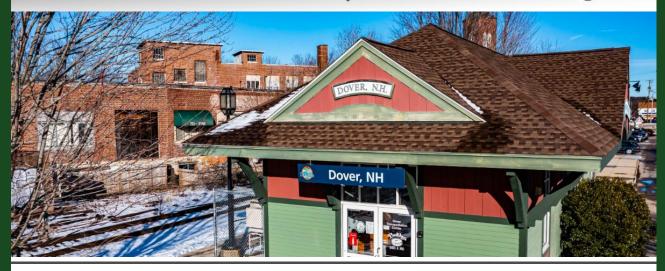


# News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 3, 2023



#### CITY OF DOVER, NH

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City Hall hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

# Arctic blast of cold arrives for weekend

A blast of Arctic cold air arrives today, Friday, Feb. 3, and will linger through Saturday, bringing with it dangerous wind chills. A Wind Chill Warning is in effect for Dover from 10 a.m. today to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Wind chills at times could reach 40 degrees below zero, according to the <u>National Weather Service</u>.

Dover Fire Chief Michael McShane urges everyone to take the necessary precautions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

"It's important to be aware of the dangers these cold temperatures can bring and to take the necessary steps to stay safe," said Chief McShane. "Never leave a child or pet unattended in a car in the cold, and if you can, stay inside to avoid the cold and wind chill. If you must go outside, make sure you are dressed appropriately and cover your hands and face."

Dover Fire and Rescue recommends that to stay safe in the cold weather, people should be aware of the following:

- Be aware of the dangers of frostbite and hypothermia and know the signs and symptoms
- Check on your family and friends during the cold weather,

#### Recycling Center hours:

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

- especially high risk populations such as the elderly and children
- Follow home fire safety and space heater safety measures

McShane said that it's especially important to be mindful of safety when trying to keep your home warm during extreme cold weather.

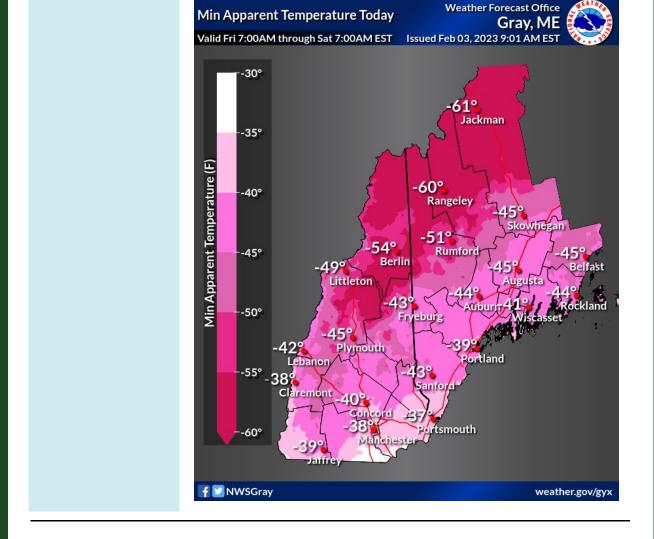
"We want to keep our citizens safe and warm during this cold weather," said Chief McShane. "It's important to keep in mind home heating safety measures such as never using a stove or oven to heat your home, making sure you have a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector on each floor, and never plugging space heaters into extension cords or power strips." McShane said frostbite and hypothermia are dangerous conditions that can happen fast in extreme cold weather. He said people at the highest risk of frostbite and hypothermia include older adults with inadequate food, clothing, or heating; babies sleeping in cold bedrooms; people who remain outdoors for long periods; and people who drink alcohol or use illicit drugs.

He said the signs of frostbite and hypothermia in adults are:

- Shivering
- Exhaustion or feeling very tired
- Confusion
- Fumbling hands
- Memory loss
- Slurred speech
- Drowsiness

McShane added that signs and symptoms of hypothermia for babies include bright red and cold skin, and very low energy.

For more information on how to stay safe in the cold, contact Dover Fire & Rescue at 603-516-6148.



# **Willand Warming Center opens today**

The Warming Center of Strafford County at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth will be activated today, Friday, Feb. 3, at 5 p.m. and will remain open until 9 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5. Due to the extremely cold temperatures expected tonight and Saturday, the Warming Center will remain open the entire day on Saturday.

