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## UPDATED: Status of City and school facilities and services

The City of Dover continues to reopen facilities and services. City services and staff at all facilities have been accessible online, by phone and email during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

As of today, the status of city services and facilities is as follows:

### Public Library expands hours

#### Dover Public Library

Beginning this week, the Dover Public Library expanded its hours of operation to Mondays, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



For patrons who choose not to visit in person, the Library will continue to offer its pickup service on Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., and on

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Grab and Go program provides food throughout the summer

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### **Meetings this week:**

#### **City Council, July 22, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit

Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

See [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) for more information about the pickup service.

The Library is open with the following restrictions:

- The hours of 9 to 10 a.m. will be reserved for elderly or medically vulnerable patrons.
- Patrons with any symptoms of COVID-19, including fever or cough, should not enter the building.
- The Library is requesting that all patrons wear masks. Masks will be provided to those who need one.
- A maximum of 22 patrons will be allowed in the building at a time and of those 22, eight will be allowed in the Children's Room.
- The parking lot door, near the Children's Room, is the designated entrance, and the front door will be the exit. This does not apply to patrons in need of the elevator, or families exiting the Children's Room.
- Patrons will be allotted one hour to be in the building to give computer users enough time to get their work completed. However, patrons are asked to keep their visits as short as possible.
- Please follow all social distancing protocols. Decals on the floor denote 6-foot spacing at service desks.
- Please no food and drink in the building due to the fact that patrons would need to remove their masks to consume.
- Please return all materials in our outside book drops. All books will be quarantined for three days and will be checked in on the fourth day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all service desks.
- The DVD collection has been relocated to the Lecture Hall to allow for more spacious browsing.

For more information, call the Library at 516-6050 or email [libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov](mailto:libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov).

### **Parks and Recreation**

## **Outdoor pool to open for recreational swimming on July 20**

### **Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool**

Beginning on Monday, July 20, the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool will open for recreational swimming. To meet state guidelines for reopening, several restrictions will be in place, including:



- Everyone should arrive showered and ready to swim.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



### CITY OF DOVER, NH

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#### City Hall hours:

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

Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Recycling Center hours:

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

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Locker room use will be limited.

- Capacity will be limited to 40 patrons on a first come, first served basis.
- Patrons must maintain 6 feet of physical distance from other patrons who are not members of the same household.
- Masks must be worn when entering and exiting the facility, in the pool lobby, locker rooms and pool deck, prior to entering the water.
- The pool is modified for physical distancing and no equipment, such as goggles, will be provided.
- The use of any equipment, including kickboards, fins, noodles, toys, and barbells are not allowed until further notice.
- Diving boards will be open to the public from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 3:30 p.m. only.

Under the new guidelines, the Outdoor Pool cannot offer group and private lessons until further notice.

The Jenny Thompson Pool is currently open by reservation only. To reserve a time or to see the pool schedule, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xfxGd>. Patrons must exit the facility no more than 15 minutes after their reserved block has ended.

The pool is not heated at this time. Those using the pool are asked to arrive showered and ready to swim.

For additional information and guidelines, see <https://go.usa.gov/xfxGd>.

### McConnell Center

The Fitness Center, located at the McConnell Center, is open during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Precautions will be in place for those using the facility, including:

- The Fitness Center will operate at half capacity
- Staff will be wearing masks and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear masks in all common areas
- Cardio rooms will be limited to 4 people at a time
- Time restrictions may be placed on cardio equipment, if needed
- The weight room, Cybex room and dance studio will be limited to 7 people at a time
- It is recommended that patrons call about room availability in advance to working out
- Additional hand sanitizers will be available
- Anyone who is sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-

### **Butterfield Gym**

The Butterfield Gym is open during regular hours.

### **Dover Community Senior Center**

The Dover Community Senior Center, also located at the McConnell Center, remains closed.

### **Ice Arena**

The Dover Ice Arena is open. Although open, a number of Arena programs planned for the summer will not occur, including Learn to Skate, Rock Night, youth and adult introduction to hockey, recreational public skate, and skate rentals from the Pro Shop.

### **Parks and playgrounds**

Some recreation areas are open again to the public, including the Longhill Park Dog Park, pickleball and tennis courts, and the Bellamy Park Disc Golf Course. Several restrictions are and remain in place at these locations until further notice, including prohibited use by those who exhibit and symptoms of the coronavirus, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are at risk due to known factors including underlying health conditions.

Pickleball and tennis courts are now available first come, first served. Additional pickleball programs, drop-in and recreational play are also now available.

Parks and playgrounds are no longer closed, but an advisory is in effect. Please remember:

- Playground equipment is not sanitized
- Stay home if you are sick
- Wash hands before and after use
- Avoid touching surfaces
- Use of parks and playgrounds is at your own risk

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 516-6401.

### **Dover Indoor Pool**

The Indoor Pool is open for lap swim only. Lap swimming will be broken down into one-hour swim blocks, followed by a 30-minute block for staff to clean the facility. Patrons will exit the facility no more than 15 minutes after their swim block has ended.

All swimming is arranged by reservation only. To make a



reservation, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/aquatics/index.html> and follow the instructions to sign up.

For additional information, including new guidelines and restrictions, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xwQuy>.

