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Join the Mayor and City Council for coffee on Saturday

A "Coffee with the Mayor and City Council" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020, at 9 a.m., in the Community Room at the Dover Police Department on Chestnut Street. In addition to the Mayor and City Council, City officials will also be on hand.



Coffee with the Mayor and City Council is open to everyone and provides an opportunity for discussion on all city matters of interest.

Coffee will be provided.



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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The workshop session will be followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m.

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

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To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit <u>www.dover.nh.gov/dntv</u>.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar

A resolution before the City Council on Wednesday, Feb. 26 recommends negotiating a five-year contract for the collection of curbside solid waste and recycling with Waste Management. The contract with Pinard Waste Services, the current vendor, expires in June. Pinard did not submit a bid for another five-year contract.

The resolution before the City Council is the result of a recommendation by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Community Services staff to pursue the new contract with Waste Management.

Prior to the regular meeting on Feb. 26, the City Council will hold a workshop on the proposed contract with Waste Management. The workshop begins at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The regular meeting begins at 7 p.m.

At a previous City Council workshop in January, Community Services Director reviewed the bid process, the city's requirements for the collection and disposal of trash and recycling, and the projected cost of the new contract. If approved, the cost of the Waste Management contract in fiscal year 2021 will result in an increase of \$1 million over the current contract, or a \$400,000 increase for solid waste and a \$600,000 increase for recycling.

"Fortunately, for about the last 10 years the city has experienced stable pricing for both solid waste and recycling services," Storer said. "But with the state of the world's recycling market, combined with highly competitive labor rates, significant price increases are pending."

Storer said at the workshop that Community Services also reviewed whether it's feasible for the city to purchase its own trash trucks and add new staff, but also recommends pursuing a contract with Waste Management for the next fiveyear contract, both for collection and disposal of trash and recycling. Waste Management was the lowest bidder.

The workshop can be viewed online at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=miMAF7McilkR</u>.

Despite a new contract, Storer said residents won't see a change to existing services.

"Assuming the city is able to successfully negotiate a contract with Waste Management, they would start providing service on July 1, 2020," Storer said. "Until that time, Pinard remains the city's contractor, so residents should not see any change in collections services, or changes in the weekly collection schedule."

To see the resolution before the City Council, which includes additional background material, <u>view the meeting agenda</u> <u>here</u> and click on agenda materials.

<u>page</u>.



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> City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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City seeks public input on Consolidated Plan

Listening sessions, survey and public hearing are opportunities for feedback on priorities

The City of Dover's Department of Planning and Community Development is developing a Consolidated Plan to identify how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are distributed. The Consolidated Plan will describe community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken under certain Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs, including CDBG.

Each year, the city accepts applications from public service agencies, qualified individuals and eligible organizations for grant funds from the CDBG program. The federal funds are distributed to organizations and projects that are found to best address development needs identified by the community. Eligible CDBG activities include, but are not limited to, acquisition of property, development or improvement of public facilities, clearance or demolition, public services, and special economic development activities.

The City of Dover will hold a series of Listening Sessions to gather community input related to Dover's CDBG program. Information gathered during these sessions will assist in the development of the Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. These CDBG documents are used by local decision makers to prioritize annual CDBG funding allocations for community-based projects, programs and organizations over a five-year period. Draft versions of both documents, which will incorporate feedback from the Listening Sessions and other outreach efforts, will be made available for public review in late March.

Individuals, organizations, agencies and programs are invited to attend the Listening Sessions to learn more about the Consolidated Plan, CDBG program and provide comments about critical community issues, needs and opportunities. The Listening Sessions are scheduled as follows:

Waldron Towers, Community Room

3 Green Street, Dover Saturday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

City Hall, First Floor Conference Room

288 Central Avenue, Dover Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Woodman Park Elementary School, Cafeteria

11 Towle Avenue, Dover Wednesday, Feb.26, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

McConnell Center, Room 306

61 Locust Street, Dover Saturday, Feb. 29, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Horne Street Elementary School, Cafeteria

78 Horne Street, Dover Tuesday, March 3, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, First Floor Conference Room

288 Central Avenue, Dover Wednesday, March 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

In addition to attending any of the Listening Sessions, the public may take an online survey. The anonymous survey will require approximately 15 minutes to complete.

The survey can be accessed here: <u>https://conta.cc/38tOzc3</u>.

