

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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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.

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City Council to hold regular meeting, joint workshop with School Board Wednesday

Council considers moving up annual budget deadline to aid school district operations

The City Council will hold a joint workshop with the School Board before its regular meeting on Wednesday, July 27, to discuss changing the budget adoption date to an earlier date next year.

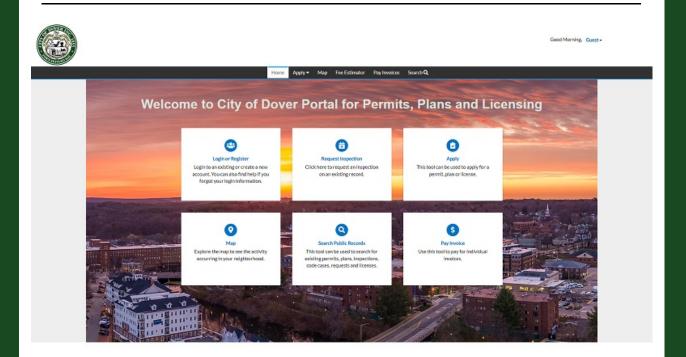
Moving the budget adoption to an earlier date would assist the school district in advertising new positions earlier in the year and help eliminate budget uncertainty for district staff. Moving the budget adoption earlier would also require an earlier adoption for Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the annual Capital Improvements Program, also a topic of discussion at the joint workshop. The workshop begins a 6 p.m. and will be held in City Hall's Council Conference Room. <u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda.

At its 7 p.m. regular meeting, the Council will hold two public hearings and consider a resolution that would condemn "racial and religious supremacist activities."

The resolution, sponsored by Ward 2 Councilor Robert Hinkel, states that "recent racial and religious supremacist activity has occurred in Dover, New Hampshire and elsewhere with the intent to foment hatred and incite fear, intimidation, and the threat of violence" and that "fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all people, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or place of origin, is a core value and priority of the City of Dover." The resolution requests the city council to condemn "bigotry, discrimination, oppression, racism, and xenophobia in the strongest possible terms."

The public hearings are on two resolutions that would authorize the acceptance and expenditure of grants. One is a New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services grant on behalf of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs. The other is a New Hampshire of Transportation's Office of Highway Safety equipment grant. Both grants would be utilized by the Dover Police Department.

The regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. <u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda and materials.



City unveils online portal to submit, track planning projects, permits and licenses

New system aims to streamline permitting, inspection process, improve customer experience and create efficiencies

The City of Dover has created a new online system to streamline the process for applying and

renewing permits and licenses, submitting construction plans and scheduling inspections.

Available 24 hours a day, the city's portal for permits, plans and licensing at <u>https://permits.dover.nh.gov</u> allows customers to utilize the system without entering a municipal building. It is geared to residents, contractors, real estate developers and businesses that support operations within the city. The portal has about 60 applications for permits, plans and business licenses, ranging from a driveway permit to a Class I Health License. Customers can view the status of their application at any time, pay fees online, receive email alerts when a permit or license is issued and download that permit or license from the site.

"This new system is designed to improve our customer service by increasing efficiency and transparency while reducing the turnaround time for approving permits and licenses," said Dover Inspection Services Building Official James Maxfield. "The system will also assist our inspectors in the field by providing them access to a wealth of information, such as regulatory checklists to ensure code compliance. We'll also be able to complete inspection reports in the field and share them with permit holders in real time."

This new service also supports land use and development process from application to signed, stamped plan, to site work, to construction and ultimately resulting in a certificate of occupancy, completion or business license. As part of the application process, customers can submit plans electronically and view City of Dover staff feedback as electronic plan markup on the plans submitted and listed in a corrections report in the portal.

"The City of Dover is always seeking new and better ways to serve the public," said Planning Director Donna Benton. "The new online portal will allow our residents and businesses to access critical information quickly from anywhere at any time."

From its inception as a Lean initiative, this project, led by the Office of Information Technology, is a collaboration of many municipal groups, including the Inspection Services and Engineering divisions, Planning and Community Development, Police and Finance departments, and offices of the City Clerk and City Attorney. Lean is an organizational management system comprised of principles, tools, and techniques focused on customer value. Public, private and non-profit sectors use Lean to improve processes by removing waste, increasing efficiency and elevating quality.