Reservations/pre-registrations are not needed; access is walk-in only. The Warming Center welcomes anyone in need of a warm space.

Access Willand Drive via Route 108 (New Rochester Road) or Commercial Drive from High Street in Somersworth. The two nearest COAST Bus stops are High Street: Holy Trinity Church/Bernier Street (Route 1) and Midway Buick/Coastal Neurology (Route 12). Tickets/bus passes are required. In addition to buses, tickets are available at SOS Recovery Organization's 4 Broadway, Dover and 14 Signal St., Rochester locations during weekday hours. Find bus schedules at <u>coastbus.org/schedules</u>.

COAST Bus does not run after 3 p.m. on Saturdays or all day Sundays. On Saturday and Sunday nights, SOS operates a shuttle that picks people up at SOS's 4 Broadway Office in Dover, and the Dover Transportation Center at 33 Chestnut St., at 5 and 6 p.m. SOS will also pick people up at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the COAST bus stop near the Rochester Public Library on South Main Street.

People who need help getting to the Warming Center can also call 603-742-2709 between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. for assistance when the center is activated.

In addition to the Willand Warming Center, SOS, located at 4 Broadway in Dover, will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Community Action Partnership of Strafford County's drop-in center will be open during the day on Saturday. For CAP's exact hours on Saturday, visit <u>https://straffordcap.org/</u>.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the warming center and provide meals and other amenities.

Sign-up to volunteer for the Warming Center activation: <u>https://signup.com/go/XvTNnpp</u>

Sign-up to provide meals for Warming Center clients: <u>https://signup.com/go/xaWRjPB</u>

Contact the Warming Center at 603-742-2709, 603-969-1305 or via direct message to the Warming Center of Strafford County Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/warmingcenterofsc</u>.

#### **City facilities serve as warming centers**

Several City of Dover facilities serve as warming centers during cold weather.

Dover's warming centers include the McConnell Center, the Public Library and City Hall. These specific public buildings are accessible and welcome those seeking relief from the cold during regular business hours.

The Police Department's lobby at 46 Chestnut St. is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with chairs for those who need a respite from the weather. Additionally, the three fire stations are always open: Liberty North End Fire Station is located at 262 Sixth St; Central Fire Station is located at 9-11 Broadway; and the South End Fire Station is located at 25 Durham Road.

#### Need emergency assistance?

The City's Public Welfare Department is available to coordinate services for those who need and want emergency assistance, including shelter, food and medical care.

The Public Welfare Department, 61 Locust St., Room 334 on the third floor of the McConnell Center, is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone: 603-516-6500; website: <u>www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-welfare/</u>.

For after-hours emergency needs, call 603-742-4646, visit the Police Department at 46 Chestnut St, or any of the three fire stations, all available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to request assistance.



Mike Wilson/City of Dover

Residents and property owners can stack woody debris from last week's storm along the public rightsof-way for collection, which will begin next week. The debris pictured here, seen in Dover this morning, is ready for pickup.

# Curbside collection of storm debris begins next week

#### Residents can submit collection requests online

The City of Dover is contracting with an arborist to help clear public rights-of-way from lowhanging and downed branches and limbs from last week's storm. The contractor will also collect and process limbs and branches from Dover properties placed curbside as time allows. Work is anticipated to begin Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Submit curbside collection requests through Community Services' Service Request Portal at <u>service.dover.nh.gov/RequestPortal</u>, which can also be accessed through the city's home page, <u>www.dover.nh.gov</u>, by selecting the "Contact Us" button on the upper right-hand corner. Submissions create a trackable digital work order.

Curbside collection will be focused on City of Dover-owned public streets. Community Services will consider curbside collection of woody debris on private roads contingent on obtaining an indemnity release from the homeowner's association that governs the private road. For more information on private road curbside pickup, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

The curbside collection is a one-time event to help clear the destruction of last week's storm.

#### **Service Request Portal instructions**

To submit a service request:

- Go to <u>service.dover.nh.gov/RequestPortal;</u>
- Enter your name and email;
- Select "Public Works Streets" from the drop-down menu of the "Select an Issue Category" field;
- Select "Trees" from the drop-down menu of the "Select an Issue" field;
- Enter your address;
- In the "Optional Description" field, please provide a brief description of what is being picked up and the quantity to ensure crews respond appropriately.