The public will also have an opportunity to provide input at an upcoming public hearing. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing regarding the City of Dover's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the development of a new Consolidated Plan and efforts to affirmatively further fair housing on Tuesday March 10, 2020, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. Information received at the public hearing will be used to help develop Dover's FY21-25 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan serves as the guiding document for identifying priority issues to be addressed through annual CDBG funding.

To learn more about Dover's Community Development Block Grant program visit <u>https://go.usa.gov/xdRrM</u>.

The City of Dover has been a CDBG entitlement community for over 25 years. The HUD program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income people. HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities.

For more information, contact Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner, at <u>d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</u> or (603) 516-6008.

Public comment period on EPA draft

permit open through March 9

If approved, federal mandate will cost Dover and the region hundreds of millions of dollars

A public comment period on a draft nitrogen discharge permit recently issued by the Environmental Protection Agency for Great Bay remains open through March 9, 2020. The draft permit's requirements, if adopted, would likely cost \$100 million in Dover alone, and could top \$1 billion across all communities in the Great Bay watershed.

Public comments must be submitted by the close of the comment period on March 9 either in hard copy form or electronically to: Michael Cobb (<u>Cobb.Michael@epa.gov</u>), U.S. EPA, Region 1, 5 Post Office Square, Suite-100 (06-1), Boston, MA 02109-3912.

Officials from Dover and throughout the Great Bay region attended a public hearing earlier this week to voice concerns to the EPA about the draft permit.

Dover's City Council recently approved a resolution that urges additional peer review of the draft permit. The Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit, or NPDES, will regulate nitrogen levels in the Great Bay watershed, including the levels of nitrogen discharged from wastewater treatment facilities.

The City of Dover has worked for decades to reduce nitrogen in the estuary, investing significantly in science-based wastewater technology and infrastructure.

The City of Dover is calling for a comprehensive and scientific peer review of the EPA's draft permit prior to issuing the final permit.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. said the new draft permit is a change in course from the previous draft permit, focusing now on nitrogen concentration levels for all 13 communities whose wastewater treatment facilities discharge into Great Bay. The new proposed levels and how they will be enforced have raised a number of concerns, including the cost to upgrade the wastewater and stormwater management systems to meet those requirements.

"We have a track record of reducing nitrogen that flows into Great Bay," Joyal said, adding that city staff and the City Council have made significant wastewater system improvements that help diminish the amount of nitrogen discharged into Great Bay. "That's the right thing to do for the health of Great Bay. Nevertheless, we have concerns that the levels being proposed in this permit are unnecessarily restrictive and, frankly, unattainable given the science as we know it today. There's a significant cost in even trying to achieve what would be required by the permit. We're talking on the scale of hundreds of millions of dollars." Following a draft permit issued for Dover by the EPA in 2011, the city has been working with the EPA, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and other municipalities in the Great Bay estuary to seek options that are less costly and scientifically sound. The Great Bay Municipal Coalition conducted a peer review of the nitrogen criteria cited by the EPA and NHDES and found the data to be unfounded.

Community Services Director John Storer said the draft permit's proposed yearly nitrogen loading threshold of 100 kilograms per hectare is not based on relevant scientific studies of nitrogen levels and eelgrass growth.

"Experts have dismissed the validity of setting a theoretical loading rate without considering the unique characteristics of the estuary, and have instead recommended that a quantitative, estuary-specific analysis is required to effectively guide watershed management actions," Storer said. "It would be more scientifically objective to focus on actual measured concentration of total nitrogen within the estuary, which is what would directly impact water quality."

Recent studies show measured total nitrogen concentrations dropping significantly and the eel grass population shows signs of rebounding.

"Our criticism of the theoretical 100 kilograms per hectare loading rate is that it does not consider what the actual nitrogen levels are within the estuary," Storer added. "Our experts suggest targeting a desired end point total nitrogen concentration, and then working to determine what loading rate protects estuary health and eel grass."

Eel grass was flourishing in the mid-1990's when nitrogen loading rates were documented in excess of 200 kilograms per hectare, which is more than double what is currently being proposed.

In addition, Storer said "our hope was to receive a permit that allowed for a truly adaptive management program, and one that would foster collaboration for further data collection and analysis to help improve estuary health. But the permit is mandating compliance with something we feel is impossible to achieve, nor is it supported by current science. Unless the permit is modified, it will have significant economic impacts on our community, and will act as growth limiting ordinance."

