

## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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#### CITY OF DOVER, NH

288 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820 603-516-6000

City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

> Tuesday, Thursday,

## City Council and School Board to hold joint workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 19

The City Council and School Board will meet for a joint workshop this Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. The meeting is scheduled for Room 305 of the McConnell Center.

The workshop will include a briefing from the Dover legislative delegation members, who will provide a legislative session overview. The briefing also provides an opportunity for City Council and School Board members to share any of its priorities with the delegation.

The Ordinance Committee and Planning Department staff will discuss the ward redistricting proposal selected by the Ordinance Committee on Dec. 20. The City Council has referred the proposal to a public hearing and possible vote on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The last agenda items of the joint workshop are related to the fiscal year 2023 budget. One part is an analysis of the fiscal year 2023 budget tax cap; the other is a discussion of the development of the budget.

The workshop will be televised on Channel 22 and streamed live and available for on-demand viewing at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>. For the complete agenda, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

## School Board holds budget

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### workshop Tuesday, Jan. 18

The Dover School Board will begin its in-depth review of the district's fiscal year 2023 budget at a workshop this Tuesday, Jan. 18, in the McConnell Center's Room 306. The workshop begins at 6 p.m.

Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni will present budget options to the board at the workshop. The two provided the School Board with a brief overview of the estimated revenue and expenditures changes at the School Board's Jan. 10 meeting. Limanni also detailed the budget creation process. The budget presentation can be <u>seen</u> <u>here</u> at the City of Dover's Budget Revealed online resource. Limanni's PowerPoint presentation is included with the meeting minutes, <u>available here</u>.

Another budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 24, starting at 6 p.m. in Room 306 of the McConnell Center. The School Board will also hold a joint workshop regarding the fiscal year 2023 budget this Wednesday, Jan. 19, in Room 305 of the McConnell Center. See the joint workshop agenda <u>here</u>.

## Fire Chief Paul Haas announces retirement; City appoints Christopher Parker as deputy city manager

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., this week congratulated Fire and Rescue Chief Paul Haas on his retirement from the department at the end of January after 24 years of service to the city. Joyal also congratulated Christopher G. Parker on his promotion to deputy city manager.

Haas began his career with the City of Dover as a firefighter/EMT in 1998 and worked every position until he was named chief in 2019. At the Jan. 12 City Council meeting, Joyal thanked Haas for his leadership. Joyal cited Haas as instrumental in guiding the community's COVID-19 response, getting the warming center up and running on Willand Drive in Somersworth, and overseeing the Inspection Services during a period of tremendous use due to continued use economic growth — in addition to his everyday duties as fire chief.

"Most importantly, he's positioned the department in a very good place, with a strong leadership team," Joyal said.

In recognizing the promotion of Parker from assistant city manager and director of planning to deputy city manager, Joyal noted he intends to restructure various development functions in the city that will be under Parker's leadership, including a new planning director to be named in the coming weeks. Joyal said the restructuring would include planning, community development and economic development.

"He will oversee and coordinate all those development activities across all departments and serve in my absence as acting city manager unless designated otherwise," Joyal said at the City Council meeting.

Parker began his career with the City of Dover as a Planning Department intern in 1997 before becoming a full-time employee with Community Services in 1998. In 2002, Parker returned to the Planning Department and was named director in 2007. In 2014, he was promoted to assistant city manager.



**FIRE CHIEF PAUL HAAS** 



DEPUTY CITY MANAGER CHRISTOPHER PARKER



## **City offices closed Monday for MLK Day**

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Public Library and Dover Community Senior Center will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 17.

Martin Luther King. Jr. Day is a parking holiday. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays.

## Planning Board to hold public hearing on draft fiscal year CDBG annual action plan

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m, regarding the draft fiscal year 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

The City of Dover receives federal grant funding through the CDBG program, administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The city has adopted a consolidated plan that identifies Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and the community's priority objectives to be addressed during the FY2021 to FY2025 timeframe. The city develops an annual action plan which outlines the City's proposed use of grant funding received through the CDBG program for FY2023 to help achieve the priorities identified in the consolidated plan,

When completed, the final annual action plan provides the allocations made to organizations, programs and projects. Projects under consideration for the FY2023 annual action plan include:

- Homeless shelter services
- Security deposit programs
- · Weatherization and energy efficiency improvements
- Economic development activities

Members of the public, organizations, agencies and programs are encouraged to attend/participate and comment on the draft FY2023 annual action plan. Also, comments and concerns can be submitted to Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter via email at d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov; via phone at 603-516-6008; or via mail at Planning & Community Development Department, 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03820.