## **City Hall**

City Hall is open to the public during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



When open, additional safety precautions and guidelines will be followed at City Hall, including:

- The building is open with limited capacity.
- All staff wear masks. Customers are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Masks are available to the public, if needed.
- Clear partitions are installed in all offices at City Hall to limit in-person contact.
- While in the building, please remain 6 feet apart from others.
- Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout City Hall.
- All common surfaces are cleaned and disinfected frequently.

Payment for a variety of bills and services can still be made via a drop box at City Hall. The drop box is conveniently located inside the Locust Street Customer Service Center entrance at City Hall and is accessible during regular business hours. Payments for water and utility bills, property taxes and parking violations can be made via the drop box. The drop box can also be used for motor vehicle registrations.

## **Public School Offices and SAU**

School and SAU offices opened to the public on Monday, July 13, by appointment. To make an appointment, call the respective school's main phone line or SAU office. All visitors are required to fill out a questionnaire, have their temperature taken before entering, and wear a mask.

## **Community Services**

The Community Services facility on Mast Road is open to the public during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



The Recycling Center on Mast Road has remained open during its regular schedule of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility on Middle Road is open to septic, RV and sludge deliveries.

The chapel at Pine Hill Cemetery is open but appointments are encouraged. To contact the chapel for an appointment, call (603) 516-6480.

### **Public Welfare**

Public Welfare, located at the McConnell Center, is open. Please use Door 3 at the McConnell Center. Public Welfare can also be accessed by appointment. Contact the office by phone at 516-6500 to set up an appointment. Interviews may also be conducted over the phone, instead of in person. Necessary paperwork can be mailed to the office at Dover Public Welfare, 61 Locust St., Dover, NH 03820, faxed to the office or placed under the office door.

Some forms are available online at the [Public Welfare website](#).

Those eligible for welfare benefits must still qualify financially and apply to other programs for which they are eligible.

### **Public Meetings**

Most public boards, commissions and committees are now meeting in person. Provisions are in place to accommodate physical distancing by public body members and the public, including additional audio and visual equipment and overflow space.

See the City of Dover's [website for a calendar of upcoming meetings](#).

### **Elections**

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Secretary of State's office has made provisions for all voters to register to vote by mail and to request absentee ballots for any reason.

Under new guidance, voters can now register by mail during the COVID-19 pandemic and can request an absentee voter packet from the City Clerk's Office or from the New Hampshire Secretary of State. Voters need to fill out a

registration form and provide election officials with a copy of a current photo ID, as well as a copy of a bill, bank statement or other document with a name and address.



Voters also need a witness, who will be allowed to stand 6 feet away or behind a window, to watch the voter sign their form and to attest by affidavit to the voter's identity.

Forms must be returned by mail or in person to the City Clerk's office.

The state's complete guidelines [can be viewed here](#).

Absentee ballot requests [can be downloaded here](#) from the City of Dover's website. Absentee ballot requests must be returned by mail to the City Clerk's Office at City of Dover, NH, City Clerk, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820. The completed form can also be returned via the public drop box, located inside the Customer Service Center vestibule at City Hall.

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

### **Utility service calls and interior assessing inspections**

City staff has resumed interior water and sewer utility service calls. These services calls will be made by appointment. During these service calls, city staff will wear masks, as well as eye protection and gloves. Staff will maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others.

Assessing staff has resumed interior inspections. Inspections will be made by appointment. Inspectors will wear masks and maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others. They can be identified by a city issued identification card.

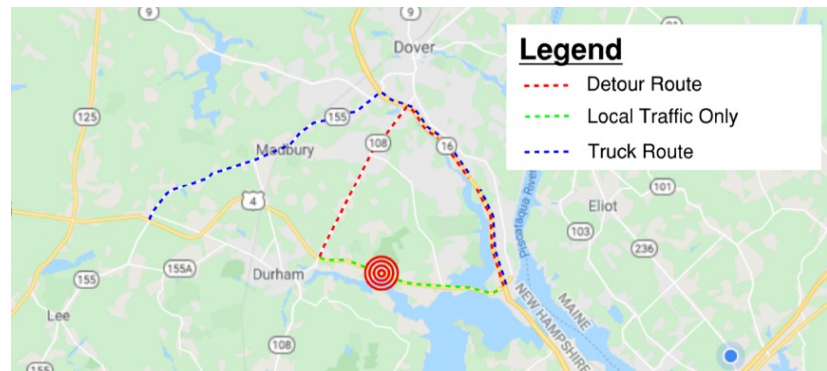
For more information, or to verify an inspector's identification, call the Assessor's Office at 516-6014.

### **Inspection Services**

Inspection Services, located at the Liberty North End Fire Station at 262 Sixth St., is now open during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The number of people permitted into the facility will be limited. For more information, contact Inspection Services at 516-6038.

### **All services and facilities**

For more information, including a list of available services and city facility access, see [our online resource here](#).



## Bridge work begins Sunday, will require five-day closing of Route 4 and traffic detours

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces an upcoming five-day closure of US Route 4 in Durham to facilitate the replacement of the Bunker Creek Bridge.