At a Feb. 5 City Council workshop, Joyal and Storer reviewed the draft permit with councilors and explained the potential ramifications to taxpayers and water and sewer system ratepayers. The presentation to the City Council can be viewed in its entirety here:

https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=UfLPvLi60Xj6.



During colder weather, Dover's warming centers are open to provide relief.

For those seeking to warm up, several City of Dover public facilities are available during regular business hours as warming centers, including the McConnell Center, Public Library and City Hall.

Additional overnight warming centers are available in the tricity area during cold weather.

For an up-to-date list of warming centers, visit the City of Dover's online warming center resource at <u>bit.ly/doverwarmingcenters</u>.

Group plans Litter Collection Walk this Saturday

Don't Trash Dover, a group of local volunteers, will hold a one-hour Litter Collection Walk this Saturday. Feb. 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet at the main entrance of Dover Public Library.

Bring your children, your spouse, your parent, your friend, your neighbor. Get some exercise, do some good for our community, meet some people, and see how many bags you can help fill.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and have litter grabbers to loan. If you have your own, please bring it. Gloves are recommended.

Don't Trash Dover shares efforts being made to reduce litter in Dover and to encourage awareness of its effects on the environment.

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



Census invitations begin next month

Participation critical to state and federal funding for Dover

Between March 12 and March 20, invitations to participate in the 2020 Census will start arriving in households across the country.

"The Census Bureau is ready for the nation to respond next month," said Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham. "Millions of Americans are applying for 2020 Census jobs, more than 270,000 local and national organizations are engaged, and in less than 30 days the majority of U.S. households will receive an invitation to respond to help ensure that every person in the U.S. is counted."

"The 2020 Census is on mission, on schedule, and on budget to promote an accurate count," Dillingham continued. "Response is important because statistics from the census are used in distributing where



hundreds of billions in funding for school lunches, hospitals, roads and much more. The invitations will remind respondents to include everyone living in the household, whether they are related or not. This includes young children. Your response will impact communities for the next decade."

"The Census Bureau has successfully tested its data collection systems, has built backup systems to support resilient operations, and is ready to receive responses from all around the country," added Dillingham.

This invitation will include instructions on how to respond to the 2020 Census online or by phone. By April 1, most households will have received an invitation delivered either by mail or by a census taker. In areas of the country that are less likely to respond online, a paper questionnaire will be included in the initial mailing to households. Reminder mailings will be sent to households that do not respond, and in the fourth mailing every household that has not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire.

Once households receive invitations, please respond to the 2020 Census by using the provided Census ID. If a household is unable to enter the Census ID people can still respond, by providing an address. Whether people respond online, by phone or by mail, it is important to respond right away.

Below is a timeline of how and when the Census Bureau will invite households to complete the 2020 Census questionnaire:

- March 12-20: Initial invitations to respond online and by phone will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with the invitation to respond online or over the phone.
- March 16-24: Reminder letters will be delivered.
- March 26-April 3: Reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not responded.
- April 8-16: Reminder letters and paper questionnaires will be delivered to remaining households that have not responded.
- April 20-27: Final reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not yet responded before census takers follow up in person.

If a household does not respond to any of the invitations, a census taker will follow up in person sometime between May 13 and July 31. A sample of the 2020 Census paper questionnaire and preview of the online questionnaire is available, along with more information about when most people will receive their invitations in the mail.

The 2020 Census questionnaire is available online and by phone in English and 12 additional languages: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese. These 13 languages cover the language needs of over 99% of all U.S. households. To help ensure a complete count of everyone, the Census Bureau will also provide video language guides, print language guides and language glossaries in 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language, Braille, and Large Print.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. Census statistics help determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and how billions of dollars in federal funds are allocated to state and local communities for the next 10 years. For more information about the 2020 Census, visit <u>2020census.gov</u>.



Mounted Patrol welcomes new member to the stable

The Mounted Unit has a new horse, Benny, who is on trial with the unit. Rasa will be retiring this spring due to a number of chronic health issues. Benny is a 6-year-old Percheron Cross. The officers located him for sale in Deerfield. Benny was used as a pulling horse.

Benny is in Dover with the unit on a trial basis to see if he is fit for work as a police horse. It takes a number of weeks to establish rapport with any new mount. The officers then introduce sensory training (exposing the horse to unfamiliar sights and sounds) to ensure they are able to handle these things out in public. Horses are flight animals by nature, but to be mounted police horse, they must learn not to flee when startled. Slowly the new mount will be taken out in public with a mentor horse. As horses are herd animals they typically prefer to have a "buddy" at all times. This helps give the horse confidence when faced with new things.

