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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 26, 2021



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DOVER, NH**

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**City Hall
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Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30
p.m.

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8:30 a.m. to 4
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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council workshop to focus on master plan, affordable housing

The City Council will meet next on Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. for a workshop session to discuss a variety of planning initiatives, including the City's Master Plan, an update on waterfront development, and affordable housing.

First on the workshop agenda, Planning staff and representatives of the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will update the City Council on the project's progress. The waterfront committee in January approved a revised Concept Site Plan submitted by the project developer, Cathartes, and site design work is now underway. In the coming months, the committee is expected to review the site and architectural designs, prior to their submission to the Dover Planning Board.

Christopher Parker, Dover's Assistant City Manager: Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives, will then review the City's Master Plan and ongoing work to update the plan's chapters. The Master Plan is a comprehensive plan which guides the City's long-term development. Dover began a cycle of updating all Master Plan chapters in 2012.

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

Last up the agenda, Parker will make a presentation to the City Council on the the City's planning initiatives to foster affordable housing.

The workshop will be begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, and is open to the public. The workshop will also be televised live on Channel 22 and streamed live from the City's website here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.

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

ENGRAVING THE PAST

Black Heritage Trail looks to honor Dover's storied singer Nellie Brown Mitchell

Prominent 19th-century African American soprano singer Nellie Brown Mitchell is buried at Pine Hill Cemetery next to her decorated Civil War veteran husband, Capt. Charlie L. Mitchell, and her parents and siblings.

However, for reasons that may be lost to history, Brown Mitchell's headstone was never engraved after her death on Jan. 5, 1924. The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire wants to correct that.

In October, the Cemetery Board approved the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire's request to clean and engrave Brown Mitchell's headstone and to install a historical marker commemorating her at the gravestone.

State Sen. David Watters of Dover, a member of the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire's board of directors and who is heading up efforts to have Brown Mitchell's headstone engraved, said he envisions the historical marker also including information about her family, such as her husband, who was among the first African Americans elected to the Massachusetts

Legislature, and her brother Edward E. Brown, a prominent Boston attorney believed to be the first African American justice of the peace in New Hampshire.



The project of engraving the stone and installing a marker is part of a larger state-wide Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire project to raise awareness of the state's Black history.

Brown Mitchell grew up in Dover and lived there into the 1870s. Some reports show she was born in 1845; online census records appear to have her birth in 1850. Records indicate they lived on Cedar Street, near Broadway and the train tracks. Cedar Street was later renamed to Winter Street. Her father, Charles J. Brown owned a hairstyling business. Based on the research by [Janice Brown published](#) on her blog, "Cow Hampshire," she believes the grandfather of Brown Mitchell's mother, Martha A. (Runnels) Brown, may have been Peleg Runnels, an enslaved man from Alton Bay who was granted freedom from his time as a soldier during the Revolutionary War, where he saw combat in the Battle of Rhode Island.

Details of Brown Mitchell's early singing career in Dover was included in a [chapter about her](#) in James M. Trotter's 1878 book, "Music and Some Highly Musical People: Remarkable Musicians of the Colored Race."

"A few years ago, while attending a private school in Dover, Miss Caroline Bracket, a teacher in the same, noticing that Miss Brown possessed a naturally superior voice, earnestly advised its fullest cultivation. This lady became her first music teacher. Diligently pursuing her studies, she made rapid progress. Being induced to take part in occasional school and other concerts, our subject soon became quite prominent in Dover as a vocalist and was engaged in 1865 to sing in the choir of the Free-will Baptist church of that city."