A copy of the draft FY2023 annual action plan can be found at the Dover Public Library located at 73 Locust St, Dover, NH 03820 and at the Planning & Community Development Department, 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03820. A copy of the draft FY2023 Annual Action Plan can also be found on the City of Dover's website at: <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/index.html</u>.

Citizens are invited to attend/participate in the public hearing, to be conducted in City Council Chambers in City Hall, 288 Central Ave, Dover, New Hampshire on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m., and to ask questions and/or to otherwise comment on the draft FY2023 Action Plan.



## Be safe when heating your home

With winter and colder weather here, many residents are turning up the heat at home. Fire Chief Paul Haas reminds residents to keep safety in mind.

"Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths," Haas said. "Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February."

Haas points to the recent multi-fatality fire tragedy in New York City, where 17 people perished in a fire believed to have started by a temporary heating appliance in an apartment.

In addition, Dover Fire and Rescue urges everyone to have an evacuation plan, in all weather. In the winter, fire officials recommend leaving a warm coat by the door, know where your keys are and leave the building immediately when a smoke detector or fire alarm goes off. Closing the door to a home or apartment is also important, as an open door can cause a fire to spread faster.

Here are some heating safety tips from Dover Fire and Rescue:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- When using alternate heating sources, such as an emergency generator, a fireplace, wood stove or space heater, make sure they are properly ventilated.
- Always operate a generator outdoors and away from your home.
- Improper use of heating devices can lead to dangerous carbon monoxide buildup in the home. Be sure to use a carbon monoxide detector when heating your home, including from sources such as pellet stoves, gas stoves, gas fireplaces, and oil or gas heating systems.

Haas reiterates carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning due to poor or incorrectly installed heat sources account for a number of calls every year. Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide. A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

Haas adds that CO detectors can be purchased at most hardware and retail stores. If a CO detector activates, call Dover Fire and Rescue.

Here are some tips about CO detectors:

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call Dover Fire and Rescue.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to reenter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO only use outside.

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148. Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies.

## Wind chill advisory in effect tonight

#### Regional warming center in Somersworth opens today at 5 p.m.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a wind chill advisory for the region that begins at 7 p.m. tonight, Friday, Jan. 14, and continues through 1 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, Jan. 15.

NWS forecasts a blustery northwest wind of 15 to 20 miles per hour, with gusts up to 35 miles per hour. Wind chill values will bring the temperature to as low as 13 degrees below zero.

For an up-to-date forecast, visit the National Weather Service's information for Dover at https://go.usa.gov/xPGSn.

The Strafford County Extreme Weather Warming Center at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth opens today at 5 p.m. for those seeking relief from the cold tonight. Due to current capacity limitations to limit the spread of COVID-19, please check with the Warming Center at 603-742-2709 before arriving.

Masks and physical distancing are required at all times. The Warming Center is still seeking volunteers and donations. To volunteer at the Warming Center, sign-up at: https://bit.ly/33z3nZ6. For more information about needed donations, visit https://bit.ly/3rgOm6G. For a list of needed meals, visit https://bit.ly/3FtH7xh.

For more information about the Strafford County Extreme Weather Warming Center, visit <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/warming-and-cooling-centers.html</u> or <u>https://www.facebook.com/warmingcenterofsc</u>.

## Dover Chamber's annual Economic Forecast is coming up Tuesday

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will present its annual Economic Forecast on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 8:30 a.m., via Zoom.

COVID-19 still remains a public health threat and its economic impact has been



widespread. From supply chain disruption to labor shortages, the pandemic is having a significant impact on the regional, national, and global economies. Hear from Brian Gottlob, Director of the N.H. Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau and principal at PolEcon Research, about what we can expect in the next 12 months and beyond. Will we see economic growth? And will there be any lasting effects from the pandemic? Register for this forum and find out.

The economic forecast, underwritten by Eversource and sponsored by Stratus Telecom, is open to the public with pre-registration. The fee to attend is \$10 for chamber members and \$15 for others. To register visit <u>www.dovernh.org/economy</u> or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic wellbeing of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.

