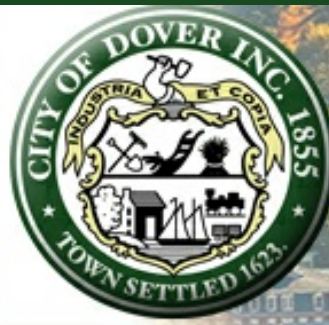


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 5, 2021



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Dover, NH 03820
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City Hall
hours:

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

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p.m.

Recycling
Center hours:

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to consider sharing water monitoring costs with Rochester and Portsmouth

On the City Council agenda for its meeting Wednesday, Feb. 10, are two resolutions related to the final nitrogen discharge permit for Great Bay recently issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The EPA issued its final permit on Nov. 24, 2020, which became effective Feb. 1. The wastewater treatment plants covered by the general nitrogen discharge permit have until April 1, 2021, to submit a "Notice of Intent" to the EPA that it will be covered by it. Part of the permit regulations requires treatment plants to meet seasonal average load limits for total nitrogen.

The 13 wastewater treatment plants covered by the permit include Dover, Rochester, Portsmouth, Pease Tradeport (Portsmouth), Exeter, Durham, Somersworth, Newmarket, Epping, Newington, Rollinsford, Newfields, and Milton.

The first resolution seeks City Council authorization for the City of Dover to submit a notice of intent to the EPA to be covered by the general permit.

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

The second resolution seeks the Council's approval to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the cities of Rochester and Portsmouth. This agreement would allow the three communities to collaborate and share costs related to developing and then executing an adaptive water quality management plan for the Great Bay Estuary as required by the general nitrogen discharge permit. Community Services Director John Storer, whose department oversees the wastewater treatment plant, expects and will be working to ensure that many, if not all, other communities eligible for coverage under the general nitrogen discharge permit will join in as participants to the intermunicipal agreement.

The Council held a workshop on the permit and its potential implications on Jan. 6, which can be viewed on-demand by [clicking here](#).

The City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. It will be televised on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php>.

Dover residents, business owners and property owners may address the City Council during the meeting at Citizen's Forum. They may also send emails and leave voicemails as public comment. Email all City Council members at once using the email address CityCouncil-All@dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-MEET (6338) and leave a message that will be forwarded to the City Council. To be heard ahead of a particular meeting, call or email at least three hours before the meeting begins.

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Deputy Community Services Director Bill Boulanger explains the grant-funded traffic signalization upgrades recently installed at 17 intersections. The upgrades are designed to improve traffic flow. To view a video about the process, click the image above.

Federal grant helps Dover deploy state-of-the-art traffic signalization to improve flow, reduce congestion

In partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT), the City of Dover has installed innovative technologies at 17 intersections within the Central Avenue corridor to coordinate traffic signals and improve traffic flow.

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.

See a video of the project here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=WPwgOuxNGoqm>

Traffic signals at 17 intersections within Dover's Central Avenue corridor are now connected wirelessly to the City's central traffic server that consistently monitors traffic flow within the system and notifies staff when an issue arises along the corridor. The new technology also provides the ability to make real-time traffic signal programming changes within the system based on current conditions.

"We're excited about these new technologies," said City of Dover's Deputy Community Services Director Bill Boulanger, who is managing the project. "It's going to allow us to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and make on-the-fly changes to respond to whatever is happening on our roads. We think it's going to be a success, and drivers will see a noticeable difference."

The City of Dover worked with its traffic engineer partner, Sebago Technics of South Portland, Maine, and DOT, to secure the grant. The City of Dover has also contracted with Sebago Technics to deploy the new traffic technologies, assist with data collection, and optimize signalization throughout the corridor. The Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM's) will be the first deployed in the state and within Northern New England.

At several intersections, old-fashioned "loop sensors" were replaced with bell cameras and other optical sensing devices. The loop sensors could only detect the presence of perhaps a single vehicle, but the advanced optical sensors will now be able to determine how far back cars are stacking up at an intersection. Part of the project's goal is to implement proven innovative strategies and methodologies for reducing the labor involved in managing the City's traffic signals on the north-south Central Avenue artery through automation. Traditional traffic signal timing optimization involves counting traffic volume over a few days and using that data to create the appropriate timings. The process is labor-intensive, expensive, and the deployed signal timing is stagnant and can quickly lose its effectiveness as traffic volumes change. The new system will allow for continuous monitoring and adjusting.