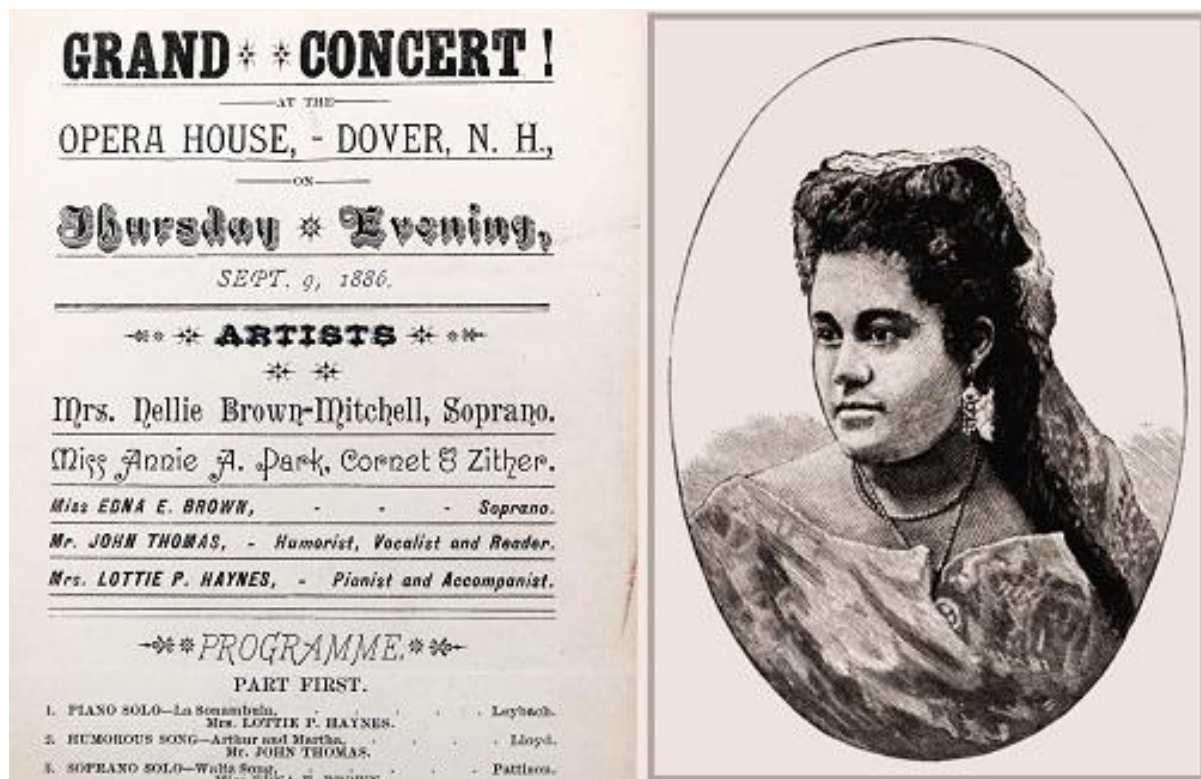
The church was [Washington Street Free Will Baptist Church](#) at the corner of Washington Street and Fayette Streets, later becoming today's Dover Baptist Church. She remained the lead soloist until 1872, when the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in Haverhill, Massachusetts, hired her to be the lead soloist there. Brown Mitchell returned to the Washington Street Free Will Baptist Church from 1876-1878 before becoming the musical director and principal soloist of Bloomfield Street Methodist Church and other churches.

In Maud Cuney Hare's 1936 book, "Negro Musicians and Their Music," she writes, "During her career, Nellie Brown had the distinction of being the leading soprano of four leading white churches in Boston, among which were the Winthroe Street Church of Roxbury and the Bromfield Street Church."

Sonya R. Gable-Wilson writes in her [2005 doctorate dissertation](#), "Let Freedom Ring! Four African-American Concert Singers in Nineteenth-Century America," that Brown Mitchell studied at the New England Conservatory and the New England School of Vocal Arts in Boston, where she obtained a music degree. "While still a student, Mitchell gave four recitals in Boston, several in Washington, D.C., and made her New York debut in 1874 at Steinway Hall," Gable-Wilson wrote.

After touring with another company, she launched the Nellie Brown Mitchell Concert Company in 1886 that included her younger sister, Edna. Mitchell Brown toured around the eastern half of the country, which included local performances.