Beginning Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 11 p.m. and lasting approximately five days, US Route 4 will be closed to all through traffic. This phase of work will include demolition of the existing bridge; installation of new precast bridge elements, including the bridge abutments and superstructure; final placement of lightweight fill and roadway materials; and paving.

During the closure, traffic will be detoured from US Route 4 and the Spaulding Turnpike via NH 108 or NH 155 with the use of detour signs and message boards. Trucks are encouraged to use the NH 155 detour. All motorists are encouraged to remain alert and obey all posted signs.

The NHDOT worked closely with local authorities in Dover and Durham to develop a traffic detour plan. The official detour route will be via the Spaulding Turnpike, Exit 7, and NH Route 108 and will be marked with signs. The Dover Police Department is prepared to have officers helping facilitate traffic control at the Exit 7 interchanges during morning and evening peak commute times. The Dover Police Department is also well aware that the closure will result in increased traffic on Piscataqua Road, Back River Road, and Spruce Lane, and will perform extra patrols in these areas to monitor speed and truck restrictions.

The Town of Durham has planned for the geographic challenges associated with the bridge closure, which effectively isolates a small portion of Durham east of the Bunker Creek Bridge. The Dover Police Department and the Newington Fire Department will assist Durham public safety officials through the activation of their mutual aid agreements



to ensure that emergency response times to these Durham properties does not suffer.

The existing bridge was built in 1933 and repaired in 1970. The new bridge will correct two geometric deficiencies, will be higher to accommodate 100-year flooding concerns, and will be constructed to meet today's standards for design, safety and resilience.

US Route 4 is a critical east-west route in NH which carries 16,000 vehicles per day and crosses several environmentally sensitive areas. The new Bunker Creek bridge is designed to last longer and protect this tributary of the tidal Oyster River. The new bridge will be wider to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, and will be higher for continued access to safe waterway recreation opportunities in the area.

This work is part of the Durham 16236 Design-Build Bunker Creek Bridge Replacement Project. SPS New England, Inc. of Salisbury, Massachusetts is the Design-Builder for the \$7.1 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in October 2020.

For project history or background information, visit the NHDOT's [webpage here](#).

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## Information session on Lower Central Avenue Redesign Project is July 20

The City of Dover, as part of the ongoing Capital Improvements Program, will redesign Lower Central Avenue between Silver Street and Stark Avenue, including replacing the existing 150-year-old water line, reconstructing the outdated drainage collection and conveyance system, as well as updating streets and sidewalks.

While a construction schedule has not yet been finalized, construction is expected to begin as soon as the spring of 2021. To assist with the project's design work, the City of Dover has engaged Sebago Technics, Inc., a consulting firm involved with Dover transportation initiatives for many years. As part of Sebago's work, the City will explore design alternatives, including additional on-street parking, updating bus stop locations, bike lanes, traffic-calming measures, sidewalk improvements, visual amenities such as landscaping, wayfinding signage and lighting.

Before work begins, the City intends to meet with abutters and residents for input on the project.

An initial listening session will be held on Monday, July 20, at 6 p.m. For the safety of all during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually. Login information will be available here soon.

As the project progresses, abutters and residents can sign up to receive regular updates via email. To sign up, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select "Lower Central Avenue Project Updates."

For more information or questions about the project, contact either Assistant City Engineer Gretchen Young, PE at [g.young@dover.nh.gov](mailto:g.young@dover.nh.gov) or 603-516-6455, or Bradley Lyon, PE, the project manager for Sebago Technics, at [blyon@sebagotechnics.com](mailto:blyon@sebagotechnics.com) or 207-200-2068.

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## Dover Arts Commission awards two City Arts Grants

The Dover Arts Commission is pleased to announce the selection of Marielle Carpentier and the Dover Art Center as the recipients of its summer 2020 City Arts Grants. City Arts Grants are awarded to individual artists and arts organizations to create visual art, music, dance, theatre, film, and literary projects that benefit the residents of Dover and enrich the cultural life of the city.

### **The Cocheco Mills Historic Project in Fabric by Marielle Carpentier**



Marielle Carpentier will create a permanent sculpture based on the history of Dover and the Cocheco Manufacturing Company. The goal of the project is to provide the Public Library with permanent artwork that is a representation of the city's history, as well as an engaging learning tool for the children of Dover. In addition, a workshop will be held to provide a meaningful activity that is part history lesson, art lesson, and home economics lesson.

Carpentier's sculpture will be a simplified representation of the main factory building in a T shape. Replica fabrics that reflect the popular textiles of the time will be used to make the sculpture. Carpentier describes the sculpture as "extremely child friendly, as it is essentially a giant pillow," and plans to have it donated and permanently displayed in the Dover Public Library.



F&E's "From the Mills" new line.  
Original print 1881 by Cochecco.  
See [Reproduction Fabrics link](#).

Carpentier will also hold a workshop to teach children about textile history while educating them on patternmaking and sewing as they create their own custom pillow. The workshop is a two-part lesson. The first part will explain how to make a pattern or design, followed by time for children to design their own patterns. The second part of the workshop involves creating the final pillow. This layered physical and intellectual approach serves to connect the future with the past.

### **The Printmaking Project by the Dover Art Center**



The Dover Art Center plans to organize an environmentally friendly printmaking shop which would be accessible to resident artists and members, and, most importantly, to aspiring young artists in Dover. The Art Center's newly acquired Takach Press was purchased through generous donations. Volunteers assisted both physically and financially to organize the new workshop area and move the press into place.