The newly deployed technology includes new traffic signal controllers, vehicle and pedestrian detection equipment, travel time recording devices and communication upgrades. It will allow the City to accurately count vehicles, including a breakdown of cars and trucks, how long vehicles are stopped at traffic lights, and travel times through the corridor. Part of the enhancements also includes integrating the City's central traffic management system with the DOT's. That will allow the DOT to deploy emergency signal changes to aid traffic flow along the corridor in the event of a significant traffic accident on the Spaulding Turnpike.

The 17 intersections are part of four subsystems within the Central Avenue corridor: Week's Crossing with four signals; five signals along northern Central Avenue from Morin Street to Oak Road; three signals along the Silver Street subsystem; and five signals at the Central Avenue/Durham Road subsystem, which Boulanger called the City's most complex with 28,000 cars passing through the quarter-mile subsystem that includes two Spaulding Turnpike off-ramps, an emergency room and multiple schools within a short distance from it.

City 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 the 17 signalized intersections. They seek drivers who use the corridor to provide feedback from these efforts to improve traffic flow. The first such opportunity is a simple, five-question poll: <https://conta.cc/3pFYtQI>. Other such surveys will be published as changes to the signal timings are made to gauge public reaction.

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



Community Services Solid Waste Coordinator Michael Moore stands next to the food composting container now available at the Recycling Center on Mast Road. Residents may put their food waste into the 64-gallon tote anytime the Recycling Center is open.

Food composting available for Dover residents

City of Dover's Recycling Center now provides a bin for residents to drop off their food compost.

The City of Dover has partnered with Seacoast-based Mr. Fox Composting to provide residents with a no-cost, composting option to divert waste and tonnage from the solid waste stream that gets landfilled.

The 64-gallon tote is located at the Recycling Center between the bins for corrugated cardboard and the used book building. It is available for resident drop-off anytime the [Recycling Center](#) is open, which is Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Recycling Center is located at 265 Mast Road in Dover.

The food composting bins accept all food scraps, including:

- Meat
- Meat bones
- Eggshells
- Bread
- Seafood (including shells)
- Fruits and vegetables (pits and nuts too)
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Wooden stirrers
- Sugar packets
- Brown paper napkins and towels
- Teabags (with staples removed)
- Ground tea
- Muffin wrappers
- Flowers and floral trimmings
- Corks

Community Services, which operates the Recycling Center, plans to add additional totes or request more frequent collections from Mr. Fox as demand increases. The City of Dover's cost to host a bin that is picked up weekly is \$69.07 a month. Solid Waste Coordinator Michael Moore said it would take time for the City to evaluate any potential savings from diverting food compost from the solid waste stream.

"It is great to see the collection of food waste at the Recycling Center," said Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker. "Dover has long recognized the need to reduce waste and promote responsible stewardship of land and resources. Being able to compliment Mr. Fox's curbside pickup of compost with a static location is a bonus for the community as it allows more people to have access to this resource. It not only reduces waste going to the landfill but also takes the heaviest and dense waste out of the bags, lowering costs to residents who use the service."

In 2018, Dover adopted the [Climate Adaptation chapter](#) of the [Master Plan](#). Recommendation 22 noted the City should: "Investigate the feasibility of implementing a food composting pilot program at Public Works to determine public interest in food waste composting and obtain insight into operational adjustments when collecting food waste, as well as partner with existing residential compost programs to offer curbside pickup."

"Moving forward with this program demonstrates once again the community and municipal commitment to long-range planning, strategic goal setting and accomplishment," Parker said.

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



Tri-City Warming Center to open overnight Saturday,

Feb. 6 through Thursday, Feb. 11

The Strafford County Extreme Cold Weather Warming Center, located at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth, will be open 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. each day from Saturday, Feb. 6 to Thursday, Feb. 11.

While open, Community Action Partnership of Strafford County and SOS Recovery Community Organization will provide staffing. There will also be volunteers on site. The warming center is seeking volunteers to assist with breakfast-to-go each day, including meals prepared offsite and placed in to-go bags. For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4ea5aa2fa4fc1-warming>.

Partners and municipalities are asked to help transport at-risk or unsheltered clients to the warming center when possible. During this activation, the warming center will be unable to transport clients to or from the center.

Those seeking to warm up may arrive anytime during the activation times each day. Referrals or reservations are not required. COVID-19 coronavirus precautions are in place, including hand hygiene, social distancing, and required masking. Cots are available at the warming center; however, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, no evening meals are provided. Donations are not being accepted at this time.