The Dover Public Library, which has a [webpage about Brown Mitchell](#), has in its archives a playbill from a Sept. 9, 1886 "Grand Concert" at the Dover Opera House. The venue was located at Dover's second City Hall, which stood at the corner of Central Avenue and Washington Street until destroyed by fire in 1889.



GRAND * * * CONCERT !
— AT THE —
OPERA HOUSE, - DOVER, N. H.,
— ON —
Thursday * Evening,
SEPT. 9, 1886.

— * * * ARTISTS * * * —
* * *
Mrs. Nellie Brown-Mitchell, Soprano.
Miss Annie A. Park, Cornet & Zither.
Miss EDNA E. BROWN, - - - Soprano.
Mr. JOHN THOMAS, - Humorist, Vocalist and Reader.
Mrs. LOTTIE P. HAYNES, - Pianist and Accompanist.

— * * * PROGRAMME. * * * —
PART FIRST.
1. PIANO SOLO—La Sonnambula. Lottibach.
Mrs. LOTTIE P. HAYNES.
2. HUMOROUS SONG—Arthur and Martha. Lloyd.
Mr. JOHN THOMAS.
3. SOPRANO SOLO—Wells Song. Pattison.
Miss EDNA E. BROWN.

CITY OF DOVER PHOTO/"MUSIC AND SOME HIGHLY MUSICAL PEOPLE," JAMES TROTTER

In its archives, the Dover Public Library has a copy of a playbill of Nellie Mitchell Brown's concert at the Dover Opera House in 1886.

It wasn't the first time Brown Mitchell sang there. On Dec. 19, 1873, she headlined a Friday-night concert at the Opera House that received promotional blurbs before the event and a glowing write-up in the Dec. 20, 1873, edition of the Foster's Daily Democrat.

"Miss Brown was very warmly greeted, and surprised all with the ease and grace of her appearance, the richness of her voice, and the fine rending of her music. She was enthusiastically encored, and acquitted herself in all respects faithfully and well."

Even considering the "bad state of the weather, the Hall was well filled, and by a very appreciative class of our people," Foster's reported.

Gable-Wilson states, "Mitchell should be categorized not only as one of America's first black classically trained singers, but also as an educator, entrepreneur, financier, and arts-function organizer. She was a true entrepreneur in the full sense of the word."

Watters said Brown Mitchell "rivalled the best singers of the day." But he believes if she were not judged by the color of her skin, "she would have been performing with the top opera performing companies in the world."

Her musical touring seems to have ended around 1890. She continued to make a living as a vocal teacher and invented a device she called the "phoneterion" to help train proper tongue position for vocal students. She also sang and organized events locally. She sang at William Lloyd Garrison's funeral, where her husband was a pallbearer, and she also sang at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Brown Mitchell died 12 years after her husband, somewhere between the age of 74-79. Her death was noted locally in Foster's Daily Democrat two days after death on Jan. 7, 1924. Seven days later on Jan. 14, the paper ran a longer obituary, which began, "In the death of Mrs. Nellie Brown Mitchell, the music world has lost a true artist; one who really loved her profession and was dearly beloved by those who knew her best."



CITY OF DOVER PHOTO

Storyed African American singer Nellie Brown Mitchell is buried next to her decorated civil war husband, Capt. Charles L. Mitchell, who died 12 years before her. However, for some reason, Brown Mitchell's tomb was never engraved.

Mitchell Brown, along with her husband Charles Mitchell and brother Edward Brown, were leaders in the Boston community.

Charles L. Mitchell

Charles Mitchell was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and at 17 apprenticed for the Hartford abolitionist newspaper, "Charter Oak," according to Oct. 20, 1900 profile in the "Colored American," published in Washington, D.C. He moved to Boston in 1853 and came to work at Lloyd Garrison's abolitionist newspaper, "The Liberator." During the Civil War, Charles Mitchell enlisted in the 55th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. He fought in the 1864 Battle of Honey Hill in South Carolina, where he was injured in combat and had to have part of his leg amputated. After his term in the legislature, Mitchell was appointed to a position at the Boston Customs House, where he worked until he retired in 1910.