So far, Benny has done very well and started on the street in December. Benny has the perfect personality for policing in Dover as he is very interested in people and craves attention. The many followers of the Dover Mounted Patrol have been watching his progress and are thrilled when to get to meet him downtown.

Every day Benny is becoming more comfortable with his new job as a police horse. It takes approximately a year for a new mount to be "seasoned".



Waterfront blasting continues this week

Blasting and drilling in the area known as "the bluff," a steep area of ledge that borders River Street, will continue this week. The ledge is being excavated as part of the City's waterfront development project. Blasting and drilling will occur Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Blasting operations are expected to conclude by March 15.

Although blasting operations are not loud, the ground within the vicinity of the blasting may tremble.

The five-acre bluff is part of the City's 24-acre waterfront parcel slated for development. Much of the bluff's 3.7 acres of ledge has been excavated to street level to allow for more buildable land. The blasting and drilling work will extend this area by removing an additional 20,000 cubic yards of ledge.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee selected Cathartes last year as the developer for the project on the city owned waterfront property.

For more information about the waterfront development project, contact City Planner Steve Bird at 516-6008 or <u>s.bird@dover.nh.gov</u>.

To stay up to date on the waterfront project, sign up for the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee newsletter at <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u>. From the list of newsletters, select "Dover Planning; Waterfront Development Update".



Six scams to be wary of in 2020

If you're convinced that scams only affect a particular group of people, think again. Sadly, millions of Americans are targeted by scammers every year. More than three million people reported fraud to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 2019.

The most common, imposter scams, involve individuals pretending to be someone of trust to get money or personal information from a victim. This includes personal information like your Social Security number or access to your finances. The top frauds reported last year were from people pretending to be from the government, a well-known business, or a romantic interest in need of help.

A large portion of imposter scams are those pretending to be from the U.S. government. A few of the more common ones are:

- **IRS Scams**: These scammers send a notice through email, mail, or phone calls in an attempt to gain access to your tax or banking information to steal your identity and money. Learn how to report these scammers if you've been affected.
- Social Security Scams: Individuals pose as benefits investigators claiming a problem with your Social Security account. At times, they will tell you your number has been suspended and give a false number to call in order to "resolve" the issue. If you or a loved one has received one of these threatening calls, you can report them directly to the Social Security Administration.
- **Telephone Scams**: Scammers try to steal money and personal information through phone calls, text messages or robocalls. They can convince you that you are getting free products or opportunities to invest your money or even get more. These fraudsters often make

threats of jail or lawsuits if a fee isn't paid. Fight these by reporting them to the appropriate authorities.

- Charity Scams: Charity scammers take advantage of disasters and tragedies by pretending to be legitimate. Imposters create fake organizations mimicking real ones to entice the generosity of those affected emotionally. Learn who to report them to.
- Romance Scams: Finding love online can be a doubleedged sword if you're not careful. It can be someone who lives near you or someone posing as a doctor or military officer stationed far away. Be aware that people can create fake profiles on dating and social media sites in an attempt to find a match and convince you to help financially. Understand the signs of these situations and what to do if you've been affected by one.
- Investment Scams: These scammers ask you to invest money to earn higher returns without financial risk. Companies then request you to bring more people in to do the same. They often need a constant flow of new people investing in order to make money. Ponzi and pyramid schemes are great examples of investment scams. Contact the Securities and Exchange Commission or your state's securities regulator to get help.

Most Americans have been targeted or even lost money or personal information as a result of scams. Lessen your chances of it happening. Look out for common elements and follow these 10 tips to help prevent becoming a victim in the future.

Visit <u>USA.gov/Stop-Scams-Fraud</u>s for more information on scams, how to prevent them and how to report them.

Spur Road closed to through traffic

Spur Road is now closed to through traffic on weekdays, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. This restriction will remain in place over the next several weeks during work on the Spur Road Reconstruction Project.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450 or visit the project page at <u>https://go.usa.gov/xd2zm</u>.





Dover Robotics takes first place at state competition

Team 7804 Tie Fighters, the FIRST robotic team sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America via Dover SAU 11, was awarded a first-place award at the New Hampshire State Championships, recently held at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. Additionally, the Tie Fighters were bestowed with the CONNECT honor, special recognition given to the team that most connects with their local science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) community.