More information about the Strafford County Extreme Cold Weather Warming Center can be found at a new online resource, <https://www.facebook.com/warmingcenterofsc>. The Warming Center can also be reached at 1-857-323-0388.

School district announces in-person timeline for all schools

The Dover School district is updating its instruction schedule for all schools beginning Monday, Feb. 8, following approval by the Dover School Board at its [Feb. 1 meeting](#).

Beginning Monday, Feb. 8, a full-time in-person education instruction option begins for kindergarten through fourth-grade students. High School and Middle School priority students also have the option to start full-day instruction.

On Monday, Feb. 12, High School career technical education (CTE) cohort students will expand to full-day instruction on specific days of the week.

On Monday, March 1, high need students will have the option of attending in-school instruction following the cohort model.

On Monday, March 15, in-school instruction will be opened up to all other students, continuing in the cohort model.

Under the cohort model, students will attend school on specific days of the week supplemented by virtual education at home.

Those who wish to continue classroom education by the virtual-model only will be allowed to do so.

School start-end times changing Monday


Starting on Monday, Feb. 8, all schools, elementary through high school, will return to the traditional schedules. As students are phased into middle school and high school, this will accommodate the transportation schedule.

Beginning and end times for schools are as followed:

- Dover High School and Career Technical Education (CTE): 7:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- Dover Middle School: 7:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.
- Garrison School: 8:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.
- Horne Street School: 8:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.
- Woodman Park School: 8:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

For more information, contact the Dover School District at 516-6800




DOVER PLANNING BOARD – AGENDA

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, 288 Central Ave, Dover NH 03820
 Meeting Date: **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**
 Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

Certain members of the Planning Board may be participating in this meeting remotely. In addition, the Chair of the Planning Board may, per NH RSA 95-A:2, III (b), declare an "emergency" within the meaning of that statute and waive the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting. In either event, remote members will identify their location and any person present with them at that location. All votes will be by roll call.

The City of Dover has taken extra steps to ensure the physical location of this meeting conforms with all safety provisions during the pandemic, including social distancing, face coverings, and frequently sanitized facilities. Although qualified members of the public can participate in the meeting by speaking at the physical location, the public is encouraged to leave comments in advance by calling 516-MEET (6376), emailing DoverPlanning@dovertn.gov, or mailing written comments to Planning Board, Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820. Messages must be received no later than 4 p.m. the day of the meeting and should identify the name and Dover address of the person leaving the message or providing the comment.

1. **CITIZENS' FORUM**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES**
 - January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Public hearing and possible recommendation to the City Council on the proposed FY22 CDBG Annual Action Plan. All persons wishing to speak are urged to attend.
 - B. Public hearing and possible recommendation to the City Council on a Proposed Amendment to the FY21-25 CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. All persons wishing to speak on the Amendment are urged to attend.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion of citizen request to amend regulations regarding helicopter landing areas in the R-20 District.
 - B. Consideration and possible vote on posting the proposed Amendments to Chapter 153. The full text of the amendments is available in Planning Department & at www.dovernh.gov located under meeting materials and on the Planning Department page.
 - C. Consideration and possible vote on posting the proposed Amendments to Chapter 157. The full text of the amendments is available in Planning Department & at www.dovernh.gov located under meeting materials and on the Planning Department page.
 - D. Consideration and possible vote on posting the proposed Amendments to Chapter 170 and the associated Zoning Tables. The full text of the amendments is available in Planning Department & at www.dovernh.gov located under meeting materials and on the Planning Department page.



CHRISTOPHER PARKER

You may also view materials at www.dovernh.gov. Follow us on our Twitter @DoverNHPlanning and find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DoverNHPlanning>.

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On the Agenda: Planning Board, February 9

In a video released this week, Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or [clicking here](#).

Among the items before the Planning Board on Feb. 9 are further review of the Community Development Block Grant annual action plan for fiscal year 2022 and proposed amendments to the FY2021-25 CDBG Citizen Participation Plan. The Planning Board will also review and possibly vote on proposed amendments to the city's land use and zoning regulations. The complete agenda can be viewed here: [Planning Board agenda, 2/9/2021](#).

The Feb. 9 meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online.

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 516-6008.



Help reduce road salt and protect our water resources

Do you ever wonder where all that salt used during winter storms goes? It ends up in our groundwater, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, and estuaries that can cause a lot of damage to the environment, including local drinking water resources. When applying salt to your driveways and walkways, it's essential to choose the right kind of salt and only use the recommended amount.