Edward E. Brown

Brown Mitchell's brother, Edward Brown, was profiled in the front-page article, "Duty of the Government," published in the Nov. 25, 1899 edition of "The Colored American." Calling him a "leading attorney" in Boston, the article notes his Dover roots, graduating from Dover High School in 1878 and was accepted to study at Dartmouth College, though it doesn't appear he studied there based on a Boston Globe article, which noted Brown being the first Black justice of the peace in New Hampshire.

"He began his legal studies in the law office of Hon. John H. White, a distinguished New Hampshire jurist and Judge of the Probate Court in the City of Dover," the Colored American states. Brown then went on to study at Boston University Law School and then began his career where he became known as "a keen cross-examiner and a powerful, eloquent and convincing jury advocate."

"He has tried many important civil and criminal cases, and possess, in a marked degree, the respect of the bench and the bar. He is well known for his great interest he takes in race matters and is always willing to sacrifice his time, ability and money to secure equality of rights to the poor, despised and oppressed Negro."

They also highlighted his lobbying efforts to create a national anti-lynching law. Brown is quoted in the article:

"It is no longer a Negro or sectional question, for the lynching mania is spreading like a cancer over the whole country, sapping the life-blood of the Republic, undermining American institutions, and degrading the manhood and womanhood of the land. It teaches our youth to [disregard] law and order, and look upon our courts of justice with contempt and will breed a race [of] anarchists and nihilists; for the same element that would lynch a Negro without the form of a trial for some fancied grievance against their neighbor would burn down his house, his store or his factory."

Edward Brown died in Boston in 1919 and is also buried in the Brown family plot at Pine Hill Cemetery with his wife Katherine Glover Brown. So too is Edna Brown Bagnall and her husband Rev. Powhattan Bagnall.

City of Dover's commitment to racial equity

The City Council and the City of Dover are committed to eliminating systemic racism and building a stronger community that is safe and welcoming for all people. The City is also committed to being inclusive, representative, and responsive to historically underrepresented and underserved communities, particularly communities of color, immigrants, and refugees. That commitment extends to all City of Dover departments and functions.

Part of that fulfilling that commitment include the City Council's creation of the [Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion](#) in the fall of 2020. The City Council charged the Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion "to review data, hold listening sessions, and recommend to the City Council and City Manager, an action plan outlining existing and new steps to be taken to work to eliminate systemic racism in municipal operations, including boards and commissions, and foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for all." That committee is early in its work and

had its most recent meeting this Thursday. The committee has been meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

The City Council's creation of the Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion is a step in assisting the City of Dover in fulfilling its commitment by conducting a systematic review of municipal operations and creating actionable items for the City of Dover to execute. The origins of the committee stem from a resolution the City Council passed at its June 24, 2020 meeting, "[Condemning Racism and Affirming City of Dover's Commitment to Eliminating Racial Inequities](#)." This resolution came in the wake of African American George Floyd's tragic death, who was killed in police custody in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

More recently, Dover Police William Breault created the [Community Engagement Committee](#) "to offer a meaningful way for ongoing two-way communication with a diverse community representation" that "will provide additional means for the public to raise concerns, ask questions, provide input, and develop an understanding of police operations, continuing the department's collaborative problem solving and reinforcing its role in serving as a positive community resource." That committee also meets monthly.

In 2018, the City Council [condemned](#) the separation of family members of immigrants seeking to cross the border into the United States from Mexico, stating the policy "completely counter to our culture of acceptance, openness, and diversity." In 2019, the Council [passed a resolution](#) that authorized "the City Manager to provide written consent for refugee resettlement in the City of Dover" consistent with a letter written to then Secretary of State Mike Pompeo from the Gov. Chris Sununu.

The City Council and the City of Dover understand that uncovering implicit bias is a long-term process, and it always welcomes ideas and suggestions in ways to improve.