Comprised of both Dover middle and high school students, Team 7804 Tie Fighters members are Jeremy Giguere, Advay Nomula, Ben Sears, Stone Slattery, Ethan Sidmore, and Jack Rickman. The team is led by mentors Jeff Slattery and Jon Sidmore and sponsored by Northeast Precision, Weeksie's Pizza, and TurboCam International.

To learn more about the team, please visit www.ftc7804.com.

Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover elementary schools are now accepting appointments for kindergarten and first-grade registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. To be eligible, children entering kindergarten must be five years old by Sept. 30, 2020; and children entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten), must be six years old by Sept. 30, 2020. In addition, to complete the registration process, parents and guardians must provide a copy of a birth certificate, proof of residency, proof of immunization and physical exam, and, if necessary, court documents stating custodial rights.

The schedule is as follows:

Horne Street School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 3, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 4, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 5, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Woodman Park Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 3, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 4, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 5, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Garrison Elementary School

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 3, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 4, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 5, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a one-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools on the following dates:

- **Garrison Elementary**: Tuesday, April 21; Wednesday, April 22; and Thursday, April 23.
- Horne Street: Tuesday, April 14; Thursday, April 16; and Monday, April 20.
- **Woodman Park**: Tuesday, April 14; Wednesday, April 15; and Thursday, April 16.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.



Coming up in Dover schools

Monday, Feb. 24 through Friday, Feb. 28, No School Winter Recess

Monday, March 9, 7 p.m., McConnell Center, Room 306 School Board meeting

> Friday, March 27, No school Teacher Workshop

Monday, April 13, 7 p.m., McConnell Center, Room 306 School Board Meeting





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. 25, 1738 - At Oyster River, Mr. Pere's house was burnt down, and himself and four children consumed in the flames. His wife jumped out of a chamber window, but is scorched to such a degree that her life is despaired of.

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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

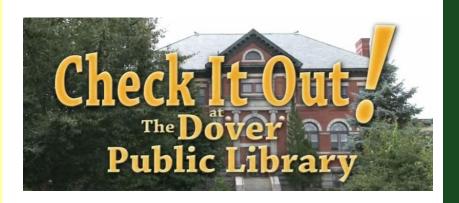
make report thereof as soon as may be, the petitioners to be at the cost and charge thereof."



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, visit <u>https://youtu.be/keUxmLPBO-w</u>.

Feb. 26, 1828 - Publication of Dover Enquirer commenced.

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.



"Kids vs. Parents" Trivia Night at Dover Library

Do you know what site was headquarters for George Washington's Army in the winter of 1777-78? Which continent is the least populated? Can you name a homophone for the word "won"? What causes tides? Hmmm... are you smarter than a fifth grader?

Test your wits at the Dover Public Library's "Kids vs. Adults" Trivia Night on Wednesday, March 4 at 6 p.m. Kids in Grade 5 and up are invited to attend.

Prizes (and bragging rights) will be awarded to the winning team.

Pre-register your team and get five bonus points.

Visit <u>http://library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call 516-6050 to register.

Winter break events at the Dover Public Library

Join us at the Dover Public Library for a week of fun, free activities for the entire family. We kick-off vacation week on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. with our popular STEM Saturday. Kids in grades kindergarten and up are invited to design, build, and compete with paper airplanes. Prizes awarded for the longest flight and most creative.

Superhero fans, don't miss the Mini Marvel Avengers Marathon on **Monday, Feb. 24**. "Avengers: Infinity War" (PG-13) will begin at 2:30 p.m., then pizza and refreshments will be served from 5-5:30, and "Avengers: Endgame" (PG-13) begins at 5:30 p.m.

Do you like to crack codes and solve puzzles? We need your help on **Tuesday, Feb. 25** to breakout out of Mr. Lemoncello's Library. Sign up for this escape room based on the children's book by Chris Grabenstein. Kids in grades two through four can register for the 2 p.m. session and those in grade five and up should sign up for the 3 p.m. session at the library's website: <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u>.

Fans of the graphic novel series "Dog Man" by Dav Pilkey will not want to miss "Dog Man Mania" on **Wednesday, Feb. 26** from 2 to 4 p.m. Crafts, games, activities, and snacks will all be part of the fun. Every kid who attends will be entered in a raffle to win a Dog Man T-shirt! On Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m, patrons from 10 to 110 are invited to make whimsical yarn birds in our Maker Space. Space is limited so please go to <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> to register.