## **Dover Chamber seeks award nominations**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, and Nonprofit of the Year. The GDCC also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.



New this year is the Community Arts Champion Award, which honors a business or individual in Dover who focuses on creativity as integral to civic engagement, community vitality, and access for everyone, everywhere in the city.

These awards provide an opportunity for GDCC member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the GDCC's Annual Awards Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, at the Regatta Banquet & Conference Center in Eliot, Maine.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to reflect about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit a nomination visit <u>www.dovernh.org/awards</u>. All nominations are due by March 11 at 4 p.m.

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

The GDCC Annual Awards Dinner serves as a marketing and sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorship in connection with the Annual Awards Dinner, email GDCC President Margaret Joyce at <u>margaret@dovernh.org</u>.

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



## Free weekly vaccination, booster clinics open every Wednesday at the Dover Public Library

#### Registration encouraged; walk-ins welcome

Dover Fire and Rescue and the Dover Public Library are partnering to host free weekly vaccination and booster clinics on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. at the library beginning Wednesday, Jan. 12. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure all paperwork is completed before the appointment; however, walk-ins are welcome. The Pfizer-BioNTech will be the only vaccine and booster available at the clinics.

Vaccinations are available for the following age groups:

- 5 to 11 years old: first and second vaccine doses
- 12 years and older: first and second vaccine doses and vaccine booster doses (Pfizer-BioNTech only)

To register for an appointment, visit the State of New Hampshire's online vaccine scheduling system at <a href="https://vini.nh.gov/providers/s/">https://vini.nh.gov/providers/s/</a>. (Please note you must register via this link and not vaccinations.gov.) You do not need to be a Dover resident or a New Hampshire resident to register.

Follow the instructions to set up an account; it requires a name, street address, email address and phone number. Once the account is verified, the user can create an appointment. To schedule an appointment at Dover Public Library:

- Select the "Create/Manage Appointment" icon
- Click on the green "Schedule Appointment" button
- · Select either initial vaccine series or booster
- Under "Search Location," enter 03820 in the address/zip code field
- Select: "Dover Fire-Standing Clinic," then click "See availability"
- Choose an appointment time slot

Please arrive on time for the appointment scheduled. The vaccine clinic will be in the second-floor meeting room of the Dover Public Library at 73 Locust St.

For more information, contact Fire and Rescue Division Chief Keith Irwin at <u>k.irwin@dover.nh.gov</u>.

## Dover School Districts shortens COVID-19 quarantine and isolation guidelines consistent with state and federal guidance

This week, the Dover School District updated its Protocols Applied to Pandemic Education (PAPE), shortening quarantine/isolation times for students and staff who test positive for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2, and their close household contacts who tests positive.

The changes <u>approved by the School Board on Jan. 10</u> bring the district guidelines in line with recently updated quarantine and isolation guidance from Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, and the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

The updated PAPE protocols are available at the Dover School District's <u>COVID-19 Updates</u> <u>webpage</u>. Document changes are highlighted in yellow, with some changes noted below. Facemasks continue to be required for Dover public school students and staff in indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status.

#### Quarantining after close contact with coronavirus

Those not fully vaccinated, exposed to the coronavirus through a close household contact and have not been diagnosed with a COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 infection in the past 90 days are to quarantine for five days from the last day of exposure. This could be up to 10 days under certain scenarios.

For those fully vaccinated, quarantining is not necessary, though they should monitor themselves for symptoms and exercise public health precautions for the potential of being a carrier/spreader of COVID-19. The PAPE guidelines recommend that the fully vaccinated person get tested five to seven days after exposure and wear a facemask in indoor public settings for 10 days.

The document also notes in the future, the term "fully vaccinated" may be changed to "up to date," meaning a person must "have completed a primary COVID-19 vaccine series" and "any booster shots which they are eligible for and recommended to receive." To be considered "fully vaccinated," a person must be 14 days beyond the final dose of their primary COVID-19 vaccine series.

#### Ending isolation after positive COVID-19 test

A non-fully vaccinated person showing COVID-19 symptoms may end isolation and COVID-19 precautions if:

- At least five days have passed since the onset of symptoms.
- The person has been off fever-reducing medications for at least 24 hours while symptoms have been improving.
- An asymptomatic positively tested person can stop isolation and precautions after five days have passed from the person's first positive COVID-19 test, assuming the person does not subsequently develop symptoms.