For those needing assistance with the Service Request Portal or have other questions, call Community Services at 603-516-6450.

The Service Request Portal can also be utilized for all non-emergency public works or infrastructure issues, such as reporting a pothole or a street light out.

#### **Curbside collection instructions**

To ensure curbside collection:

- Stack branches as neatly as possible, placing "cut ends" facing the roadway; crews may not be able to collect a mish-mashed pile;
- Separate all limbs 15 inches in diameter or larger. The smaller material will be chipped on site; the larger limbs will be hauled away for further processing.
- Only place woody debris from last week's storm at curbside; other materials will not be collected.

The arborist completing the work is SavATree/Urban Tree Service of Rochester.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.



Brian Landry/City of Dover

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of-way for collection, which will begin next week. The debris pictured here, seen in Dover this morning, is ready for pickup.

# School Board adopts revised FY2024 operating budget

The School Board adopted a revised School Department fiscal year 2024 budget at a special meeting on Monday, Jan. 30. The meeting was held immediately following a budget workshop.

The School Board adopted the School Department's FY2024 budget on Jan. 17 but scheduled further budget discussions for Jan. 30.

In a 6-1 vote at the Jan. 30 special meeting, the board approved a bottom-line budget of \$84,614,778, a 0.6% increase from the current FY2023 budget. The budget calls for \$52,383,727 to be raised by local property tax, exceeding the estimated tax cap calculation by \$538,373. The revised budget reduced the amount over the city's estimated tax cap by \$587,290 from the original Jan. 17 adopted budget. School Board member Maggie Fogarty voted against the resolution.

The budget will be included in the City Manager's city-wide budget that will be presented to the City Council later this month. A public hearing on the school portion of the budget will be held at a Council meeting in March.

Documents detailing the FY2024 budget are posted to the <u>FY2024 Budget Revealed webpage</u>, along with other budget documents and videos of budget meetings and workshops.

For more information, contact the School Department at 603-516-6800.



# **Council to consider city resilience plan**

Adopting a citywide resilience plan and joining a statewide public transportation coalition are among the agenda items on the City Council's agenda for its Wednesday, Feb. 8 meeting.

The resilience plan, Resiliency for All, was presented and unanimously endorsed by the Planning Board at <u>its Jan. 24 meeting</u>. The plan seeks to position the city to be able "to respond to adversity in the face of environmental, social and economic stressors," it states in the resolution background materials. "The core purpose of the citywide resilience plan is to publicly establish a work plan for the city to equitably increase its resiliency, in fiscally responsible ways, across a variety of categories including public outreach, energy, food systems and ecosystem management."

The statewide public transportation coalition is part of an effort by the Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation, better known as COAST Bus, and the New Hampshire Transit Alliance to start "a meaningful statewide dialogue on increasing state operating support for public transportation in New Hampshire," the resolution background material states. The coalition seeks to increase public transportation funding in the state budget. "Without increased

State support, public transit agencies and the services provided will need to be cut by 2025," the background materials state.

Also on the agenda are resolutions to:

- Award a bid for the purchase of a bucket truck for Community Services for \$98,944;
- Authorize an additional scope of work for \$124,284 to the firm awarded the consulting design services contract for the Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Improvements;
- Authorize the acceptance and expenditure of an anonymous \$13,000 donation made through the Residents Supporting Community First program. The donor seeks to put \$10,000 into the food and fuel assistance fund, \$2,000 for the Community Trail, and \$1,000 for the Dover 400 celebration. The Council will also hold a public hearing on this resolution.

The Council will also set public hearings for its Feb. 22 meeting on proposed ordinance changes that would:

- Change the Ad-Hoc Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion from an ad-hoc to a standing committee;
- Expand the number of alternates for the Energy Commission;
- Create a permanent permit process to allow restaurants to have outdoor dining on public streets and sidewalks.

<u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <u>dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



# Register for Master Plan Vision Chapter virtual visioning session on Feb. 9

Distinctly Dover, the Master Plan's Vision Chapter update project, is holding a virtual visioning session on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and invites all Dover citizens to participate. Registration is required.

This will be the first opportunity to provide input for the Vision Chapter. The interactive event will include guided activities where participants will be asked about their thoughts and ideas for the future of Dover.