On **Thursday, Feb. 27** from 2 to 3 p.m., animal lovers will be treated to a live animal show by Curious Creatures <u>https://www.curiouscreatures.org/</u>. Get up close to some fascinating mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

Have you ever wanted to walk the runway in a fashion show? You'll get your chance to show off your favorite pajamas at our "Pajamarama" event on **Friday, Feb. 28**. The fashion show will begin at 10:30 a.m., and there will be crafts, activities, and hot chocolate and donuts from 10 a.m. until noon. Don't forget your blankets and stuffies! Also on Friday, from 2 to 4 p.m., kids in grades three and up can join us for Electrifying STEM. Experiment with Snap Circuits, Makey Makeys, and other kits to learn how electricity works.

On **Saturday, Feb. 29**, we end our action-packed week with a "Take Your Child to the Library Day" celebration. From 9 to 11 a.m. families are invited to enjoy pancakes with our special guest, Elmo. At 11 a.m. local author and illustrator Aaron Risi will perform songs based on his children's book "A Moose with a Uke". At 2 p.m. we will show the movie "Arctic Dogs" (PG). There will be crafts, Legos, and raffles from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including a special raffle for any child who gets his/her first library card that day (must be five years old).

We have plenty of events planned to keep families busy and engaged during school vacation week. For more information, call the Children's Room at 516-6052. And don't forget about books, audiobooks, downloadable materials, museum passes, and all the other services that the Dover Public Library offers.

Sign up for Family Place Workshop

The Dover Public Library will offer a series of free Family Place Workshops starting on Monday, March 2, from 10 to 11 a.m. These programs, designed for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers, run for five consecutive Mondays. They are fun, informal, play-based programs which provide a rich environment of toys, books, and art activities.

Families have the opportunity to spend time together, make new friends, and talk one-on-one with a different community resource professional each week. Topics will include early literacy; child development; speech, hearing and language; nutrition; and music, play and health. You may register once for the entire five-week series on the library's website, <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u>, or call the Children's Room at 603-516-6052.

This program is free and open to the public.

This Week at the Library

Saturday, February 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lego Saturday in the Children's Room

Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

<u>Saturday, February 22, 2 to 3:30 p.</u>m.

STEM Saturday: Paper Airplanes in the Children's Room Join us to design, build and compete with paper airplanes. Learn about the aerodynamics and the four forces acting on a flying object namely: Lift, Weight, Drag and Thrust. Prizes awarded for longest flight and most creative. All materials provided. Grade K and up invited.

Sunday, February 23, 2 to 4 p.m. Classic Cinema Sunday in the Lecture Hall

Teacher's Pet (1958): A hard-nosed newspaper editor poses as a night school student in order to woo a journalism teacher who cannot stand him, starring Doris Day and Clark Gable.

Sunday, February 23, 2 to 4 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under in the Learning Center

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons at the library with Dungeon Master Aidan Bolduc! The group will meet every other Thursday and there is no commitment to attend all meetings. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

<u>Sunday, February 23, 2 to 3 p.m.</u>

Unleashing the Poet Within in the Trustees Room In writing and revising poems, poets are able to express hardships, loss, joy and a multitude of emotions that are otherwise hard to express. In this lecture/discussion based course, participants will gain an understanding of poetical tone, imagery, and rhyme schemes and develop a unique literary voice. This 6-week course is taught by Shane Morin. It is not necessary to attend all six classes, but you will get the most out of the course if you do.

Monday, February 24, 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. February Vacation Event: Mini Marvel Avengers Marathon in the Lecture Hall

2:30 p.m.: Avengers: Infinity War 5 to 5:30 p.m.: Pizza and refreshment break 5:30 p.m.: Avengers: Endgame

<u>Tuesday, February 25, 2 to 3 p.m.</u> February Vacation Event: Escape Room in the Lecture

Hall

Breakout of Mr. Lemoncello's Library for kids in grades 2 to 4. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Tuesday, February 25, 3 to 4 p.m.

February Vacation Event: Escape Room in the Lecture Hall

Breakout of Mr. Lemoncello's Library for kids in grades 5 and up. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Wednesday, February 26, 1 to 3 p.m. Fourth Wednesday Movie in the Lecture Hall

Earth: An epic story of adventure, starring some of the most magnificent and courageous creatures alive, awaits you in Earth. Disney nature brings you a remarkable story, narrated by James Earl Jones, of three animal families on a journey across our planet - polar bears, elephants and humpback whales.