The Center would like to teach the art of printmaking (e.g., etching and monoprint, collagraph and solar print) to the many young people in Dover. Workshops for students will be held in collaboration with artist teachers and printmakers who are actively involved in The Art Center already. This will be a

one-of-a-kind opportunity in the Seacoast area.

Sally Dion is the residency director at The Dover Art Center and has 36 years of printmaking experience. Dion is now in her final term at Massachusetts College of Art and Design completing her master's degree in fine art. She specializes in printmaking utilizing unusual materials and compelling narratives. She has taught printmaking and design workshops in Southern New Hampshire and has exhibited her work throughout New England.

Rebecca Proctor, founder of The Art Center, is the creative mind and organizer of the project. Proctor has worked collaboratively in Dover's art community for over 14 years. She will see this project through from its inception to its completion and will be actively involved during the process.

### **About the Dover Arts Commission**

The Dover Arts Commission is an advisory board to the Dover City Council tasked with developing and promoting programs, forums, and exhibits that highlight the artistic talent within the city. The Arts Commission works to enhance awareness of and appreciation for the arts through increased dialogue and citizen participation.



For more information about City Arts Grants or the Dover Arts Commission, email Jane Hamor at [j.hamor@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.hamor@dover.nh.gov).

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## **City Council to hold public hearing July 22 on proposed rezoning**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed rezoning amendments on Wednesday, July 22, at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The public hearing is open to all City of Dover residents, property owners and business owners.



The July 22 public hearing follows five public hearings held by the Planning Board this spring. The Planning Board unanimously adopted the amendments in June.

There are two sets of amendments, all of which are intended to promote economic development and improve quality of life in Dover. The first is a collection of syntax and terminology changes. These amendments focus on updating city code to ensure that current terms and titles are used, as well as maintaining references to state statutes and regulations. In addition to these terminology amendments, General Code,



the City's vendor managing the online representation of the City Code, has recommended renumbering some sections of the code to enhance readability.

The second set of amendments contains substantive changes, such as rezoning specific areas of the city, updating the Transfer of Development Right's Ordinance and creating and Alternative Energy Code.

The rezoning recommendations stem from a report presented by a committee tasked with reviewing nonresidential opportunities in Dover. In 2019, after reviewing transportation corridors and existing infrastructure, the committee developed its recommendation, which were then presented to the Planning Board. These items were adopted by the Planning Board in June 2020. The report can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2BLan80>.

In addition to rezoning, many of the amendments focus on streamlining the existing zones and cleaning up inconsistencies. If all of the amendments are adopted, Dover's three commercial districts will be merged into one, two high tech and assembly zones will be merged into one, and a new commercial manufacturing zone -- a hybrid zone -- will be created. In addition, the recommendations include establishing a gateway zone. Parker explains that this zone is a rethinking of an existing zone.

Two other areas of the code being updated include expanding the City's Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance to include solar and geothermal elements. This section, a recommendation of multiple chapters of the Master Plan and developed with the Energy Commission, creates guidelines for promoting solar power generation systems.

Finally, some of the proposed changes to Zoning Code promote more diverse housing options, primarily as part of the existing Transfer of Development Right's Ordinance. Dover's ordinance allows property owners to purchase development rights above what they have in the underlying zoning. The funds raised from these purchases are placed into the Conservation Fund and used to preserve and protect land in the community.

In 2018 the City developed a program to sell development rights for size-restricted homes. In its review, a Planning Board subcommittee recommended changes to the program to expand its use. Under the amendments before the City Council, there are four areas that look to incentivize the development of housing at sub-market rents:

- In manufacturing and commercial zones, for any assembly/manufacturing structure approved, and constructed, above 40,000 square feet, the property owner receives one dwelling unit per 2,000 square feet approved (for example, a 50,000-square-foot building nets five units). These can be used onsite as employee

housing, sold to other developers to be used citywide, or may be used by the property owner anywhere else in the City.

- In the Gateway zone, if a developer/property owner agrees to limit the rent to HUD fair market guidelines, the density changes from one unit per 4,000 square feet of lot size to one unit per 2,000 square feet.
- Through the Transfer of Development Right's Ordinance, if a developer/property owner agrees to limit the rent to HUD fair market guidelines, and creates a 600-square-foot or smaller detached unit or (no size limit) multifamily units, they pay no TDR fee.
- In the Residential/Commercial Mixed-Use District, if a single-family dwelling is limited to 1,000 square feet of total living area, density is one unit per 10,000 square feet of lot size; otherwise, it is one unit per 40,000 square feet of lot size.

To learn more about the rezoning amendments, including copies of the amendments, a presentation to the Planning Board and City Council, a summary of the amendments, and the rezoning committee report, visit the Planning Department web page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning>.

For more information, please contact the Office of Economic Development at 516-6043, or the Planning Office at 516-6008.

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## City Council to form Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias, seeks applicants

The City Council will soon form an ad-hoc Committee for the Elimination of Racism and is seeking community members interested in sitting on the advisory panel. The committee will hold listening sessions, review data and develop an action plan intended to help identify and eliminate systemic racism in municipal operations, including public boards and commissions.