Upcoming Meetings:

Ordinance Committee, March 1, 8:30 a.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

School Board, March 1, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, March 1, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

City Council, March 3, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the

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

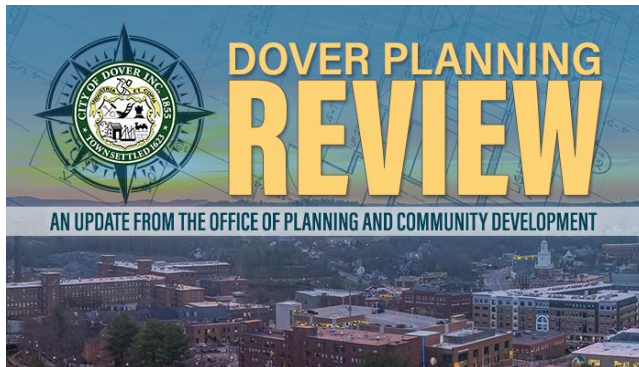
meeting agenda, [click here](#).

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

committees, visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/.

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

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>.



Gov. Sununu announces the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Gov. Chris Sununu this week announced a new rental assistance program through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) that will provide assistance to eligible residents of New Hampshire who cannot pay their rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This program will open up doors of opportunity and help New Hampshire families who have struggled through this pandemic," Sununu said. "We worked hard to open up as many channels of eligibility as possible so that no one struggling has to worry about making rent or keeping their lights or heat on."

The New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP) will be administered by New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), in collaboration with GOFERR. NHHFA will work with the five regional Community Action Partnerships (CAPs), including Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, that will accept and process applications and payments for the program.

NHERAP funds can cover current and past due rent, as well as utility and home energy costs for eligible households. This assistance is available retroactive to April 1, 2020 through the date of application, and the applicant may also receive up assistance for these same expenses going forward. Households may receive assistance for a total of 12 months.

Payments will be provided directly to the landlord or utility provider on behalf of the household. Landlords, with the tenant's permission, may apply for assistance on behalf of their tenant.

To be eligible, at least one person in the household must qualify for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, had significant costs, or had other financial hardship due to COVID-19. The household must also be at risk for homelessness and meet certain income requirements.

The program is federally funded and must follow federal law. This program is only for eligible renters and landlords, not homeowners, per federal rules.

Full program guidelines and the NHERAP application information will be available by March 15, 2021 at www.NHHFA.org/emergency-rental-assistance. GOFERR, NHHFA, and the CAPs are committed to a simple and streamlined application and funding process.

An extensive statewide outreach campaign is planned to inform the public, renters, landlords, organizations, and service providers about the New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Details about the program are available at www.NHHFA.org/emergency-rental-assistance.

Forbearance and foreclosure protections for homeowners

Last week, the Biden-Harris Administration announced an extension of COVID-19 forbearance and foreclosure protections for homeowners. The actions announced this week will extend the foreclosure moratorium for homeowners through June 30, 2021; extend the mortgage payment forbearance enrollment window until June 30, 2021 for borrowers who wish to request forbearance; and provide up to six months of additional mortgage payment forbearance, in three-month increments, for borrowers who entered forbearance on or before June 30, 2020.

More information can be found [here](#).

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:

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](#).

- 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/>.

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.

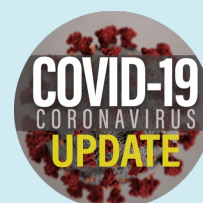
If you are a Dover resident or a Dover Public Library card holder and you need help navigating registration, the Dover Public Library may be able to help. Call 516-6050, email libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov, or send the Library a message to find a time that works for you.