In creating the city's new online system, the collaboration team began with their problem statement: How can we streamline the permitting/inspections process to make it more consistent, accessible and transparent so all qualified applicants are processed efficiently? How can we better work across departments and with the applicant to provide accurate and up-to-date information on the status of permit/inspection, including fee collection, and accommodate revisions and large amounts of information, particularly in large projects?

The new portal aims to solve these problems.

"This online permitting, plan and licensing portal strives to meet the customer where they are at. Customers can take full advantage of the online service, continue to utilize paper applications or land somewhere in the middle," said Information Technology Director Annie Dove. "True to Lean principles, employees at all levels of the organization have provided great insights to improve this complex process and the systems that support it. I am grateful for everyone's work on this project."

Customers can provide feedback to help improve the system at support@dover.nh.gov.

For more information about the project and its use, contact Inspection Services at 603-516-6038, Planning and Community Development Department at 603-516-6008, the Engineering Division at 603-516-6450, or the Office of Information Technology at 603-516-6099.



Soggy Po Boys take stage tonight for Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series

The 36th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, July 22, with Soggy Po' Boys, sponsored by Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, P.A. The Soggy Po' Boys are a local septet that serve their jazz messy, mixing brass-fueled mayhem with spirituals, Metersstyle old-school funk, and the Caribbean side of the New Orleans tradition. The Rotary Arts Pavilion will be hopping beginning at 6:30 p.m. For the latest updates, visit www.dovernh.org/CAF.

The festival's headliner series underwriter is Dover Rotary.

The festival lineup for this week includes:

- **Tuesday, July 26**, 12 p.m.: **Wayne from Maine**, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by HRCU;
- Wednesday, July 27, 3:30 p.m.: Farmers Market Acoustic Series, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Ave.), sponsored by First Seacoast Bank;
- Wednesday, July 27, 6 p.m.: Mt. Pleasant, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series, sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August. This year's festival is underwritten by Orpheum Apartments & Cowork. All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

For more information, visit <u>www.dovernh.org/CAF</u> or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.



Enjoy Friday night concerts in style from the 'Patio'

Fans of the Dover Chamber of Commerce's Cochecho Arts Festival concerts that take place throughout the summer on the Rotary Arts Pavilion stage in downtown Dover now have an opportunity to enjoy the performance from the comfort of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's outdoor Play Patio. The Museum and Play Patio are situated inside the park and has a great view of the Rotary Arts Pavilion where the concerts take place. For a \$15 ticket, guests will be able to enjoy a cash bar, VIP seating within the Patio underneath the shade sails, a snack box for each guest, and access to the museum's many restrooms.

Only three of the Cochecho Arts Festival concerts will have access to Patio seating. First up is on Friday, July 22 when the Soggy Po Boys will take the stage with their special blend of New Orleans jazz. Next is Friday, August 5 with Rockingham Groove and their mix of R& B tunes from the past 5 decades. Friday August 12 will be the last Concert From the Patio, featuring Studio Two and their Beatles hits.

Concerts From the Patio are for the grownups only (21 and over) and doors open at 6 p.m., with the concerts starting at 6:30 p.m. The Children's Museum of NH indoor exhibits will not be open for play. Guests are welcome to order takeout from local restaurants (no alcoholic drinks) and enjoy a meal in the comfort of the Patio. Pre-purchasing tickets will help guarantee you a spot on the Patio. Tickets can be purchased at the door if space is available. Concerts from the Patio are sponsored by Spike M. Trueworthy. The cash bar is provided by DeeLuxe Bartending Event Specialists.

To learn more or to purchase tickets, visit <u>https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/concerts-from-the-patio</u>

City urges voluntary water conservation as Pudding Hill aquifer remains offline

Moderate drought conditions continue as below-average precipitation levels persist

The City of Dover Community Services' Director John Storer requests city water users to conserve water wherever possible as moderate drought conditions persist into its third week.