<u>Wednesday, February 26, 2 to 4 p.m.</u> Dog Man Mania in the Children's Room

Celebrate the wildly popular *Dog Man* series by Dav Pilkey. Crafts, games, activities, and food will all be part of the fun!

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Adult Book Club at Blue Latitudes

Join this new book club and discuss "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Enjoy a specialty cocktail courtesy of Blue Latitudes, located at 431 Central Avenue.

<u>Thursday, February 27, 2 to 3 p.m.</u> Curious Creatures in the Lecture Hall

Families are invited to meet and greet a variety of live animals brought to us by Curious Creatures.

Thursday, February 27, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under in the Learning Center

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons at the library with Dungeon Master Nate Adair! The group will meet every other Thursday and there is no commitment to attend all meetings. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Thursday, February 27, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Older in the Learning Center

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons at the library with Dungeon Master Dave Wolk! The group will meet every other Thursday and there is no commitment to attend all meetings. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

<u>Thursday, February 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</u> Fourth Thursday Movie in the Lecture Hall

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: Based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Lloyd Vogel.

<u>Thursday, February 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m.</u> Make a Drop Spindle and Learn to Spin in the Makerspace

Winter time is a great time to learn how to spin. In this class you will make a drop spindle from a dowel and some old CDs. Then try your hand a spinning (turning wool into yarn), and learn how to ply multiple strands together. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

<u>Friday, February 28, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</u> Pajamarama in the Children's Room

Wear your finest sleepwear and join us for crafts, activities, and hot cocoa and donut holes! The pajama fashion show will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, February 28, 2 to 4 p.m.

Fun with Electricity in the Children's Room Kids in grades 3 and up are invited to experiment with Makey Makeys, Snap Circuits, and other other kits to learn about how electricity works.

Saturday, February 29, All Day Take Your Child to the Library Day in the Children's Room

Help us celebrate the national program Take Your Child to the Library Day! Pancakes with Elmo from 9-11 AM, local author/illustrator Aaron Risi at 11-12 PM, and special raffles, snacks and crafts all day.

<u>Saturday, February 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</u> Lego Saturday in the Children's Room

Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in

anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

Saturday, February 29, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Author/Illustrator Aaron Risi in the Children's Room Aaron Risi, author and illustrator of *A Moose with a Uke*, will entertain families with original songs based on his picture book.

> Saturday, February 29, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday Matinee in the Lecture Hall

Artic Dogs: Swifty the fox discovers a devious plan to drill beneath the Arctic surface to unleash enough gas to melt all the ice. With help from his friends, Swifty and the gang spring into action to save the day.



Report winter wild turkey sightings to Fish and Game through March 31

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is asking the public to report sightings of wild turkeys online at <u>https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/surveys/turkey.html</u>. Please do not report multiple sightings of the same flock. The state's Wild Turkey Winter Flock Survey runs through March 31.

Last winter, volunteer turkey watchers submitted 486 flock reports, totaling 9,833 turkeys. Reports were down last year from the previous year's totals likely due to the high mobility of turkeys throughout winter. Much of the state experienced relatively low snow fall with icy crusts which allowed turkeys to move easily without burning energy stores. This also resulted in turkeys not having to congregate for long periods in sites where they would be continually observed, according to Game Program Supervisor Dan Bergeron.

The purpose of this online survey is to enhance the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's existing winter flock

data collection efforts, adding to the Department's understanding of the abundance and distribution of turkeys during New Hampshire's challenging winter months. This is also an exciting way for citizen scientists to interact with their local turkey populations.

The digital survey asks participants to report the number of turkeys in the flock, where they were seen, the type of habitat the birds were observed in, and what the turkeys were feeding on (acorns, beechnuts, birdseed, corn silage, etc.).

"This reporting system allows the public to contribute important information to our understanding of winter turkey status in an inexpensive, efficient and, hopefully, enjoyable way," said Bergeron.

The Department is also asking observers to report any signs of two viruses that have appeared in New Hampshire's turkeys in recent years (learn more at <u>https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/turkeys/turkey-</u> <u>virus.html</u>). "The viruses are not too widespread yet, but we are keeping a close watch," said Bergeron. "Look for warty protuberances in the head and eye area."