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 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 2A
• K-12 school and childcare staff

PHASE 2B
• People 50-64 years old

MARCH - MAY*

PHASE 3A
• Medically vulnerable people under 50 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

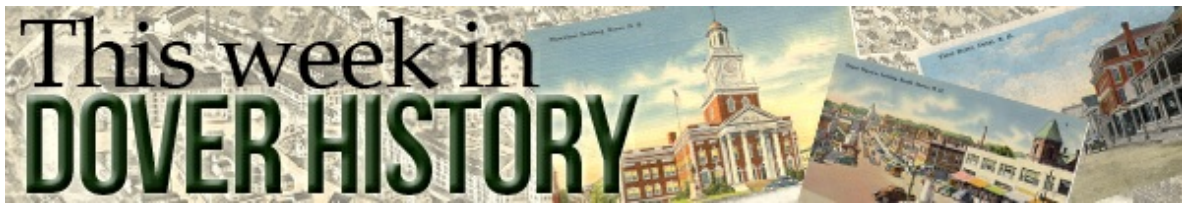
primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing. Other options can be found here: www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm.

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/.

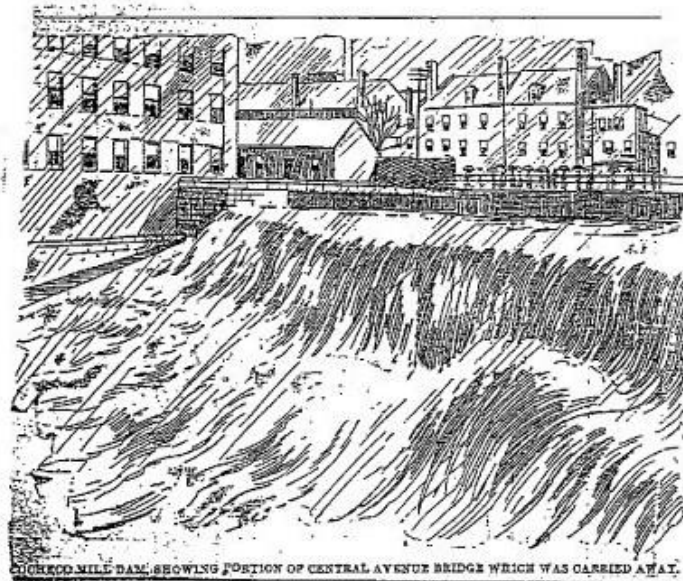
Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services



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

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

CALAMITY ON THE COCHECO



(Foster's Weekly Democrat ~ Friday, March 6, 1896)

DOVER'S BLACK DAY

February 29 to March 2, 1896 — The following account was taken from the Dover Enquirer, Friday, March 6, 1896, and Foster's Weekly Democrat, Friday, March 6, 1896. These news stories report on the terrible day which was to become Dover's Black Day.

FIVE BRIDGES DESTROYED. BRACEWELL BUILDING RUINED. COCHECO SAWYER MILLS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. NO LOSS OF LIFE. F.H. FOSS, ROBERTS BROS., K.I. FLYNN & CO. LOSE ALL. FIRE BURNS CONVERSE & HAMMONDS LUMBER.

Sunday, March 1, and Monday, March 2, 1896, will go down in history as Dover's black days. The devastation wrought by flood and fire inside of twelve hours is unparalleled. The power of an irresistible mass of water was never more fully realized by our citizens than at this time, when the city's debt has been swelled over a hundred thousand dollars, some of our businessmen almost financially ruined by losses which no insurance covers, to say nothing of losses small in comparison that poor and even well off persons who live on the river's bank have suffered. At no time could the city and its inhabitants have stood such a calamity so poorly. Terrible enough at any period, it is all the more so in these hard times when work is scarce and money more so.

The city has lost three bridges: the Central avenue, \$25,000, the lower Washington street bridge, \$6,000, and Whittier, \$2,000.

Three stores and offices above were torn away from Bracewell block. Fred. H. Foss, stationery, fancy goods, etc., total loss \$4,500 to \$5,000; Roberts Bros., boots and shoes, \$12,000, the Misses Flinn, millinery, \$3,000; Drew and Boomer, photographers, \$2,000; Wm. Roberts, law library and office fixtures, \$1,000. Mayor Nason got all the things out of his office on that floor and Dr. Reilly had previously moved away his dental outfit to go to Haverhill. Foss, Roberts Bros., and the Flinns saved nothing and can get no insurance as policies do not include damage by flood.