For more about the Vision Chapter update and to register for the Feb. 9 virtual visioning session, visit <u>https://rebrand.ly/DistinctlyDover</u>.

# Presentation on downtown access improvements slated for Feb. 13

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, for a public presentation Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Improvements Project,

originally scheduled for Jan. 23 but postponed due to the winter storm.

The meeting will now occur in Council Chambers at City Hall and begin at 6 p.m.

The presentation is on bringing the <u>2015 Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access and</u> <u>Streetscape Study</u> into design and ultimately creating construction plans.

Staff from the city's Planning and Engineering divisions and design consultant Greenman-Pederson, Inc., will provide a brief presentation at the meeting. Their overview will discuss current conditions in the Central Business District, the recommendation from the 2015 study to change the traffic flow on Central Avenue and Main Street, and why that change would be advantageous to pedestrians, motorists and downtown businesses.

After the presentation, the public will be invited to review representations of the proposed design at different stations in the City Hall auditorium next to Council Chambers. Each station, operated by a member of the project team, will include plans, alternative designs, streetscape renderings, and a list of the pros and cons. There will be sticky notes and pens available so the public can comment and/or directly mark areas of concern. The project team will also be available to answer questions, address concerns and solicit feedback.

Further public meetings are planned during the design phase of the project. The city will also provide email updates as the project develops. To sign up for these emails, visit <u>https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</u> and add "Project update: Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Improvements" to your current email subscription list.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Downtown Dover Tax Increment Finance Advisory Board, February 6, 3 p.m.

The Downtown Dover Tax Increment Finance Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, beginning at 3 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

#### Waterfront Tax Increment Finance Advisory Board, February 6, 3:30 p.m.

The Waterfront Tax Increment Finance Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Conservation Commission,



#### Do your part and 'scoop the poop'

Rain or snow runoff can carry pet waste directly into waterways or storm drains, which usually empty without any treatment into a stream, river, or estuary. Untreated fecal matter can be a source of harmful bacteria and nutrients. Just as we don't want human sewage in our water, it is important to prevent pet waste from being carried into our waterways.

It isn't just water quality that can suffer. Leaving pet waste on the ground, especially in public areas like parks or playing fields, may pose a risk to children, adults, and even pets.

Pet waste carries disease causing organisms such as Giardia and Salmonella which can make water unsafe for drinking or swimming; to protect the public from illness, swimming beaches and shellfish beds can be shut down due to bacterial contamination, and pet waste can be a cause of that contamination.

#### February 6, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission Forest Management Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

#### Arts Commission, February 6, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323, McConnell Center.

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

#### Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, February 7, 4 p.m.

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, beginning at 4 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

#### Planning Board -Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee, February 7, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning Board - Ad-Hoc Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 323 in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

**City Council**,

Pet waste left on playing fields or in parks can be unhealthy and messy.

Let's work together to keep pet waste out of our water resources and recreational areas.

Scooping your pup's poop isn't just a courtesy for those walking behind you; it's the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do. Picking up after your dog is not only easy, in Dover it's the <u>law</u>.

You can help do your part by taking a pledge to pick up after your pooch, part of the Every Drop Counts initiative. Take the pledge here: stateofourestuaries.org/everydrop/petpledge

For more information, including tips, visit the <u>City of Dover's</u> <u>pet waste web page</u>.

# Signed up for parking ban notifications?

The City of Dover utilizes its website, social media accounts, Channel 22, text and email alerts, and press releases to local news media to notify residents about parking bans. The current ban status is always posted at <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/parking-bans.html">https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/parking-bans.html</a>. People can also call 603-516-PARK (7275) to check the parking ban status.

For email notifications, visit <u>https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</u> and select the "Parking Ban Alerts" option. For text-based notifications via the City of Dover's emergency notification system, CodeRED, sign-up by texting "DoverNH" to 99411. Please note that cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Text alerts are also available by creating an account and logging into the city's emergency notification system, <u>CodeRED</u>. After creating an account, select the option for Parking Ban Notifications under "Additional Notifications." Users must provide a phone number capable of receiving text alerts. Cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Users should receive a confirmation email or text after a successful sign-up. If not, call the City of Dover's Media Services Department at 603-516-1623 for assistance.

#### February 8, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, February 9, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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



# Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

### Dover Download podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past



with a look back at the week in Dover's history.

The podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <u>https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh</u>.