Click here to read the full document.

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

## Key things to know about COVID-19 vaccines

- Everyone 5 years and older is eligible to get a free COVID-19 vaccination.
- Everyone 12 years old and older who is fully vaccinated can get a booster shot.

- COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping protect against severe disease and death from the virus that causes COVID-19.
- The <u>benefits of COVID-19 vaccination</u> outweigh the known and potential risks, which are rare.
- People who are fully vaccinated can resume many activities they did before the pandemic. However, people should wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission.

Where to get the vaccine locally

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. To schedule an appointment, visit <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines". The link will bring you to the national site where you can search for vaccines by zip code and vaccine type.

In addition to local pharmacies and providers, the State of New Hampshire is providing vaccines at several fixed sites. The closest fixed site to Dover is:

#### **On-Site Medical Services**

306 North Main Street, Rochester Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk in only, no appointment necessary Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/vaccinationlocator

For additional locations and options, visit <u>vaccines.gov</u>.

**COVID-19 booster shots** 

The fast-spreading Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19.

If you need help scheduling your booster shot, contact the location that set up your previous appointment. If you need to get your booster shot in a location different from where you received your previous shot, there are several ways you can <u>find a vaccine provider</u>.

Bring your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card to your booster shot appointment so your provider can fill in the information about your booster dose. If you did not receive a card at your first appointment, contact the vaccination site where you got your first shot or your state health department to find out how you can get a card.

You may experience side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine. These are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19.

## UPDATED mRNA COVID-19 BOOSTER RECOMMENDATIONS

Age	How long after mRNA COVID-19 primary vaccination series?	Which shot to get?
12–17	5 months	Pfizer-BioNTech
18+	5 months	Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (Janssen may be considered in some circumstances)

FIND OUT MORE AT CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS

## **CDC expands booster shot eligibility**

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation to expand eligibility of booster doses to those 12 to 15 years old. CDC now recommends that adolescents age 12 to 17 years old should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.

Data show that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen protection against Omicron and other SARS-CoV-2 variants. ACIP reviewed the available safety data following the administration of over 25 million vaccine doses in adolescents; COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 12-17.

## COVID symptoms or need to confirm you aren't infected? Get tested

Many health insurance plans cover COVID-19 tests without a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for persons with symptoms of COVID-19. Locations throughout the state offer COVID-19 tests, including hospitals, pharmacies, primary care offices, urgent care centers. The State of New Hampshire is also offering free at-home saliva test kits through a partner agency, Vault Medical

Services, which can be ordered online at https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nh/.

Tests for active COVID-19 disease are available in locations across New Hampshire and include both the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and the rapid antigen test. The PCR test is for persons with or without symptoms of COVID-19. The rapid antigen test is for persons with symptoms and within a specific timeframe after onset of symptoms.

The federal government has contracted with Walgreens and Rite Aid pharmacies to offer COVID-19 tests at no additional costs for persons without insurance with symptoms of COVID-19. Visit the website of these pharmacies or contact your local Walgreens or Rite Aid pharmacy to learn more about their free testing program.

Persons who do not have insurance or have a health insurance plan that does not fully cover the cost of tests may also have testing paid for by a New Hampshire Limited COVID-19 Testing Benefit. To apply online for the Testing Benefit, please visit NH EASY at <a href="https://nheasy.nh.gov">https://nheasy.nh.gov</a> and click on "COVID-19 Testing". Additional information about other DHHS programs and benefits, including different Medicaid plans that cover more than COVID-19 testing services, are on the NH EASY website.

#### **Dover area COVID-19 testing locations:**

#### CVS (Ages 3 and up)

50 Sterling Way, Dover Type of test: PCR https://cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing

#### Rite Aid (Ages 4 and up)

679 Central Avenue only, Dover Type of test: PCR https://riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing

#### ConvienentMD

14 Webb Place, Dover Type of test: PCR https://convenientmd.com/covid-19-testing/

#### Walgreens (ages 3 and up)

1 Glenwood Ave., Dover Type of test: PCR and Rapid https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid\_vanity\_testing