From fire the firm of Converse and Hammond will lose \$10,000 worth of lumber, lime, etc., and one of their own store houses. All this is covered by insurance, the only loss in being the loss of business.

The Cocheco Mfg. Co. will be set back \$100,000 or more as near as can be estimated this

afternoon. Their machine shops have been flooded, their engine rooms likewise, a loss of chemicals and dyes in the print works is entailed that cannot be estimated for many days, two of their bridges gone so that no coal car can be carried by rail to the engine rooms, and no steam to be given to the printery until a new steam pipe is put across the Cocheco from No. 1 mill.

The loss by Col. John Bracewell, who owns Bracewell block, is estimated at \$20,000: not only the three stores are completely carried away but the other stores are damaged considerably being wrenched out of place.

In this most awful destruction of property there is but one consolation and that is that nobody was killed by drowning or by any other means, and no one met with serious personal injury.

To read more about Dover's Black Day, visit the [Dover Public Library's historical page here](#).

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: dovernh.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 European 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.

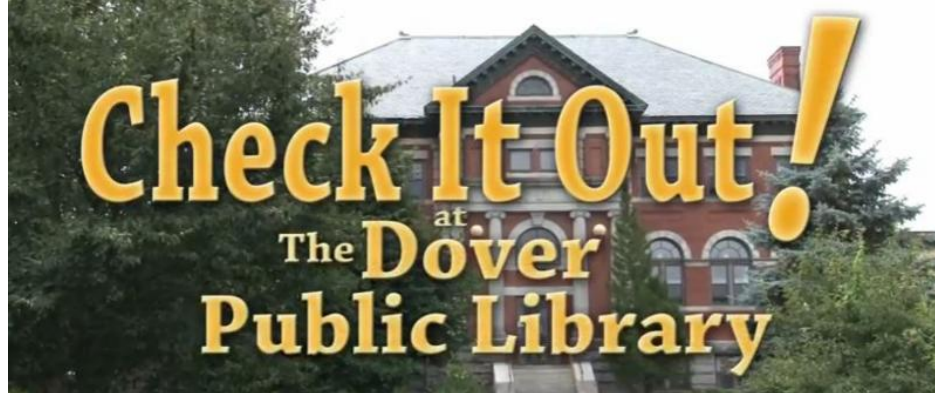
Survey seeks feedback from motorists

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>.



Three-week online organic gardening course at Dover Public Library

A new layer of snow has fallen and it might be hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner! Get a jump on your garden preparations by learning the best techniques to grow healthy, beautiful plants.

The Dover Public Library will offer a free online three-part organic gardening course on consecutive Wednesdays nights: March 17, March 24 and March 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The course will include practical tips on how to create a new garden, soil preparation, seed starting, planting techniques, cultural techniques during the growing season (such as watering, fertilizing, and pest and weed control), how plants and soil interact, succession planting, planting multiple crops in the same space at the same time, how to compost, crop rotation, cover cropping, and mycorrhizobials.

The sessions will also include discussions about our existing industrial food production system, including globalization and famine, organic alternatives of urban gardens, small scale farming, and backyard gardening.

Instructor Vincent Cirasole is an experienced teacher and commercial vegetable grower from Rochester. He taught physical education and organic gardening in New York before relocating to NH in 2013. He is a Master Gardener and organic growing enthusiast who owned a landscape gardening business for 18 years and a 12,000 square foot commercial organic garden for 11 years. For seven years, he was on the Board of Directors for the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York.

The organic gardening course will be held live online through Ring Central and registration is required to access the login information. You do not need to attend all three classes. This program is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

The Week at the Library

March VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Plenty* by Yotam Ottolenghi. Throughout the month of

March, 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@doover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

Tuesday, March 2, 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

Monday, March 1, 6 to 8 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen B
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! This brand new Monday night group will be starting on the arctic survival quest Rime of the Frostmaiden! A perfect starting point for players new and old, adventurers will have to brave the elements and face the dangerous polar monsters of Icewind Dale to protect what few settlements cling to the ice. Registration required.

