and student scholarship applications are due May 3 by 4 p.m.

"Our volunteers, advocates, dedicated residents, and businesses are true assets of our community," says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. "If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination."

The Annual Awards Gala serves as a sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorships in connection with the Annual Awards Gala, email Community Events Manager Morgan Faustino at events@dovernh.org.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information on programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.



COVID-19 vaccination registration remains open for New Hampshire residents in Phase 1B

COVID vaccination registration for NH residents in Phase 1B began on Jan. 22. Vaccinations are under way. Phase 1B includes:

- Persons who are 65 years of age or older
- Persons who are under 65 years old with defined medical conditions that put them at significantly higher risk
- A caregiver for a medically vulnerable family member under 16 years of age
- Staff member or resident of an institution for developmental disabilities
- A corrections officer or staff member working in a correctional facility
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

The registration and scheduling process for vaccination will vary depending on the person's prioritization criteria and location of vaccination clinic:

- Persons 65 years of age and older should register to be vaccinated at a fixed site by visiting <https://vaccines.nh.gov>. Persons without internet access should call 2-1-1 to get assistance with registration.
- Persons under 65 years of age who are prioritized due to medical conditions need to register through their healthcare provider to confirm eligibility and facilitate vaccination.
- Other Phase 1B individuals should register to be vaccinated at a fixed site by visiting <https://vaccines.nh.gov> (or call 2-1-1 if no internet access), through their organization (e.g. hospital employee), or through a vaccination clinic organized by a Regional Public Health Network (RPHN).

If you are unsure what Phase you fall under, use the COVID-19 Vaccine Phases Assessment Tool to help you determine your status: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>.

Statewide mask mandate

A statewide mask mandate remains in effect through March 26, 2021.

Per the order, everyone over the age of 5 in New Hampshire must wear mask or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, when unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their own households.

The entire order, including exceptions and exclusions, [can be viewed here](#).

COVID-19 updates

Want to receive the latest information about the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and how it affects your community? Sign up for the City of Dover's email updates and you'll receive helpful information from local and state health officials about the pandemic, including how you can protect yourself and others, how to safely enjoy the holidays, what to consider before traveling, and much more.

To start receiving the email updates, visit

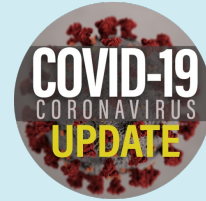
After submitting your online registration form, you will receive an automated email from the CDC Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) to schedule your vaccine appointment. [Guide to the VAMS registration and scheduling process.](#)

For general questions on vaccination or to schedule vaccination if the online system cannot be used, call 211 or 1-866-444-4211.

If you are a Dover resident or a Dover Public Library card holder and you need help navigating registration, the Dover Public Library may be able to help. Call 516-6050, email libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov, or send the Library a message to find a time that works for you.

bit.ly/doverdownload and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.

For more information, visit the City's COVID-19 [online resource here.](#)



When can I get a **COVID-19 VACCINE** in NH?

Updated: 1/21/2021

DECEMBER - MARCH*

PHASE 1B NOW OPEN

To register go to www.vaccines.nh.gov

- People 65 and older
- Medically vulnerable people under 65 who are at significantly higher risk with 2 or more conditions
- Family caregivers of medically vulnerable persons under 16 years old
- Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

PHASE 2

PHASE 2A

- K-12 school and childcare staff

PHASE 2B

- People 50-64 years old

MARCH - MAY*

PHASE 3

PHASE 3A

- Medically vulnerable people under 60 years old at moderately higher risk with 1 or more conditions

PHASE 3B

- Everyone else not already vaccinated

MAY and BEYOND*

Visit vaccines.nh.gov or call 2-1-1 for more information.

*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to NH from the federal government and vaccine uptake.

What you should know about COVID-19

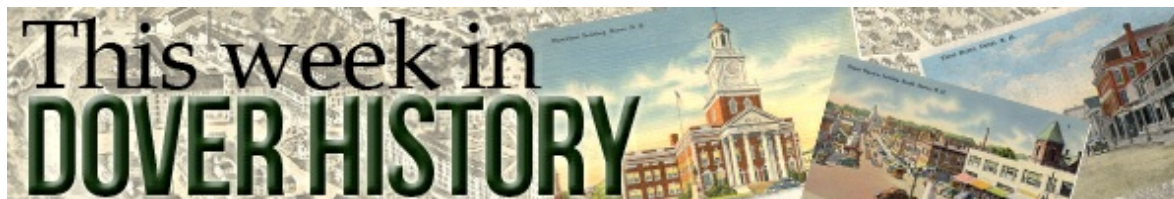
COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. [Guidance for self-quarantine is available here.](#)

Whether or not you are experiencing symptoms, multiple testing options throughout the State are available to potentially exposed individuals. For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing. Other options can be found here: www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm.