Quest Diagnostics (Ages 2 and up) 311 Route 108, Somersworth (inside Goodwin Health Center) 5 Clark Way, Somersworth Type of test: Rapid

https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test?utm\_campaign=2021-5-CIIP-CIIP-Consumers&utm\_medium=Vanity&utm\_source=QuestCOVID19-com&utm\_term=Paid-Owned

#### Wentworth-Douglass Hospital

789 Central Ave., Dover Type of test: PCR Scheduled through affiliated PCP only

#### ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care

Fox Run Mall, 50 Fox Run Road, Newington Type of test: PCR <u>https://ccmdcenters.com/coronavirus2019</u>

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

School Board, January 18, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a budget workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in School Board Chambers, room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

#### City Council and School Board, January 19, 7 p.m.

The City Council and School Board will hold a joint session on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

## Zoning Board, January 20, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at 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.



## Save yourself time by paying your parking ticket online

Parking violations must be paid within 10 days of being issued or additional fines are imposed.

Payment can be made by check through the mail using the envelope provided.

Payments (cash, check or credit card) can be made at the Parking Bureau in City Hall, across from the City Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a \$1 surcharge per payment in increments of up to \$50 for credit cards.

Looking to save some time? You may also pay on-line at https://citations.dover.nh.gov/.

Any questions on parking issues or parking permits may be directed to the Parking Bureau at 603-516-6132, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.



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

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

Jan. 16, 1766 — Lee, part of the original territory of Dover, and afterwards of Durham, is set off and incorporated as a town.

**Jan. 22, 1770** — The town voted to build anew bridge over Cochecho River "at the upper ware next below Capt. Waldron's mills at the lower falls." Two hundred pounds were raised by tax for the purpose and two shillings lawful money was to be paid per day to the men working on the same, finding themselves. A meeting was held Feb. 26, to see if the town would reconsider the above vote, when "by polling" it was voted not to reconsider.

**Jan. 19, 1810** — The memorable "Cold Friday" occurred in Dover, of which mention is frequently made by New England historians. The thermometer ranged all day long from 15 to 20 degrees below zero while the wind attained to the proportions of a hurricane. A family in Sanbornton, whose house was prostrated by the gale, perished before its members could reach the nearest shelter, a half mile away. A stage driver on the route from Boston to Salem, was found frozen stiff upon his box with the reins in his hands, when the horses halted before the hotel door in Lynn.

**Jan. 16, 1844** — A fire in Harper's Furniture Store almost destroys the office of the Dover Enquirer.

**January, 1910** — Under a new New Hampshire law, effective Jan. 1, 1910, the auto registration fee was raised to \$10 and the speed limit in Dover raised from 8 to 10 mph, and in rural areas from 20 to 25 mph. Later that same month, many complaints are raised about horses being raced on Sixth Street. The mayor declares an end to the sport. A speedway, wide enough for four or five horses, was to be prepared on Silver Street, starting at Arch Street, but local horsemen, not satisfied with the speedway, convinced the mayor to create a new speedway through Torr's Woods on Durham Road.

**Jan. 15, 1997** — The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce announces Steve and Lorraine Goren as the 1997 Citizens of the Year. The Gorens, then owners of Farnham's clothing store, were recognized for their many contributions to the community and to the growth of Dover.

## Dover400 to host public input session January 24

Dover400, a committee organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, will host a public input session on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dover Public Library. Dover400 is seeking feedback from residents on activities and programs they'd like see leading up to the City's milestone birthday in 2023.

As the first permanent, European settlement in New Hampshire, Dover has the honor to lead the way for many regional anniversary celebrations. The all-volunteer team, led by Executive Director Jeannette Poulin, has been



diligently working to deliver meaningful community events. During 2021, the Committee produced free monthly historical lecture series, which featured Dover history from the early 17th to the mid-20th centuries, hosted a free family fun day at Tendercrop Farm, and launched a merchandise portal including its third commemorative ornament in a five-part set from Hampshire Pewter.

"We are so excited to deliver more occasions for residents to celebrate Dover's rich history," said Kevin McEneaney, Chair of the Dover400 Committee. "We value public input to shape future City festivities."

Events planned for 2022 include Winter Festival (February), Summer Concert Series (June), International Food Festival (September) and First Night 400 (December). To pay for these endeavors, the group is amid its 400 for 400 fundraising campaign, seeking donations of \$400 from community-minded residents and businesses. To date, the effort has yielded nearly 80 donations.