The following events are from a variety of historical records, sources and texts about the history of Dover.

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information <u>located here</u>.

Feb. 5, 1658 — It was agreed by residents that 20 pounds per year should be raised for a

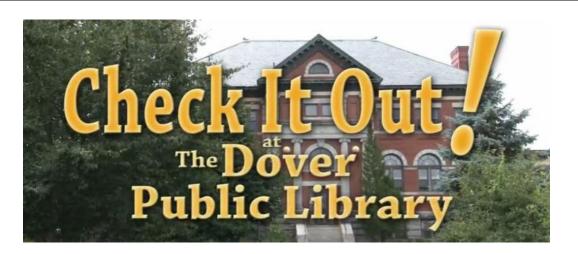
schoolmaster to teach all the children in town. Subjects would include reading, writing, Latin and basic bookkeeping.

**Feb. 8, 1853** — A very mild winter with very little snow leads to ice on the Cochecho River breaking up this day, many weeks early.

**Feb. 5, 1918** — Downtown traffic was blocked for several hours following a train wreck on the Boston and Maine Railroad's Portland line in Dover. A dropped brake beam caused several train cars to veer off the rails, four of them toppling over. It would take most of the day to clear the wreckage. Rail lines in Dover and throughout the region were also significantly affected at the same time by extreme cold and wind-whipped snow that made some rail lines impossible to cross. The weather was also responsible for the derailment of trains in Concord and Claremont.

**Feb. 7, 1924** — About 3,000 people attend the opening of the new 1,000-foot-long toboggan chute at Garrison Hill. The event included a torchlight parade and bonfire. At 8 p.m. Mayor Waldron and Park Commissioner Richardson switched on the park lights. Council President A.C. Wentworth and William Penn Tuttle, president of the Chamber of Commerce winter sport committee, rode the first toboggan down the chute, about 600 feet into a field at the bottom of the slide.

**Feb. 6, 2002** — The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce hosted a new event this day intended to let newly elected City Councilors and School Board members get to know one other better in an informal setting. The event was held at the former Firehouse One Restaurant, now Ember. The Chamber said the casual event was also a way for elected officials to meet with local businesses and other officials. Then-Mayor Alex Nossiff introduced the City Council to those in attendance. "In my view, the heart and soul of the community is the downtown," Nossiff said. "The progress over the last 10 years is remarkable." Nossiff added that the waterfront was a "critical component" to the city's revitalization. Then-School Board Chairman Nick Skaltsis was also on hand to introduce the newly elected School Board.



# Love is in the air at the Library

Join the Dover Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. for a love-themed concert. This concert will feature Broadway songs of love sung by Steven Dascoulias, Linette Miles and Katie Gall and will be accompanied by pianist Kathy Fink.

Songs include such standards as "Some Enchanted Evening" and "A Cockeyed Optimist" as well as more modern selections, including "Taylor the Latte Boy" and "Winner Takes it All." These actor/singers have been audience favorites in the seacoast area for many years performing at various venues, including the Rochester



Opera House, Seacoast Repertory Theater, Hackmatack Playhouse and more. Pianist Kathy Fink has been a teacher, director and performer in the seacoast area for 40 years.

The concert is free and open to all.

# STEM Saturday: Buildwave workshop

Want to foster your child's interest in STEM, while igniting their creative spark at the same time? Join us for a free workshop with Buildwave on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Dover Public Library Lecture Hall.

Buildwave is a creative building program that feels like a video game. Over the course of the workshop, students create with over a dozen different building materials, including Lego, PlusPlus, and custom-made Buildwave materials. The workshop is structured like a video game, with an audiovisual setup featuring animations and music that guide students through the different building waves. As your child creates with wave after wave of new objects, they build creative confidence, become better collaborators, and encounter design and engineering fundamentals in a unique and memorable context.

This event is for children in grades K-6. Registration is required.

For more information, visit the library's website at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call (603) 516-6050.

This Week at the Library

#### February VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *I Dream of Dinner (So You Don't Have To)* by Ali Slagle. Throughout the month of February, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Your creations will be shared on the library's social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov</u> or tag the library on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

#### Friends of the Library Music CD Sale Sunday, Feb. 5 to Saturday, Feb. 11

Hundreds of CDs for sale on the library's main floor, near the adult circulation desk. Items will be priced at \$2 a piece, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library to support programs and museum passes.