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities, so all people need to protect themselves and help prevent further community spread, by:

- [Stay at least 6 feet away from others](#), whenever possible. This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- [Cover your mouth and nose with a mask](#) when around others. This helps reduce the risk of spread both by close contact and by airborne transmission.
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- [Avoid crowded indoor spaces](#) and [ensure indoor spaces are properly ventilated](#) by bringing in outdoor air as much as possible. In general, being outdoors and in spaces with good ventilation reduces the risk of exposure to infectious respiratory droplets.
- [Stay home and isolate](#) from others when sick.
- [Routinely clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19/.



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](#).

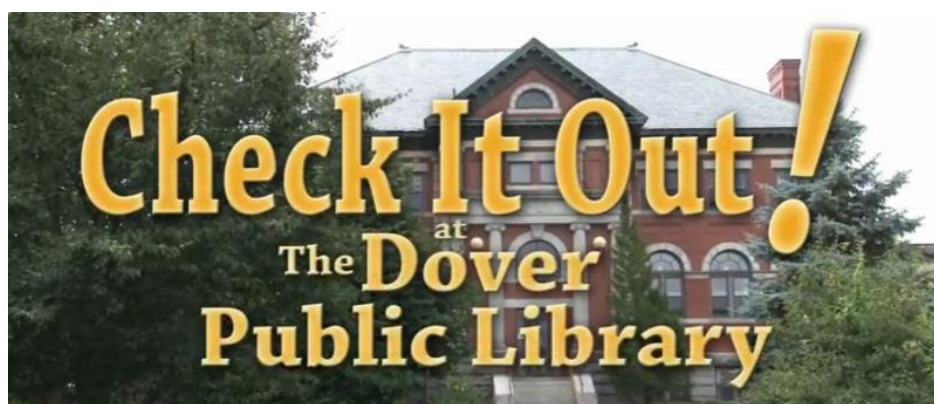
Feb. 22, 1754 — Petitions for a new parish in Dover, by the name of Somersworth, were presented again this year, and the Assembly appointed a committee "to take a view of such part of Dover as may be necessary in order to judge whether the prayer of the petition ought to be granted or not, and make report thereof as soon as may be, the petitioners to be at the cost and charge thereof."

Feb. 24, 1788 — A fight at a tavern in New Durham ends up in the fatal stabbing of Peter Drown by Elisha Thomas, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Thomas was sent to the jail in Dover where he was hanged in June of that year. It was Dover's first hanging. To learn more about Dover's first hanging, see the Made in Dover video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keUxmlPBO-w>.

Feb. 25, 1804 — William Hurd and John Jones, for passing counterfeit 10-dollar bills of the New Hampshire Bank, were sentenced by the Supreme Judicial Court, held in Dover, "to sit one hour in the pillory, pay a fine of \$200 each, and costs of prosecution, and to stand committed until sentence be performed."

Feb. 22, 1855 — The Piscataqua Bridge became impassable and its use was discontinued, about 500 feet of it being carried away by the ice.

Feb. 23, 1917 — It is reported that the City of Dover's Street Department has spent \$129 per inch of snow in snow removal operations after a recent storm that dropped 10 inches of snow on the City.



February vacation at Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library has lots of options, both virtual and in person, to keep kids of all ages busy during February vacation week.

Are you a Disney extended universe superfan? Prove it! Join the Teen Trivia night on Monday, Feb. 22 from 6-7 p.m. We'll be testing our knowledge of Disney, Marvel, and Star Wars using Kahoot! both in-person and virtually. If you'd like to participate virtually, please register to receive a Ring Central meeting link 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.

The library is offering a Virtual Cartooning Class on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 2-3 p.m. Award-winning cartoonist and humorous illustrator Rick Stromoski <http://rickstromoski.com/> will teach you how to create your own cartoon characters, draw facial expressions, and even some animals. Kids in grades three through seven are invited to register for this virtual vacation week activity. All you need is some paper and your favorite drawing tools. You will receive the link the day of the program when you register.

On Thursday, Feb. 25 at from 3-4 p.m., teens in grades 7-12 are invited to join us as we travel back through time and space in this virtual tribute game to Ernest Cline's best-selling novel Ready, Player One. Come test your problem-solving and trivia knowledge (no spoilers are revealed in the playing of this game) Registration is required.

In addition to our regular weekly Craft and Stem Grab and Go activities, we will offer more kits geared towards older kids and teens. We are also partnering with the Children's Museum of New Hampshire to bring you even more Stem activities. These kits will be available each month through June. They will contain all the supplies you need as well as links to instructional videos. All of these kits will be available starting on Monday, February 22 while supplies last.