The advisory committee will report its recommendations to the City Council.

The City Council discussed the composition of the committee at its meeting on July 8. Members of the committee will likely include a City Councilor; a School Board member; a representative of Dover High School's Project DREAM; a member of the public representing the NAACP, ACLU, or similar organization with a mission that seeks to eliminate racism and promote racial justice and equality; a member of a field of academia with a focus on identifying and eliminating systemic racism/bias; and members of the community with knowledge, interest, and experience in addressing systemic

racism and bias. The number of community members is yet to be determined, pending interviews of applicants by the City Council's Appointments Committee.

Members of the community interested in serving on the Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias should contact the City Clerk's Office for an application or [download the application here](#). Applications must be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail or by email. Applications will be reviewed in the coming weeks by the Appointments Committee.

The pending formation of a Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Bias follows the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the City Council in June that condemns systemic racism and acknowledges the effects of racial inequity on education and economic opportunities. The resolution states that Dover will continue to "strive to become increasingly welcoming, inclusive, representative, and responsive to historically underrepresented and underserved communities."

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

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## 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.

Current vacancies are as follows:

- **Cemetery Board** - one alternate member
- **Conservation Commission** - one alternate member
- **Ethics Commission** - four regular members
- **McConnell Center Advisory Committee** - one regular member
- **Open Lands Committee** - two regular members
- **Pool Advisory Committee** - one regular member
- **Recreation Advisory Board** -one alternate member
- **Dover Utility Commission** -one alternate member

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

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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

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## Cochecho Arts Festival to be held as drive-in event this summer

The Cochecho Arts Festival, which has been bringing music and art to downtown Dover for 33 years, will be held this



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summer as a drive-in event. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will continue to bring the arts downtown, but in a safe and enjoyable format.

The drive-in festival will be held Aug 14 to 16.

The weekend will kick off with a Friday movie night showing a local short film as well as a commercial movie. On Saturday, there will be performances for children in the morning, followed by headlining performers at night.

The Friday and Saturday events will be held in the parking lot at St. John's United Methodist Church.

The festival will wrap up on Sunday with a showcase of the visual arts at Henry Law Park.

The lead sponsor for this year's Cochecho Arts Festival is Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

For more information, visit <https://cochechoartsfestival.org/>.

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## City to auction bicycles on Saturday

The City of Dover will hold a public auction of bicycles on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

The auction will start at 9 a.m. and will take place at the Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road. Approximately 37 bicycles will be auctioned off.

Bicycles may be previewed after 8 a.m. on the day of the auction.



Children 18 and under will be allowed to bid on a bike until all children have won one bike for themselves, after which all other bikes will be open to bidders of any age.

The auction will occur rain or shine. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

A list of items [can be viewed here](#). The list is subject to errors and omissions, and items may be added or withdrawn at any time prior to the auction.

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## City Clerk seeks election workers

The City Clerk's Office is seeking election officers to help staff Dover's polling places during upcoming elections, including the State Primary in September and the General Election in November.



The City Clerk's office provides training to all election workers. These are paid positions. Election workers must be at least 18 years old and a Dover resident.

Election officers assist with a variety of duties on election day, including aiding voters, maintaining order, opening and closing the polls, and processing the vote counts. Election workers are needed in all of the City's six wards.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018 or email City Clerk Susan Mistretta at [s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov).

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A banner for 'DOVER CARES' with a light blue background and a clock tower illustration. The text reads: 'Property tax relief? Financial hardship? Food assistance? Business aid? Unemployment? WE'RE HERE TO HELP DOVER CARES www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares'. The City of Dover seal is at the bottom center.

Property tax relief? Financial hardship?  
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[www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares)

Behind on your mortgage or rent?

Assistance available through Dover's Welfare office, CAP

The state has authorized \$35 million from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund to support those in need of housing assistance as a result of COVID-19. Funds are available through New Hampshire's five Community Action Program (CAP) agencies.

The program is open to all New Hampshire residents and there are no income restrictions.

The program has two components: one-time assistance grants and a short-term rental assistance program.

- The one-time assistance grants cannot exceed \$5,000 and can be used to assist households with:
- Past-due rent from April 2020 forward for households that fell behind on rent due to either increased household expenses or lost household revenue as a result to COVID-19;
- Past-due housing/household related expenses that may impact an individual's/families' ability to remain housed; and/or
- Other housing related one-time expenses that if not paid impact the ability to maintain housing.
- The short-term rental assistance to maintain or secure permanent housing includes assistance for:
- Past-due rent that was not paid due to a COVID-19 related inability to pay and ongoing rental assistance on a short term basis. The rental assistance will decrease over time as households regain stability; or
- First month's rent and ongoing short-term rental assistance to assist with initial costs to facilitate the transition of working households from shelters into permanent housing.
- Program payments will be made directly to the landlord or provider, and this program will end by Dec. 30, 2020.

The Housing Stabilization Fund application is available through Community Action Partnership of Strafford County. For more information on the Housing Relief Program, including the application, visit <https://straffordcap.org/housing-relief-program/>.