Monday, February 6, 1 to 3 p.m. Monthly Crafting Group-Braided Rug Monthly crafting group featuring differing projects. February's meeting will feature a demonstration of rug braiding with lots of details about what supplies and tools are needed. There will be a follow-up class scheduled for those who are interested enough to purchase the necessary items.

#### Monday, February 6, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adults Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with

#### Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 8, 3 to 4 p.m. Quilted Pin Class for Teens Learn how to make a hand-quilted hexie pin. Create any design you like and learn some basic quilting skills at the same time. No quilting, sewing, or embroidery experience needed. All supplies provided.

#### Wednesday, February 8, 6 to 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board is for 7-12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings to share their ideas, help to plan future events/services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

# Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

#### NH Humanities Book Discussion of Stony the Road

A challenging and unsettling account of Reconstruction-era racial history, with much to inform us about today's cultural and political divides. The library will have limited copies of the book available for those who attend the event. The presenter will be virtual, but folks are welcome to attend inGame Master Brandon. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every other Monday 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.

#### Tuesday, February 7, 10 to 11 a.m. Family Place Workshop

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable fiveweek workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. *Register once for the entire five week series.* 

#### Tuesday, February 7, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

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 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.

#### Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Genealogy Group

Whether you're new to genealogical research or a seasoned pro, this group is a great way to meet others who share the same passion, can give you advice in your research, and listen to your newlydiscovered family histories.

#### Wednesday, February 8, 10 to 11 a.m. Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club Dover Public Library's book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *The Ravenmaster: My Life with the Ravens at the Tower of London* by Christopher Skaife. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla.

person at the library or virtually from home. *Register to attend virtually.* 

#### Thursday, February 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.* 

#### Thursday, February 9, 6 to 8 p.m. Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

#### Thursday, February 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reading Rainbow Book Group Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's new Queer book group as we discuss *The 2000s Made Me Gay* by Grace

Perry. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla, NH Overdrive as an ebook or audio book, and the library will also have print copies for anyone with a DPL library card to borrow. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

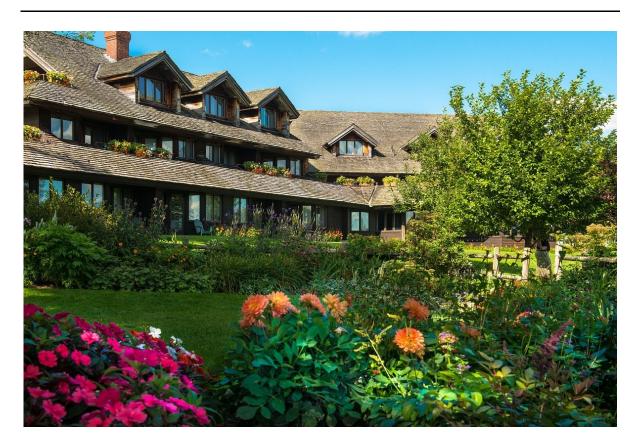
#### Friday, February 10, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby! This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

#### Friday, February 10, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sensory Storytime

This storytime is for children, ages 3-6, with autism, sensory challenges, developmental delays, and their caregivers. This fun, interactive program will engage the senses through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs, rhymes and movements, as well as tactile and sensory activities. *Registration required.* 

Saturday, February 11, 2 to 3 p.m. Kathy Fink and her cabaret singers This concert will feature Broadway songs of love sung by Steven Dascoulias, Linette Miles and Katie Gall and will be accompanied by pianist, Kathy Fink. Songs include such standards as "Some Enchanted Evening" and "A Cockeyed Optimist" as well as more modern selections including "Taylor the Latte Boy" and "Winner Takes it All".

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# Dover Community Senior Center to visit Stowe, Vermont, where the 'hills are alive'

Join the Dover Senior Center on a trip to the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vt. from Monday, May 15 through Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Trapp Family Lodge is a unique mountain resort featuring Austrian-inspired architecture and European-style accommodations and offers stunning mountain views, old-world comforts, impeccable service, along with activities for every season!