The City of Dover's Community Services Department works hard to limit salt usage through different techniques. These techniques include applying a liquid brine solution ahead of a snow event, calibrating equipment and tracking salt application rates, pre-wetting rock salt to ensure it sticks on the roadway and doesn't bounce to the side, and using sand-only mixes when weather is too cold for salt to be effective.

To learn more about best management practices and salt use minimization efforts, see the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services fact sheet. It also provides information about how to help protect our local drinking water and water bodies. For more information, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xAhWZ>.

Washington and Main water system improvements topic of Feb. 8 informational meeting

Community Services will host an informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. to discuss the significant water system infrastructure upgrade to replace 130-year-old water distribution lines in downtown Dover. The work is anticipated to begin this March and continue through October.

The project is part of the ongoing effort to replace the oldest and most at-risk water infrastructure. The project area includes all of Main Street, Washington Street, from Central Avenue to Main Street, and a portion of Henry Law Avenue closest to Washington Street. Replacement infrastructure includes approximately 3,000 feet of new ductile iron water main that meets today's water system needs and will provide reliable water service for the next 100-plus years.

Due to the high vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the project area, many construction measures have been included in the design and construction contract to limit project disturbance. These measures include temporary water services, night work, and limited construction hours. Although these construction measures are designed to help, the area will undoubtedly experience temporary traffic congestion and service disruptions. The City asks the public for patience and understanding as we work through this critical infrastructure project.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the informational meeting will be held virtually. Depending on the number of meeting participants, it may be challenging to allow open

dialogue. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that questions or concerns be submitted in advance to Max Kenney, the City's Assistant City Engineer.

The meeting will use the RingCentral platform. Login information to attend the meeting is as follows:

- Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1485637423?pwd=OUZXb2dRWThyVzBGOTd4WHNZbmFpZz09>
- Password: 012320
- To call in by phone only, dial 470-869-2200 and enter the meeting ID of 1485637423 when prompted.

Abutters and residents can sign up to receive regular updates via email. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select "Project updates: Washington and Main Water Improvements." There is also a webpage on the City's website dedicated to the project. It can be found by [clicking here](#).

For more information or questions about the project, contact Assistant City Engineer Max Kenney, PE at m.kenney@dover.nh.com or (603) 516-1915.



Safer ways to enjoy the Super Bowl

Gathering virtually or with the people you live with is the safest way to celebrate the Super Bowl this year. If you do have a small gathering with people who don't live with you, outdoors is safer than indoors. This year, choose a safer way to enjoy the game.



- Host a virtual Super Bowl watch party.
- Make appetizers or snacks with the people you live with to enjoy while watching the game.
- Start a text group with other fans to chat about the game while watching.
- Attend an outdoor viewing party where viewers can sit 6 feet apart.

If you choose to attend the Super Bowl or a large Super Bowl event, like a watch party, follow these steps to make yourself safer:

- Call the venue to ensure that they have steps in place to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Follow signage at the venue to allow for social distancing.
- Arrive to the venue early to avoid crowding and congested areas.

For more information, [visit the CDC 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:

- 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.

Statewide mask mandate

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

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

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

COVID-19 updates

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

To start receiving the email updates, visit 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



PHASE 1B NOW OPEN

To register go to www.vaccines.nh.gov

DECEMBER - MARCH*

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



PHASE 2

PHASE 2A

- K-12 school and childcare staff

PHASE 2B

- People 50-64 years old

MARCH - MAY*

PHASE 3

PHASE 3A

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

PHASE 3B

- Everyone else not already vaccinated

MAY and BEYOND*

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

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



What you should know about COVID-19

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

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

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

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

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

Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Upcoming Meetings:

School Board, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

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

Planning Board, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

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City Council, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.

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

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.

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

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

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

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



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

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

Feb. 5, 1658 — It was agreed that 20 pounds per year (about \$4,100 in today's dollars) should be raised for the maintenance of a schoolmaster for teaching all the children of the town, he having the privilege of all strangers out of the town; reading, writing, Latin and casting accounts to be taught as the parents should require.

Feb. 8, 1853 — A very mild winter, but little snow, and the river broke up this day, after being closed but 43 days.