This voluntary conservation request is due to the city's primary drinking water source, the Pudding Hill aquifer, remaining offline as a new water treatment facility is being built. Other factors include the lack of rainfall and the ongoing heat wave increasing water use. Precipitation levels since late spring have fallen short of the amount necessary to replenish the underground reservoirs from which the city draws its water.

"We're asking the public to be mindful of their water use to ensure we have a sustainable drinking water supply," said Storer. "Water levels are decreasing at all of our drinking water aquifers."

This voluntary conservation request results from consultation with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Conservation measures suggested by the NHDES and city staff include no outdoor water use except hand watering of vegetable gardens, flower gardens and new plantings, and shutting off automatic irrigation systems.

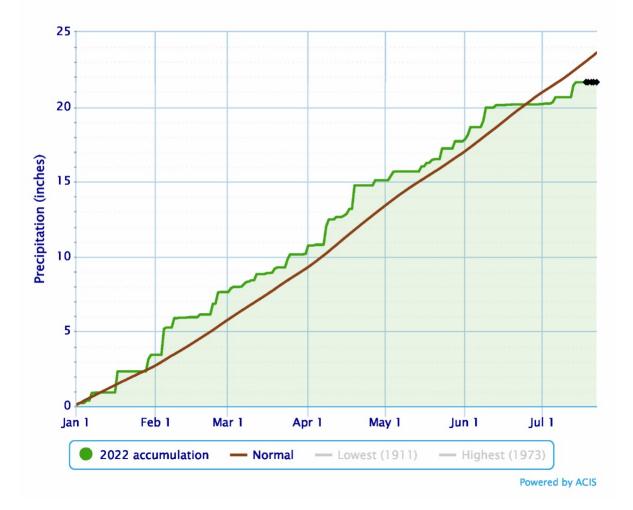
The U.S. Drought Monitor has classified the region as being in moderate drought since July 5 and abnormally dry since July 28. The Drought Monitor also classified Dover as abnormally dry from May 17 through June 14.

Monitoring wells at the city's aquifer levels have shown levels decreasing levels since early spring, though still above levels experienced through the extended drought of 2020 through mid-2021. The Pudding Hill aquifer, capable of supplying about 40% of the water demand in the city, has been offline since 2019, when Storer and City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., electively reserved it for emergency use until the treatment facility is online, expected within two years.

If drought conditions persist and voluntary conservation measures are inadequate, the City Manager may enact mandatory water use restrictions to ensure a sustainable drinking water supply.

The city's water users can learn more about current drought conditions, outdoor water use restrictions, water efficiency tips, and drought guidance at NHDES dedicated page at https://www.des.nh.gov/climate-and-sustainability/storms-and-emergencies/drought.

Accumulated Precipitation - DURHAM, NH



This National Weather Service graph shows the 2022 precipitation levels at its Durham monitoring station.

Heat wave to continue this weekend

The National Weather Service forecasts high temperatures to extend through this weekend. Daily high temperatures are expected to reach the low to mid 90s. Heat indices may reach the upper 90s to near 100, with hottest conditions expected on Sunday, July, 24, 2022. The heat index measures how hot it feels when relative humidity is factored in with the actual air temperature.

Hot temperatures and high humidity may cause heat illnesses. According to the National Weather Service, heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities annually.

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

Dover Fire Chief Michael McShane reminds residents they can use city buildings to cool off and urges them to be mindful of heat-related illnesses. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors.

Cooling centers

Residents looking to cool off can visit cooling centers during regular hours, including:

- McConnell Center cafeteria at 61 Locust St., open Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Dover Public Library at 73 Locust St., open Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed Sundays during the summer;
- City Hall at 288 Central Ave., open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Dover Police Department lobby at 46 Chestnut St., open 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
- Community Action Partnership of Strafford County's Day Center, located at Bradley Commons, 577 Central Ave., open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

For an up-to-date list of City of Dover public facilities that serve as cooling locations and their hours of operation, visit https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/warming-and-cooling-centers.html.