In the early 1940s, the von Trapp family toured the United States as the Trapp Family Singers before eventually settling in Stowe, Vermont on an enchanted farm with sweeping mountain vistas reminiscent of their beloved Austria. In the summer of 1950, they began welcoming guests to a rustic, 27-room family home/lodge. After a devastating fire in 1980, the original structure was replaced by the new Trapp Family Lodge, a striking, 96-room alpine lodge situated on 2,500 acres offering magnificent indoor and outdoor resort amenities. The entire property is owned and operated by the von Trapp family, now overseen by Johannes, the youngest of the singing von Trapp children, and his family.

The trip includes transportation, deluxe accommodations, meals, a history tour lead by a member of the von Trapp family, luncheon cruise on Lake Champlain, Quechee Gorge, Quechee Marketplace, Lake Champlain Chocolate Company tour, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Ben & Jerry's Factory Experience, and much more!

The price for Community Senior Center members is \$890 per person, double occupancy. The non-member fee is \$30 per person. A \$50 per person non-refundable deposit is required to hold a seat. The balance is due April 15.

For Additional Information, contact Linda Jarvis at the Senior Center, (603) 516-6420 or <u>Liarvis@dover.nh.gov</u>.

# Dover Chamber welcomes new members, announces grand opening

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce welcomed 73 new members to its organization in 2022.

"We are excited to see the growth in Dover and to have new members bring a variety of services and offerings to the community," says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Membership and Business Programs Manager Melissa Launder.

At a recent ribbon-cutting, the Dover Chamber welcomed Snapology to Dover.



#### **Snapology of Dover**

The Dover Chamber recently held a ribbon cutting to congratulate Snapology of Dover on their grand opening at 826 Central Ave., Suite 1, in Dover.

Snapology, a premier partner for STEAM educational workshops, camps, and other programs, will open on Feb. 11. Children will experience hands-on learning in engaging ways.

Educating children on STEAM concepts (science, technology, engineering, art and math) has become a large focus in school systems recently. At Snapology, it is their mission to inspire children to pursue careers in STEAM fields through educational play.

With two state-of-the-art classrooms and a creative play space with over 15 interactive stations -- including robotics, virtual reality, floor projection gaming and more -- Snapology provides a fun and educational environment for children ages 2-14.

The Creative Play space is unique. Children ages 6 and up can be dropped off to play in the Creative Play space (up to two hours a day) under the supervision of highly skilled, fully vetted instructors and staff. Parents can run errands and feel comfortable that their kids are not only having fun but learning too. With plenty of age-appropriate activities, children ages 2-6 are also welcome in the Creative Play area with an adult chaperone.

The new space allows Snapology the flexibility to offer more after school programs, homeschool programs, summer camps, field trips, birthday parties and scouting events. They will be offering different monthly membership options as well, along with a passport program that allows kids to earn and collect STEAM achievements.

While the staff at Snapology is excited about having their own space, they will still be in and around the Seacoast offering their programs at recreation centers, libraries and schools just like they have been doing for over a year.

For more information about Snapology, visit <u>www.snapology.com/location/dover</u> or call 603-722-0891.

Recently, the Dover Chamber welcomed these new members:



#### **Dover Pilates**

Dover Pilates, located at 44 Portland Ave., Studio 1, is a boutique Pilates studio. Dover Pilates specializes in cross training for sport, life, and passion by exercising core strength, joint mobility, balance and coordination.

The studio, which recently celebrated their fourth anniversary in January, offers private, duet and small group classes.

Co-owners Nadine Taylor and Jennfier Day are NCPT certified, and they can help to achieve movement goals, no matter how big or small they may be.

Taylor fell in love with Pilates the first time she stepped on a reformer, and she believes Pilates is a great tool to help prevent injury or rebuild from an injury. "It has made such a difference in my life," she says. "From helping to relieve back pain due to scoliosis to strengthening my core in a way that I couldn't find in any other fitness method... it has definitely improved daily movement."

To learn more about Dover Pilates, visit <u>www.doverpilates.com</u>.



#### **Hannoush Jewelers**

Hannoush Jewelers, located at 863 Central Ave in Dover, is a family business that has aimed to meet all your jewelry needs for over four decades.

Hannoush Jewelers is a company whose philosophy has always been one of family ownership and personal attention to detail. Under the careful guidance of the Hannoush family, the first Hannoush Jewelers store opened its doors in Massachusetts in 1980. Today, the Hannoush Jewelers network includes more than 50 company-owned and franchised stores located throughout the United States.