Residential tenants unable to make rent payments, or who are falling behind, can reach out for assistance to:

- **Dover Public Welfare**; 603-516-6500; [s.gaston@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.gaston@dover.nh.gov); [bit.ly/doverwelfare](http://bit.ly/doverwelfare)
- **Community Action Partnership of Strafford County**, 577 Central Ave., Suite 10, Dover, NH 03820; 603-435-2500; [cap@cap.org](mailto:cap@cap.org); [straffordcap.org](http://straffordcap.org).
- **DHHS Bureau of Housing Support**, 271-9196, or [dhhs.bhhs@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:dhhs.bhhs@dhhs.nh.gov)
- **Dial 2-1-1**

Business tenants and landlords may be eligible for financial relief through federal and state resources. For more information about assistance available to landlords and commercial tenants, contact the **Office of Economic Development** 603-516-6043.

Visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares) for additional resources.

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## Schools continue summer breakfast and lunch program

The public schools will continue provide breakfast and lunch to all students throughout the summer. Food for the summer program is distributed by Community Action Partnership of Strafford County on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Pick-up locations are:

- Redden Gardens
- Rutland Manor
- White Cliffs at Dover
- Dover High School
- Lilac Garden
- Woodman Park Elementary School
- Westgate Village
- Strafford Farms

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

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## Grab and Go program provides food throughout the summer

Summer has arrived, and for many Dover children, that means a decrease in available food, including food distributed over the last three months by the Dover School District. Grab and Go, a nonprofit program that provides food to the children, will offer healthy food to Dover children every week throughout the summer.

Now in its sixth year, Grab and Go has distributed over 10,000 weekend food bags.

Those in need of food this summer can pick up food bags at one of several locations throughout the city. Food bags are generally available at each site for approximately 45 minutes.

The program will continue through Friday, Sept. 4.

Pick-up locations and times are as follows:

**Thursdays**

- Dover Teen Center, afternoon
- Dover Public Library, afternoon
- Dover Public Welfare, afternoon
- Garrison Elementary School, 1:15 p.m.
- Whittier Falls, 1:30 p.m.
- Park Street Park, 1:45 p.m.
- Henry Law Park, 1:45 p.m.

### Fridays

- Westgate Apartments, 9:30 a.m.
- Woodman Park, 9:30 a.m.
- Strafford Farms, 10 a.m.
- Belknap Street, 10 a.m.
- Dover High School, 10 a.m.
- White Cliffs, 10:30 a.m.
- Rutland Manor, 10:30 a.m.
- Lilac Gardens, 11:45 a.m.
- Redden Gardens, 11:45 a.m.

Grab and Go is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

For more information, email [dovertgrabandgo@gmail.com](mailto:dovertgrabandgo@gmail.com).

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## New job portal available online

New Hampshire Employment Security this week unveiled a new tool for residents seeking employment.

The COVID-19 Response Recruitment Portal provides a list of current job openings throughout the state.

The job portal can be found at <https://business.nh.gov/nhesjobsearch>.

In addition, employers looking to hire staff can add open positions to the portal by contacting Mollie Taylor at [mollie.kaylor@livefree.nh.gov](mailto:mollie.kaylor@livefree.nh.gov).

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The logo for SELF (The NH Self Employed Livelihood Fund) features the word "SELF" in large, bold, light blue capital letters.

THE NH SELF EMPLOYED LIVELIHOOD FUND

**APPLICATION LIVE ON JULY 6, 2020**



## Self-employed business assistance applications due by 4 p.m. today

Gov. Chris Sununu has authorized the allocation and expenditure of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds ("flex funds") to provide emergency financial relief to support New Hampshire self-employed, for-profit businesses due to the economic disruption caused by COVID-19.

The Self Employed Livelihood Fund is only available to businesses that apply by July 17, 2020. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All businesses who feel as though they are eligible should submit an application; however, only businesses that meet all of the Self Employed Livelihood Fund grant criteria are eligible to receive an award.

The Self Employed Livelihood Fund grant award amounts will be calculated similarly to the Main Street Relief Fund, with the maximum award amount a business can receive is \$50,000.

The State of New Hampshire is not directing businesses on how to spend the money. Businesses must demonstrate they have experienced or anticipate they will experience a financial loss due to COVID-19 in order to qualify for a Self Employed Livelihood Fund Grant. It is expected that businesses will use the funds to assist in covering their operational costs and legal obligations.

The Application must be completed and submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2020, using only the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) web portal. No hand-delivered or mailed paper copies will be accepted. It is recommended that applications be finalized as early as possible before the deadline. Businesses that require assistance from the DRA may contact the Call Center at (603) 230-5000, Option 0, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xwJwR>.

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## Dover Fire and Rescue to offer free COVID-19 testing to Dover Housing Authority seniors and residents with disabilities

Dover Fire Chief Paul Haas today announces the availability of COVID-19 testing for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities who reside at the Dover Housing Authority. Testing is voluntary and free of charge. Testing sites will include Waldron and Central Towers, St. John's, Niles, Union Court and Edgar Bois Terrace residential communities. Testing will occur by appointment on July 20 and 21. Appointments can be made by calling Cathryn Conway-Dorr at 742-5804 ext.144.

"We care about our residents and we want them to be safe during these challenging times," said Allan Krans, Executive Director of the DHA.