Feb. 10, 1897 — (Dover Enquirer) "Two Durhamites had a narrow escape while in this city last evening from a serious accident on Central Street. A gentleman accompanied by a young lady from that quaint old town of learning, drove to this city. They were returning home when the sleigh caught in the electric track in front of St. Mary's convent in such a manner that the occupants were thrown out, the young lady landing in a watery spot which made her decidedly uncomfortable. Her brave companion clung to the ribbons and was dragged some distance before the animal was stopped by a Mr. Austin. The young couple was fortunately received but

slight bruises and after chings were righted they continued on their homeward journey, perhaps consoling and congratulating each other that the mishap was no worse."

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. 8, 1925 — Dover Fire Chief James Smith is instantly killed after striking a match while searching for a gas leak in the cellar of the Strafford Bank building. A janitor in the building at the time was injured.



New York pianist plays virtual Valentine's Day concert for Dover Public Library

Bring the concert hall to your living room with a special Valentine's Day concert by New York Pianist Dan Fogel on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The virtual concert, sponsored by the Dover Public Library and their Friends group, will feature love songs from throughout the decades. Participants will be invited to test their knowledge and see if they can name the tune being played. Fogel will also share fun trivia about each of the songs performed.

Fogel is a classically trained pianist who has been playing for over 30 years. He frequently performs throughout Long Island and New York City. His repertoire is large enough to perform for eight hours without repeating a single song or musical work. He enjoys sharing his passion for music with audiences, whether they know the music intimately, or are hearing it for the first time.

The Valentine's Day concert will be held live online through Ring Central and registration is required to access the login information.

This program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome.

For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

The Week at the Library

February VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Sheet Pan Suppers* by Molly Gilbert. Throughout the month of February, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your

information from paleo times up to colonial contact and end with the consequences of colonial encroachment and violence that led to King Philip's War, which had a major impact on colonial Dover. Registration required: <https://bit.ly/35GGdOY>

cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, February 7, 2 to 4 p.m.
VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan. The group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. **Please register for this program and you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the event with the login information.**

Monday, February 8, 6 to 7 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board in the Lecture Hall
The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 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 in order 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.

Tuesday, February 9, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall
Families are invited to join us for storytime in the Lecture Hall. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. A craft will be available to take home. Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

Tuesday, February 9, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeon World RPG: 18 and older in the Lecture Hall
Drop in and play the Dungeon World role-playing game with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Read WITH a Librarian

Sign up to have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and reading ability your child might want to only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! Once you register we will be in touch with you by Tuesday evening to schedule a time that works best for your schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

Wednesday, February 10, 10 to 11 a.m.
Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club in the Lecture Hall

Dover Public Library is starting a new book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *At the Edge of Uncertainty* by Michael Brooks. You can borrow a physical copy or read it on Hoopla. Reach out with any questions, comments, and future book recommendations to a.soniabolduc@dover.nh.gov. Registration required.

Wednesday, February 10, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Online Storytime

Check out a new session of Miss Tina's storytime. This storytime and all previous recordings may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp>

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Chopped Challenge Winners Revealed
The winners in the three Chopped Challenge categories will be revealed live! Each category will have a Most Creative and Best Presentation award. The winner of the random drawing of all participants in each category will also be announced. Winners will receive a Dover Dollars gift card. Chef Evan Hennessey will be giving his professional feedback and critique for entries in the Adult category. Registration required: <http://ringcentr.al/3ro7NJ3>

Thursday, February 11, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall

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Friday, February 12, 9 to 10 a.m.
Global Poetry Society in the Lecture Hall

**Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Virtual Valentine's Day Concert with NY
Pianist Dan Fogel**

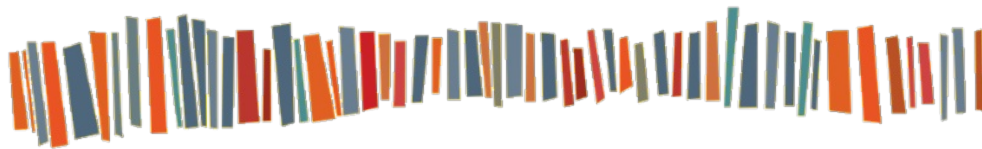
The virtual concert, sponsored by the Dover Public Library and their Friends group, will feature love songs from throughout the decades. Participants will be invited to test their knowledge and see if they can name the tune being played. Fogel will also share fun trivia about each of the songs performed. The Valentine's Day concert will be held live online through Zoom and registration is required to access the login information: <http://bit.ly/3aDnkxl>

**Tuesday, February 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Dover 400th Series: Events Leading to
Cochecho Massacre**

Paul and Denise Pouliot will discuss the myths, misconceptions, food-ways, lifeways, and history of an acculturated and assimilated Indigenous People, and offer a contemporary analysis of being a descendant of those ancient People. The Pouliot's will address important background

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

**Friday, February 12, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose**
Mother Goose On the Loose is back! Please join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes, stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always welcome. You will be required to submit your library card information upon registering as this program is for patrons of DPL only. Once you are approved, you will be provided with a secure link to our virtual session via Ring Central.