Pools and Splash pad

The City of Dover operates two pools and a splash pad:

- Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool, at 140 Portland Ave., is open daily with scheduled times for lap swims and recreational swims on a first-come, first-served basis. Find more information about the pool, schedule and costs here: https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/jenny-thompson-pool/.
- Dover Indoor Pool, at 9 Henry Law Ave., is open Monday through Friday until 1 p.m. Recreational swims are not available during the summer; however, there are opportunities for lap swims, hydro fitness and therapy swims. Find more information about the pool, schedule and costs here: https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/aquatics/.
- Splash Pad at Dover Adventure Playground, at Henry Law Park, is activated daily from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, including safety tips and warning signs, visit <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/news-events/news-2022/heat-wave-conitinues-through-the-weekend.html</u>.



Dover Police to host National Night Out event Aug. 2

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault is pleased to announce that the Dover Police Department will be participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022. The event will take place at the police station located at 46 Chestnut Street from 4 to 7 p.m. and is free to the public. National Night Out is a time for community members to meet with police officers, discuss issues, learn what the police do, and unite with the common goal of crime prevention and safety.

The public will be able to take tours of the station and see a variety of displays around the building including some of the specialized equipment and vehicles that the police use. These will include a police cruiser, the police motorcycle, the crime scene vehicle and our tactical rescue vehicle. Several officers, including our K9 officer will be at the event and interacting with the public.

"We are pleased to invite all members of the community to join us for National Night Out," said Chief Breault. "It is a great opportunity for us to meet with those we serve and enhance the strong relationship we have with the people of Dover."

There will also be community organizations on hand to provide literature and other information related to health, safety, and wellness. Information on drug prevention, treatment and recovery resources, violence prevention, and local mental health resources will be available to the public through various booths at the event. The Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 443 will be outside the station cooking burgers and hot dogs for the public.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Dover's National Night Out is an opportunity for citizens to meet and engage with their first responders.

Dover's National Night Out is a family oriented event and is affiliated with National Night Out, which involves over 35 million people in more than 10,000 communities across the nation.

The Dover Police Department's Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/DoverNHPolice</u> will soon feature more information on the event.

Individuals looking to get involved can contact Sergeant Alex Mitrushi of the Community Response and Engagement Unit at (603) 516-6122 or <u>a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov</u>.

Absentee ballot application now available for Sept. 13 state primary election

Absentee ballot applications for the state primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, are now available online and at the City Clerk's Office.

Any registered voter unable to vote on Election Day or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance, or employment obligations may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail.



Absentee ballots will not be available until after the election ballots are printed, anticipated to be in the next few weeks.

The City Clerk's Office is located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall. Its regular business hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The mailing address is 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820. The online absentee ballot application is <u>available here</u>.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018.



Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, July 23, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the Dover Middle School main entrance. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people, while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers and safety vests available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <u>https://fb.me/e/2m3G9qEDR</u>.

Harvey Knepp Scholarship awarded to Dover High School student

Seacoast Education Endowment of Dover (SEED), a nonprofit organization that promotes academic excellence by providing innovative learning grants to Dover educators, recently awarded Dover High School graduate Chloe Morin the 2022 Harvey Knepp Scholarship. Valued at \$1,000, this annual scholarship is given to a graduating senior who is considered the unsung hero for dedication to the DHS school community and culture. Morin will be attending Emmanuel College in Boston, where she plans on studying political science, and eventually enrolling in law school.

Established in 2012, the Harvey Knepp Scholarship was established to honor Knepp's service to Dover High and his legacy of caring for his students above all else. Knepp was hired as a Physics teacher in February of 1950. His career was almost immediately interrupted when he was called back to serve in the United States Army for two more years. When his tour was finished, he returned to teach at Dover High and eventually became assistant principal. In 1962, he was named principal, a role he held until 1975. His 13 years as DHS principal are exceeded only by the tenure of Charles Langdon "Pop" Wallace, who served from 1919 to 1933.

The scholarship is funded by donations received throughout the year. If you would like to support the Harvey Knepp Scholarship Fund, please send donations to The Harvey Knepp Scholarship Fund C/O: SEED, 61 Locust Street, Suite Mailbox 236, Dover, NH 03820.

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



Dover Mental Health Alliance presents 99 Faces Project

Join the Dover Mental Health Alliance for the Many Faces of Mental Health: 99 Faces Project on Monday, July 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dover High School, 25 Alumni Drive, Dover.