In keeping with its family legacy, Hannoush Jewelers believes that a company is only as good as the people who represent it every day. Stop by the Dover location for all your jewelry needs: diamond engagement rings, fine jewelry, cleaning, inspection, appraisals and repairs.

Hannoush Jewelers is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit <u>www.hannoush.com</u> to learn more.



#### A New You Center for Hypnosis

A New You Center for Hypnosis, located at 3 Webb Place in Dover, is a center for hypnotism owned by Dr. Peter Coppola.

Coppola is a dual-certified hypnotist specializing in weight loss, smoking cessation, and anxiety. He was inspired to become a hypnotist after observing his father, Dr. Steven Coppola – ace hypnotist, and his many years as a successful on-stage hypnotist.

In 2021, Coppola studied under Ed Lane, who has over 16 years of extensive hypnotism training and is one of only a few board-certified hypnotists in New Hampshire. He trained Coppola in Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) and other valuable hypnosis techniques.

Coppola works directly with individuals and groups to help them resolve their issues and live richer, more fulfilling lives.

"I pride myself off the work I do, and hope hypnosis becomes a prominent option for mental and physical health in the future, especially considering its effectiveness," Coppola says.

A New You Center for Hypnosis offers a free, one-hour consultation. To learn more, visit <u>www.anewyoucenter.com</u> or call 603-749-6463.

# Chamber's 2023 sweeps tickets now on sale

Every year, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Sweepstakes and Auction event to raise money to support our community events. Only 325 tickets will be sold, and the lucky winner will receive \$10,000 cash. The drawing will be held in person on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:45 p.m. at Chapel + Main. There will also be an optional live stream via the Chamber's Facebook page.

To purchase tickets, visit dovernh.org/sweeps.

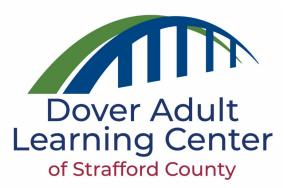
The Sweepstakes and Auction is the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's largest fundraiser of the year, supporting community events such as the Cochecho Arts Festival, Apple Harvest Day, and Festival of Trees.



For more information about the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, visit dovernh.org.

## Coming up at DALC

Learn a fundamental skill in jewelry making in this two-hour wire wrapping workshop. Register for the Feb. 8 class at <u>https://tinyurl.com/y3ba4nnb</u>. The class is also being offered on the second Wednesday of every month through April; see <u>doveradultlearning.org</u> for registration information.



Join our six-week American Sign Language for Beginners course and learn the fundamentals of alphabet and fingerspelling, numbers, colors, feelings, and more. This class meets once a week for two hours. It begins on Feb. 8. Register at <u>https://tinyurl.com/4h9ryya3</u>

Are you a mom who needs a break? Join our Moms' Night Out gathering on Friday, Feb. 10 and 17 for conversation, fellowship, and light refreshments. Join us here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/yckmed53</u>

# Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2023 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30, 2023, to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years or older may license one dog for \$3 per household. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information; a certificate of spaying or neutering can be sent by email to <u>s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov</u> or by mailing it to the City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1, 2023.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or online.

A checking account is required for online dog license registration. To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number. To renew online, <u>click here</u>.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018.

## **City of Dover employment opportunities**

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- Prevention Programmer
- Parking Enforcement Officer Part Time
- Parking Enforcement Officer Full Time
- Waterfront Construction Manager
- Public Works Supervisor Streets, Drainage Snow
- Heavy Equipment Operator Streets/Stormwater
- Truck Driver Utilities
- Utility Laborer
- Firefighter/EMT
- Community Housing Navigator
- Public Safety Systems IT Administrator
- Utility Systems IT Administrator
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Automotive Technician
- City Planner

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

### **Dover School District employment opportunities**

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- Long Term Elementary Teacher Substitute
- Auditorium House Manager and Technician
- K-4 Principal
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Behavior Specialist
- Special Education Paraprofessional Autism Support Dover Middle School

- DALC Adult Education Program Manager
  DALC Adult High School Biology Teacher
- Girls JV Softball Coach
- DALC Counselor Aide
- Special Education Paraprofessional
- Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher
  Custodian for C&W Services
- DALC Teacher-Spanish Literacy and HiSET Prep in correction facility

For more information about these positions, click here.

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