The Dover Housing Authority serves 877 households per month with a federal rent subsidy. Rent paid by residents is based on 30 percent of household income. The mission of the DHA is "Opening Doors to Opportunities".

"Access to testing is one of the most powerful tools we can utilize in our efforts to remain safe against the COVID-19 virus," adds Chief Haas. "With a high level of support from Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dover Fire & Rescue's testing team is committed to protecting our most vulnerable populations. We are proud to partner with Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and the Dover Housing Authority to provide access to testing for this high-risk population."



Downeaster to expand service  
beginning July 20

The Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) announced this week the Amtrak Downeaster will operate four round-trip trains each day beginning on Monday, July 20. The expanded service is Phase 2 of the Downeaster's service restoration.

Other Phase 2 service elements include the availability of onboard food service and the re-opening of some Downeaster station facilities. Several protocols and procedures have been implemented to protect the health and safety of passengers and crews, including:

Trains will be sanitized and disinfected daily with enhanced cleaning between trips.

Face coverings are required for crews and passengers on board trains and in stations.

The number of riders is limited to no more than 50 percent of available seating capacity to support physical distancing guidelines.

Amtrak's eTicketing allows for touchless tickets collection> Cash sales are not accepted at this time.

Enhanced cleaning, training and social distancing protocols have been implemented at the Downeaster Café, including installation of plexiglass partitions at the service counter and a pilot program for at-seat service. The Café table seating area will remain closed.

The Amtrak Downeaster currently operates one commuter train in operation southbound in the morning, and one northbound train departing from Boston at 5 p.m.

For additional information, visit [AmtrakDowneaster.com](https://www.amtrakdowneaster.com).

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# Slow the Spread of COVID-19



## Use cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are "asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

### Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and

workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

The cloth face coverings recommended here are not surgical masks or respirators. Currently, those are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment (PPE). They are not appropriate substitutes for PPE such as respirators (like N95 respirators) or medical facemasks (like surgical masks) in workplaces where respirators or facemasks are recommended or required to protect the wearer.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.

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## State releases June unemployment numbers

New Hampshire's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2020 was 11.8 percent, reflecting the impact on unemployment due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it. This was a decrease of 3.6 percentage points from the May rate, which increased to 15.4 percent after revision. The June 2019 seasonally adjusted rate was 2.5 percent.

Seasonally adjusted estimates for June 2020 placed the number of employed residents at 656,580, an increase of 35,460 from the previous month and a decrease of 97,190 from June 2019. The number of unemployed residents decreased by 24,760 over-the-month to 88,260. This was 68,560 more unemployed than in June 2019. From May to June 2020, the total labor force increased by 10,700 to 744,840. This was a decrease of 28,630 from June 2019.

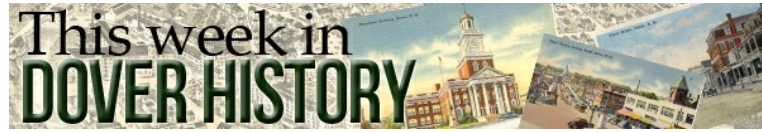
The unadjusted June 2020 unemployment rate for New Hampshire was 11.7 percent, a decrease of 3.6 percentage points from the May rate, which increased to 15.3 percent after revision. The June 2019 unadjusted rate was 2.5 percent.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2020 was 11.1 percent, a decrease of 2.2 percentage points from the May rate, and an increase of 7.4 percentage points from the June 2019 rate. The national unadjusted rate for June 2020 was 11.2 percent, a decrease of 1.8 percentage points from the May rate, and an increase of 7.4



percentage points from the June 2019 rate.

NOTE: State nonfarm employment estimates are available at [www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi](http://www.nhes.nh.gov/elmi). Local area unemployment rates are expected to be available on Thursday, July 23.



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](#).



**July 19, 1683** - Foul weather set in after a drought, and continued until the beginning of September, to the great damage and almost ruin of husbandry.



**July 17, 1817** - President Monroe, who took his seat on the 4th of March of this year, made a visit to New England, going from Boston to Portsmouth and Portland, and returning by way of Dover, which he reached this day. He was received at the line of the State by the committee appointed by the town authorities, conducted by the Marshals and select escort.



**July 20, 1837** - Died, Deborah Coffin, the oldest person in town, having been baptised Sept. 17, 1738, She was born in the house on Central street which stood on the high bank which was dug away to make room for Varney's block, and in which her ancestors lived until the great earthquake in 1755 shook down the chimney. Her great grandfather was Peter Coffin, whose garrison stood on the spot where she was born, and whose house and mills were burnt when Major Waldron was killed by the Indians in 1689. It was a tradition of the family that when the Indians entered his garrison four of his hired men attempted to put them out, but the family prevented them believing they could trust the Indians. The Indians murdered the four hired men, but spared all the family. Her father had ten children, the eighth of whom was Deborah. She remembered that when she was young and the women went out to milk, a man went with them with a gun, for fear of the Indians. Much of the land on Washington street, granted originally to Peter Cffin, remained in the family until "Aunt Deborah's" death.



**July 22, 1857** - Very heavy thunder showers - the lightning

striking No. 5 Factory, prostrating several of the help, and setting fire to the waste in one of the rooms.