For more information, please visit <u>www.Dover400.org</u>.



## Dover Public Library to receive NH State Library ARPA grant funding

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$22,370 in funding through the Institute for Museum and Library Services' "Grants to States" program. The grant program is part of the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 and is being facilitated by the N.H. State Library.

The Dover Public Library will use this grant award to do a complete redesign of their website and to also design a new logo.

In the grant application, the Dover Public Library, detailed that it would meet these needs by using grant funds to hire a firm to complete the redesign. In the redesign the Library is looking to increase functionality and eliminate barriers to accessibility. The redesigned site would be 508/ADA compliant and be mobile responsive.

"We are very excited to have our website redesigned. Our current site is approximately nine years old and no longer meets the needs of our users. We would like to update the look and feel of the website, as well as greatly improve the user experience" said Dover Public Library Director Denise LaFrance. "We are very fortunate to have received this grant that will allow us to better serve the members of our community."

"New Hampshire's strong relationship with its public libraries was made even more evident during the past two years, when librarians and their staffs were able to adjust services nimbly in order to continue to meet the needs of their communities," said N.H. State Librarian Michael York. "The innovative programs funded by these grants will continue to strengthen not only

public library services, but also the communities in which the libraries reside."

"As pillars of our communities, libraries and museums bring people together by providing important programs, services and collections. These institutions are trusted spaces where people can learn, explore and grow," said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. "IMLS is proud to support their initiatives through our grants as they educate and enhance their communities."

The Dover Public Library's goal is to have the new website up and running by July of 2022.

Part of the N.H. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the N.H. State Library promotes excellence in libraries and library services to all New Hampshire residents, by assisting libraries and the people of New Hampshire with rapid access to library and informational resources through the development and coordination of a statewide library/information system; by meeting the informational needs of New Hampshire's state, county and municipal governments and its libraries; and by serving as a resource for New Hampshire. For more information, visit <u>nh.gov/nhsl</u>.

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### Paul Gauguin: Escape to Tahiti

Escape to the South Pacific with the vibrant colors of Post-Impressionist painter Paul Gauguin virtually on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Learn more about Gauguin (the infamous frenemy of Vincent Van Gogh), his career in France and his decision to leave it all behind. Enjoy the incredible images inspired by the Tahitian people and landscape and find out why success eluded this notorious artist during his lifetime.

Registration is required to view this virtual program and the library uses Ring Central software which will need to be downloaded to your computer so give yourself a little extra time to sign on that evening for that to happen. The registration can be found on the library's event calendar at library.dover.nh.gov/events.



The presenter, Jane Oneail, curates and delivers art appreciation programs to audiences throughout New England and beyond. Jane holds a master's in Art History from Boston University and a master's in Education from Harvard University. A New Hampshire native, she has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions, including the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, where she served as Executive Director, and the Currier Museum of Art, where she held the role of Senior Educator. Jane has also taught at the college level for more than a decade, most recently at Southern New Hampshire

University. For more information visit iamculturallycurious.com

The program is free and open to the public.



For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

### The Week at the Library

January VIRTUAL Cookbook Club Join us for a virtual exploration of Martha Stewart's Slow Cooker. Throughout the month of January, 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. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

#### Monday, January 17, Library Closed Martin Luther King Holiday

Tuesday, January 18, 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 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.

#### Wednesday, January 19, 9:30 to 11:30 am

**Adult Knitting Group** 

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

#### Wednesday, January 19, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities. Registration required.

Thursday, January 20, 10 to 10:45 am Beyond Books: Program Arts and Crafts "Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Each session will focus on a different subject. Register for this Thursday series to explore arts and crafts. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

Thursday, January 20, 6:30 to 7:45 pm VIRTUAL Paul Gauguin: Escape to Tahiti Presented by Culturally Curious, escape to the South Pacific with the vibrant colors of Post-Impressionist painter Paul Gauguin. Learn more about Gauguin, his career in France and his decision to leave it all behind. Enjoy the incredible images inspired by the Tahitian people and landscape and find out why success eluded this notorious artist during his lifetime. Registration required.

#### Friday, January 21, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby! Join Miss JoJo on the front lawn for a super fun music filled program! This program is for babies-3 years (older siblings always welcome). We will rock out to some of our favorite music and nursery rhymes! Please dress for the weather and you are welcome to bring blankets, strollers, chairs etc. We have some yoga mats for use. Each week there will be a featured artist or genre to dance/sing/jam, too.