Monday, March 1, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The New Normal: New England Road Trip

If you're itching for a little escape, look no further than "The New Normal: New England Road Trip," a virtual presentation with Chronicle reporter Ted Reinstein. During a challenging time when most people are limiting their travel, this talk takes folks along on a rollicking ride around New England in just 1 hour from the comfort of their own home! Registration required.

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.

Weds., March 3, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Knitting Group in the Lecture Hall

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather in the Lecture Hall with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules

Thursday, March 4, 10 to 11 a.m.

Morning Book Group in Lecture Hall

Join us for a monthly book group the first Thursday of each month. This month, discussion will be on the book *American Marriage* by Tayari Jones.



Community group seeks interest in Dover Community Garden

Would you like to grow your own food? Are you interested in being a part of a community garden? A local community group is working to establish a community garden in Dover by 2021 and would like your input. Please take a few moments to complete a short survey designed to gauge interest and preferences for the garden's location, goals, and style. The survey is for anyone living in Dover and takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Take the survey here: <http://bit.ly/37InKCG>.



The results of the survey will be used to inform discussions with the Dover City Council and city officials, aid in funding applications, and help shape the community garden project.

For more information, contact Annie Macadam at dover.growfood@gmail.com.

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 April 26-29, 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:

- Monday, April 26: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 27: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 28: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, April 29: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Re-certification held on Thursday, April 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 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.

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@dovern.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.



Report winter wild turkey sightings through March 31

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

Results from the 2020 Winter Flock Survey reflected 2,309 reported flocks totaling 40,476 turkeys statewide. This was a significant increase over the 486 flocks totaling 9,833 turkeys reported in 2019, and also greater than the 2018 survey which yielded 1,372 flock observations totaling 20,224 turkeys.

"The increase in observations during the 2020 winter survey may be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic," said New Hampshire Fish and Game Turkey Biologist Allison Keating. "With many people spending more time at home last winter there was an increase in backyard bird feeding as well as bird watching, which may have contributed to the uptick in reports."

The online 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, such as acorns, beechnuts, birdseed, or corn silage.

"Many people just like to see turkeys on the landscape because their presence is part of what makes New Hampshire unique," said Keating. "But the observations people report through the online survey greatly add to the Department's understanding of the abundance, distribution, and survival of turkeys through the winter months here in the Granite State."

The Department continues to monitor the prevalence of two viruses that are present in the wild turkey population: Avian Pox and Lymphoproliferative Disease Virus (LPDV). The public is asked to keep an eye out this winter for any turkeys displaying lesions or wart-like protuberances on the head or neck areas of turkeys they see and report these observations through the online survey.

To learn more about these viruses, visit www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/turkeys/turkey-virus.html.

Wild turkeys disappeared from New Hampshire's landscape for more than a century because of unregulated hunting and habitat loss from extensive land clearing in the 1800s. Their recovery in the state began during the winter of 1975 when 25 turkeys were trapped in New York and transferred to Walpole, NH. As that initial population grew, turkeys were trapped and transferred to different locations around the state up until 1995. Now, New Hampshire has a robust turkey population estimated at around 45,000 birds statewide. Wild turkey management and research is made possible by the federal Wildlife Restoration Program which is funded by an excise tax on the sale of firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment.

Host families needed to help students attend Dover High School

Dover High School has two openings for exchange students this coming school year. The following exchange students are seeking host families:

Carmen is from Germany and plays ice hockey, skates, plays basketball, and plays an instrument for band. She will be a junior and speaks excellent English.

Marilia is from Ukraine and participates in student government, likes to volunteer, and is interested in the United Nations club and student newspaper. She loves history, volleyball, swimming, and photography. She will be a senior and speaks excellent English.

Students stay with their host families for the school year, have their own spending money and insurance, follow family rules, do chores, and participate in school and family activities.

For more information, contact Ginger Smith at 603-397-2494 (text or call) or email grandmaginger15@gmail.com.

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 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.

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

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**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Streets**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Laborer I**

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

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.

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.