Knowledge of the status of wintering wild turkeys is particularly important in New Hampshire, where severe winter weather and limited natural food supplies can present serious challenges for turkeys.

Restoration Success Story: New Hampshire now has an estimated 40,000 wild turkeys. Their presence here is a true wildlife restoration success story. Wild turkeys had disappeared from New Hampshire's landscape for more than a century because of over hunting and habitat loss from extensive land clearing in the 1800s. Their recovery in the state began with a successful reintroduction of 25 turkeys in Walpole by N.H. Fish and Game in 1975. Modern-day turkey research and monitoring is funded by the federal Wildlife Restoration Program, supported by the purchase of firearms, ammunition and archery equipment.



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Coming up at the Dover Community Senior Center

Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. in the McConnell Center

Lisa Winton of Rogers Hearing Solutions FREE 15 minute appointments are offered on the 4th Monday of each month with the following services available: hearing screenings, hearing aid checks and cleaning, as well as basic hearing aid repairs that can be done on-site. Call Linda at 516-6420 to schedule an appointment.

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 Sex Please, We're Sixty

Shake those winter blues with a raucous romp that proves that fun and games don't stop at any age. When the local lothario's Viagra gets mixed up with a new ladies' little blue pill, he suddenly has all the symptoms of menopause, complete with hot flashes and mood swings. Hilarity ensues! \$110 members/\$120 not yet members. Includes transportation, buffet lunch, the play, a cabaret show following

the play, and all gratuities.

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 2 p.m. in the McConnell Center

America's Music Cities Travel Presentation Learn about the Dover Senior Center's trip to Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans in April 2021! RSVP to Linda at 516-6420. To learn more, visit: https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1017875

Monday through Thursday, May 11-14, 2020 Visit Ottawa, Canada's Capital City

Join the Dover Senior Center on a trip to Ottawa. Tour highlights include spectacular blooming tulip displays, Parliament and Embassy Row, Canadian Museum of History, Royal Mounted Police Stables and a cruise on the Rideau River. \$739 per person/double occupancy. For more information, contact Linda at 516-6420.

<u>Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020</u> Gloucester Lobster Cruise

Board the Beauport Princess Cruise Ship and enjoy a New England Clam Bake during this two and a half hour cruise. Afterwards enjoy shopping and sightseeing in scenic Rockport. Price includes bus transportation from the Dover Arena Park and Ride. \$115 members/\$125 nonmembers. For more information, call Linda at 516-6420.

Monday through Tuesday, Sept. 8-9, 2020 Red Sox vs. Yankees at Yankee Stadium

Join the Dover Senior Center on a trip to New York City for a sightseeing tour and Red Sox vs. Yankees ball game at the spectacular new Yankee Stadium. Enjoy visiting Rockefeller Center, Times Square and the 9/11 Memorial Museum. Tour includes hotel, transportation, breakfast, game tickets and museum admission. For more information, contact Linda at 516-6420.

Monday through Monday, Sept. 14-21, 2020 Pacific Northwest and California Trip

Join the Dover Senior Center on a trip to the Pacific Northwest featuring Washington, Oregon and California. RSVP to Linda at 516-6420. To learn more, visit: <u>https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/964441</u>

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? <u>Sign up</u> <u>now</u> 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,<u>click here</u>. An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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:

- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Custodian, City Hall
- Custodian, Library
- Truck driver, Utilities
- Camera operator
- Lifeguard
- Swim instructor

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



Know what's "In the Bin":

How to keep your your recycling clear of contamination

The City of Dover and Pinard Waste would like to remind residents that only the items listed below should go in your household recycling bin:

- Metal: Food and beverage cans.
- Glass: Bottles and jars.
- Plastic: Bottles, jars, jugs and tubs.
- Paper and Cardboard: Mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and boxes.

When we recycle properly, materials can get to their next best use, which helps protect the environment by conserving natural resources, saving energy and reducing 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 sends it to a landfill. It's important to know when an item is not recyclable and to place it in the trash. Follow these simple recycling guidelines:

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

Not sure if an item is recyclable? When in doubt, visit <u>https://www.recyclesmartma.org/</u>. Enter the item name and click search.

Knowing what's "In the Bin" can help avoid contaminated loads of recycling, which are being rejected at processing centers and disposed as trash. These contaminated loads of recycling result in additional charges to the city.

For more information, please contact the Recycling Center at 603-516-6450 or refer to the <u>Talking Trash brochure</u>.

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 <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching

meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.