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sweepstakes**
VIRTUAL  MARCH 17TH

19th annual sweepstakes and auction tickets on sale

Feeling lucky? "Sweeps" is an annual fundraiser for the Chamber that will culminate with a \$10,000 grand prize winner. This year's drawing will be done virtually on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2021. The Chamber was unable to hold last year's event due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at [dovernh.org/sweeps](https://www.dovernh.org/sweeps). Each ticket is just \$50. No more than 300 tickets will be sold. In addition to the \$10,000 grand prize drawing, this event will also feature other exciting virtual elements, including raffles and a silent auction.

For more information, visit the Chamber's website here: <https://www.dovernh.org/sweepstakes-auction>.



Ian Oneal, left, and Amanda Gagne hold up a large check after announcing the Dover branch of First Seacoast Bank will sponsor the Chamber's annual Sweepstakes and Auction fundraiser.

First Seacoast Bank returns as sweepstakes sponsor

First Seacoast Bank will once again serve as the underwriter for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Sweepstakes & Auction. The Dover-based community bank has been the headlining sponsor since the event's beginning.

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"I am continually impressed by the Chamber's commitment to the greater Dover community," said Tiffany Melanson, VP, Marketing and Public Relations at First Seacoast Bank. "The seamless transition of maintaining and hosting countless virtual events – including the annual Sweepstakes Auction – is a true testament to the Chamber's commitment to its members and the entire community. As a longtime underwriting sponsor of the Sweepstakes event, the FSB team always looks forward to this fun night. And while we will be celebrating a bit differently this year, we are so appreciative of the Chamber's unwavering commitment to making things happen."

Tickets for the event are now on sale and can be purchased online at dovernh.org/sweeps. Each ticket is just \$50 and only 300 tickets will be sold. In addition to the \$10,000 grand prize drawing, the event will also feature other exciting virtual elements, including a silent auction. "Our annual Sweeps event brings together both Chamber and community members for a fun-filled and exciting evening," says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce. "Although we will gather virtually this year, at the end of the night someone will still be \$10,000 richer and the Chamber will secure much-needed funding for our popular community-based programs such as Cochecho Arts Festival and Apple Harvest Day."

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 other programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.

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Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2021 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 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 of age or older may license one dog for \$3. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering sent by email to s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov or by mail to City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

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

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.

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

Property taxes and utility bills can now be paid online

The City of Dover has recently added online payment options for the payment of property taxes, utility bills and other miscellaneous bills in addition to other online payment services already available, such as renewing motor vehicle registrations and dog licenses and paying parking tickets.

The payment options for property taxes, utility bills and miscellaneous bills are located on the Billing and Payment page that can be found by [clicking here](#) or by using the "Pay My Bill" button on the home page of the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov. Payment of property tax bills is only available for current year tax bills and is not available for properties with a prior year's tax lien. Utility billing is for water and sewer bills. Miscellaneous billing is for the payment of impact fees, inspection fees, McConnell Center rent, and the City's bag and the tag program, as well as other bills.

Each payment option requires information to locate the bill to be paid. Property tax payment requires either the owner's name, property address or parcel number. For a utility bill payment, a customer would need the owner's name or the Service ID (SID) number. An invoice number is required for miscellaneous billing.

Payments can be made via a credit card or by electronic check, known as ACH (automated clearing house). The bank routing and account numbers are needed to complete an ACH transaction. Credit cards accepted include Mastercard, Visa and Discover. American Express is not accepted.

There are fees associated with online payments collected by the payment processing company. For utility billing, there is a \$6.95 fee for the online transaction. For paying property taxes or miscellaneous billing by credit card, the fee is 2.5 percent of the payment. The fee for an ACH transaction is \$1.

The billing page also provides links to other online bill options, including vehicle registration and dog license renewals and the payment of parking tickets.

For more information, contact the City Clerk/Tax Collection Office at 516-6018.

City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

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

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

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

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

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#).

Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by

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, Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I, Utilities**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Custodian**

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on

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.

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.

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