#### Saturday, January 22, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Family Yoga

Families with young children are invited to join us in the Lecture Hall. We will have a fun animal themed yoga session to stretch and recharge together. Please bring a yoga mat to use and comfortable clothing. No experience necessary.



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Science Fridays Every Friday at CMNH Science fun included in museum admission. Sponsored by the state of New Hampshire on Behalf of the UNIQUE College Investing Plan. 10 a.m. during Morning Play Session (9 a.m. to noon) or 2 p.m. during Afternoon Play Session (1-4 p.m.) Reservations required: <u>https://childrens-museum.org/visit/info</u>

#### Wacky Art Wednesdays, Every Wednesday at CMNH

New art projects every Wednesday, included with museum admission. 10 a.m. during Morning Play Session (9 a.m. to noon) or 2 p.m. during Afternoon Play Session (1-4 p.m.) Reservations required: <u>https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/art-making</u>



#### Tickets on Sale Now! Dinosaur Valentine's Day Party Sunday, Feb. 13, 1 to 4 p.m.

Celebrate your love of dinosaurs this Valentine's Day with a little pre-historic fun at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire! This special ticketed event will include playtime in the museum's exhibits, including the Dinosaur Detective exhibit, make special Valentine's Day and

Dinosaur themed crafts, listen to dinosaur stories and meet a friendly costumed dinosaur to take pictures, and then top it off with a sweet treat to enjoy on your way home. Space is limited to maintain the museum's reduced capacity. Masks are required for all visitors over the age of 24 months, regardless of vaccination status.

Members: \$10/person Non-Members: \$16/person Kids under the age of 1: Free <u>https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/alice-in-wonderland-tea-party</u>



#### Exploring Our Way: Sensory Friendly Playtime Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1 to 4 p.m.

Exclusive for families of children with special needs. Regular admission and discounts apply. Reservations required. Masks are optional for children with sensory issues visiting during Sensory Friendly Playtime, but are required for the remainder of the party (over the age of 24 months) regardless of vaccination status.

https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/autism

## Dover Mental Alliance hosting free monthly suicide prevention classes

The Dover Mental Health Alliance, in partnership with the Dover School District, is offering monthly evening suicide prevention classes to community members through June 2. Participants



are welcome to register for any of the free training courses.

Trainers will utilize the NAMI-New Hampshire Connect Suicide Prevention program, designed as a public health approach to suicide prevention. NAMI New Hampshire is the state chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Participants will learn how to recognize the signs of someone in emotional distress, suicide risk factors, and ways to help.

"It is our community's responsibility to play a part in suicide prevention," said Suzanne Weete of the Dover Mental Health Alliance. "You don't need to be a therapist to help someone if you can recognize the signs of distress and know how to respond appropriately."

This training is appropriate for parents and community members or anyone in contact with individuals at risk, whether in a professional, personal, or informal capacity as a gatekeeper. A gatekeeper's role is to be aware of persons in their community, recognize any risk factors or warning signs, connect with that individual, and get the necessary help to provide safety and

support for the person at risk.

The training is free, but registration is required. A minimum of 10 people must register/attend for the class to be held. Participants must be 18 or older; the course is not suitable for students. The three-hour classes are held on the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dover High School library at 25 Alumni Drive in Dover. The remaining training date options are February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2. Participants only need to attend one training.

To register, complete the Google Doc form at https://bit.ly/3JE96NX.

Region 6 Integrated Delivery Network provided a grant to the Dover Mental Health Alliance to help cover training costs with additional funding from the Dover School District. The Dover Mental Health Alliance is the community engagement arm of Community Partners, Strafford County's local, non-profit community mental health center. For more information about the Dover Mental Health Alliance and upcoming classes, visit <u>www.facebook.com/DoverMHA</u>, or email Suzanne Weete at <u>suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org</u>.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call National Suicide Prevention Lifeline anytime at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text the Crisis Text Line at 741741. These lines are staffed 24/7 by trained mental health professionals.



## **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:

- City Planner
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician
- Engineering Technician
- Deputy Director of Information Technology
- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Gym attendant
- Lab supervisor/Industrial pretreatment coordinator
- Laborer I

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

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