**July 21, 1864** - Another call of the President for 500,000 men was made at this time. The quota of the State was 6,502, and of Dover 149, the credits to which the city was entitled reducing this number to about 110. At a special meeting of the City Council held July 23, it was voted to pay the largest bounties for volunteers authorized by a recent act of the Legislature: \$100 for 1-year men, \$200 for 2-year men, and \$300 for 3-year men; and the Mayor was authorized to take immediate measures for carrying the vote into effect, and raising the necessary men.

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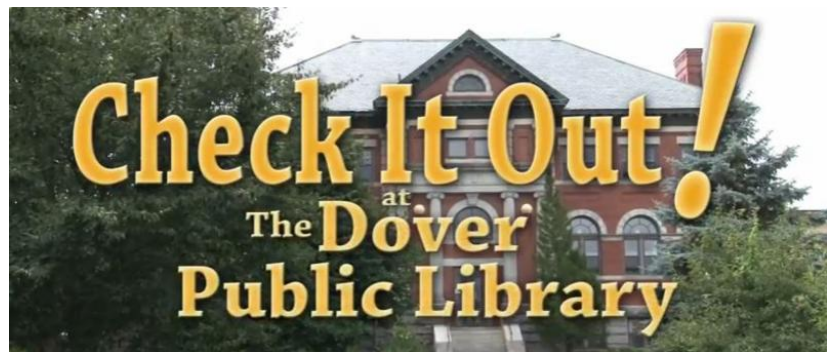
## Historic Walking Tours: Summer 2020

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer its Historic Walking Tours on a limited basis throughout the summer of 2020. There will not be a set schedule; rather, tours will be conducted by request depending on the availability of our volunteer tour guides. The three tours offered include Downtown Walking Tour, Pine Hill Cemetery Tour, and Historic Homes Architectural Tour.

Group size will be limited to no more than 10 and participants will be required to wear masks. Participants will also be encouraged to bring their own water, wear comfortable shoes, and wear a head covering. Tours run about 90 minutes long.

To schedule a tour, call the chamber at 603-742-2218 or email [info@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org). The fee for the walking tours is \$10 per person, with a \$25 limit for families.

If interested in becoming a tour guide, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218 or [info@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org).



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## Summer reading at the Dover Public Library

Green and White, Reading Unites! is under way and will continue through Friday, July 31. In an effort to bring the community together during this challenging time, we will set

one goal for readers of all ages. Can kids, teens, and adults altogether read 3,000 books during the eight-week summer reading program? Watch the progress on the book tracker on the front lawn of the library. At the end of the program when the goal is met (we know you can do it!) everyone who participated will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win one of many gift cards. All prizes will be from Dover businesses in order to support our city.

Our summer reading program for 2020 will look different from past years, but will still include books, crafts, activities, and prizes. Each week during the program, families can take home a "Summer Fun Bag" which will include a craft, a STEM activity, and some small toys. The first bag will also include a "Writing Box" for families to use throughout the program. Each week a new "Write About It" challenge will be offered. There will be virtual storytimes, book groups, and other online activities to engage patrons of all ages.

To join in the challenge, go to our website [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) and register for the program.

For more information, email [p.falconer@dover.nh.gov](mailto:p.falconer@dover.nh.gov) or call 603-516-6052.

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## This Week at the Library

### **Tuesday, July 14 through Tuesday, July 21, All Day** **Weekly Teen TikTok Challenge**

Are you a teen TikTok wizard? Show us your skills in our sixth weekly Teen TikTok Challenge of the summer! This week's pick is #chooseyourcharacter - show us your version of a video game character selection then tag us on TikTok using @doverpubliclibrary or #doverpubliclibraryteens, or send your videos to Emily at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov)

### **Tuesday, July 14 through Friday, July 31, All Day** **VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of Sarah Copeland's cookbook *Every Day Is Saturday*. Throughout the month of July, 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. 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](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### **Monday, July 20, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** **Read to a Librarian**

You can choose what works best for your child, phone or computer and schedule reading time for your child to keep practicing their reading skills this summer! You can pick from any title we have on Hoopla so a librarian can read along with them easily. **Please register for this program and you will get a specific time slot.**

**Monday, July 20, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Outside Knitting Group on the Front Lawn**

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to bring a chair or blanket and craft together on our front lawn! Don't forget to bring a little bug spray (just in case). We request all social distancing rules are followed.

**Wednesday, July 22, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Online Storytime on the DPL YouTube Channel**

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, July 22, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL Pizza & Pages Teen Book Group**

Pizza & Pages is a book group for kids in grades 7 and up. At each meeting the group picks the books for the next session.

This month, we will be discussing *The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau. Copies of the book are available on Hoopla Digital and NH Overdrive. **Please register for this event and you will receive an email with the log-in information 30 minutes prior to the start time.**

**Thursday, July 23, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Zoom with Dungeon Master Griffin! The group will meet every other Thursday 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.**



**CITY OF DOVER**  **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Stay informed with City of Dover  
special announcements, project  
newsletters and updates**

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, development and construction project updates, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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## 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:

- **Director of Public Welfare**
- **Environmental Projects Manager**
- **Parking maintenance specialist**
- **Police officer**
- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Deputy City Attorney**
- **Superintendent of Utilities**

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

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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