Don't forget we have lots of books, audiobooks, and DVDs to keep the family entertained. We are still offering outside pick-up of materials on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Some museums are also open so check our website for information and to reserve a pass.

All of our programs are free and open to the public. Please check our website library.dover.nh.gov for more information or to register for programs.

The Week at the Library

February VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Sheet Pan Suppers* by Molly Gilbert. Throughout the month of February, 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. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 to 4 p.m.

Virtual Dungeons & Dragons: Teen A

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan. 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. This group is geared toward ages 18 & under. Registration required.

Monday, Feb. 22, 3 to 4 p.m.

VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday Afternoon Book Group

Join us VIRTUALLY via RING CENTRAL or

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and older in the Lecture Hall

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though 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. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Read WITH a Librarian

Sign up to have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and reading ability your child might want to only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! Once you register we will be in touch with you by Tuesday evening to schedule a time that works best for your

in-person at the Library to discuss *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register for this event if you plan to attend virtually. Log in information for Ring Central will be sent to registrants via e-mail 60 minutes before book club begins.

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Get Lit! Adult Book Club in Lecture Hall

Join this adult book club and discuss *His Only Wife* by Peace Adzo Medie. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla Digital. Social distancing protocols will be followed and attendees are asked to wear a mask. All are welcome!

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Are You Ready, Player One? Virtual Escape Room for Teens

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to join us as we travel back through time and space in this virtual tribute game to Ernest Cline's best-selling novel *Ready, Player One*. Come test your problem-solving and trivia knowledge (no spoilers are revealed in the playing of this game)!

Friday, Feb. 26, 9 to 10 a.m.
Global Poetry Society in the Lecture Hall

The Global Poetry Society is dedicated to exploring poetry from around the world. Run by Shane Morin, his goal is to help our community learn about great poets from Asia, Africa, South America, Native Peoples, and more. Between sessions, registrants will be emailed a reading list of freely accessible poems that will introduce the works to be discussed at the next meeting. Meetings will be held every other Friday morning. This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required.



19th annual sweepstakes tickets moving fast

Just over 50 tickets remain for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Sweepstakes and Auction, and the winner of \$10,000 in cash will be announced during a virtual event on March 17. Only 300 tickets are being sold at a price of \$50 each, making the odds of winning pretty good.



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The Annual Sweepstakes and Auction is the Chamber's largest fundraiser and supports community events such as Apple Harvest Day, Cochecho Arts, Festival, Festival of Trees, Citizens Leadership Academy, and more. Sweepstakes tickets can be purchased online at dovernh.org/sweeps.

The event is underwritten by First Seacoast Bank, which has acted as the Sweeps underwriting sponsor since the event's inception in 2002.

The event's entertainment sponsor is Holy Rosary Credit Union. Other featured sponsors are Profile Bank; Mr. Electric; Shaheen & Gordon, P.A.; Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, P.A.; and Ourea Solutions. In addition to the \$10,000 grand prize drawing, this event will also feature a silent auction.

Some of the auction items include a round of golf for four at the Cochecho Country Club; Sunset Sail Passes on the Gundalow; a total grilling package donated by Home Depot and Janetos; and a Vintage Black Onyx Vermeil Link Bracelet donated by Market Square Jewelers. There are plenty more items available for auction, as well. The silent auction will go live on Monday, March 8, and will close on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Visit dovernh.org/sweeps for updates regarding the silent auction.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.

A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

Don't let your recycling be rejected

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

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



What's acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover?

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

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

"The state of single-stream recycling has changed on a global basis," Storer said. "There is a dwindling market for single-stream recycling, so in order to keep recycling fiscally viable, we need cooperation from residents in what gets placed for collection."

On July 1, 2020, Waste Management took over as the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste vendor. The City Council approved the new five-year contract in February, following a five-year contract with Pinard Waste Services. Recycling accounts for \$600,000 of the \$1 million increase in waste collection costs due to changes in the recycling market and challenges

dealing with contaminated recycling.

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

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

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

Bulky trash items

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

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

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

All recycling and trash, including bulky tag items, should still be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before. [Click here](#) for an interactive map that shows trash pickup days based on location.

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



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Sign up for parking ban alerts today

Text DoverNH to 99411 to receive parking ban alerts

Sign up for text alerts at bit.ly/dovercodered

Sign up for e-mail alerts at bit.ly/doverdownload

Current ban status: bit.ly/doverban or 516-PARK

 **CodeRED™**

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.

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**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Utility Laborer**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Streets**
- **Executive Secretary, Finance**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Custodian**

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