The evening will feature exhibit tours by the creator and artist Lynda Cutrell, sharing her thought process in creating the 99 Faces project and how it addresses issues of stigma and mental illness. After the tour, there will be a community conversation about mental health in the school library.

The 99 Faces Project, working in collaboration with partners from science and journalism, address issues of stigma and mental illness. Large-scale portraits of 33 people with bi-polar disorder, 33 people with schizophrenia and 33 people who love them will be on display as well as three dimensional sculptures, video installations and paintings. To learn more about the 99 Faces Project, <u>click here</u>.

To register for this event, click here.





PlanningBoard.Agenda

On the Agenda: Planning Board, 7/26/2022

In a video released this week, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=LXSYXgTg1Mx6</u>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

McConnell Center Advisory Board, July 25, 7 p.m.

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

Housing Authority, July 26, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

Planning Board, July 26, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chamber at City Hall.

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

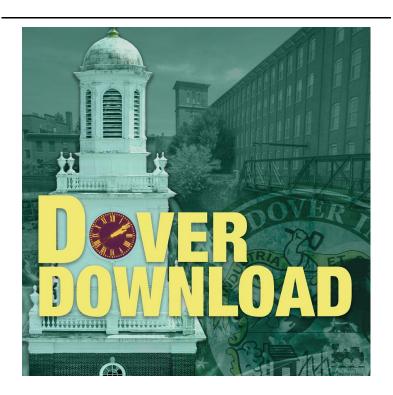
City Council, July 27, 6 p.m. The City Council will hold a



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.



joint workshop with the School Board on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, July 27, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

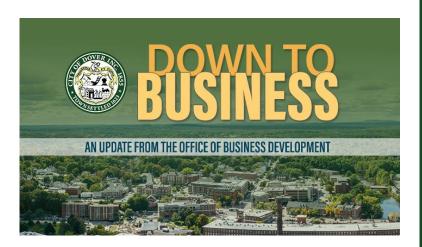
To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

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>.

Dover Download podcast your guide to what's happening this week

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

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



New weekly newsletter a resource for business community

The City of Dover's new electronic newsletter, Down to Business, offers regular updates on business development in Dover, the economy, and much more, brought to you by the Office of Business Development.

To sign up, visit <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u> and select Down to Business.



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

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

July 28, 1665 — The treasurer was ordered to pay for the killing of a wolf to John Hall and 15 other people, each to receive an equal portion. The price for killing a wolf was 5 pounds. For more on the early wolf bounties, see <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoN0YSOQGr4</u>. The wolf bounty was also discussed in This Week in Dover history in the June 14 episode of the

Dover Download podcast, available here: https://bit.ly/3OxI10l.

July 28, 1824 — The proprietors of the Cochecho River Boat Co. held their first meeting to elect officers. At the June session of the Legislature petitions were presented for a charter to build a canal or railway from Lake Winnipesaukee to Dover, which would also be used by powered ferry boats across the river from Dover Point to Newington.

July 24, 1843 — At a town meeting held in the new Town Hall (Dover became a city in 1855), the town voted to convey to the Strafford County the use of Town Hall for the County Court, with the necessary rooms for county officers, jury rooms, etc., so long as the Court shall sit in Dover, and upon the payment of \$3,000.

July 25, 1847 — Dr. Ezra Green died this day at 101 years and 28 days old. Dr. Green was born in Malden, Mass. on June 17, 1746, graduated at Harvard College 1765, and settled in Dover as a physician in 1767. He served in the Army and Navy five years in the war of the Revolution, sailing with the celebrated Captain Paul Jones in the "Ranger," but ever afterwards lived in Dover, where he was held in great respect. For many years in early life, having given up the practice of his profession, he was the principal merchant or trader, going once or twice in the season to Boston to purchase his most valuable goods. He was the first Postmaster appointed for the town by President Washington, and held the office until he voluntarily resigned it during Thomas Jefferson's administration. He attended church regularly almost up to the last years of his life, was accustomed to vote in town meetings when he was nearly one hundred years old, and took a lively interest in public affairs as long as he lived. For more in Ezra Greem see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4w9efterz8c.

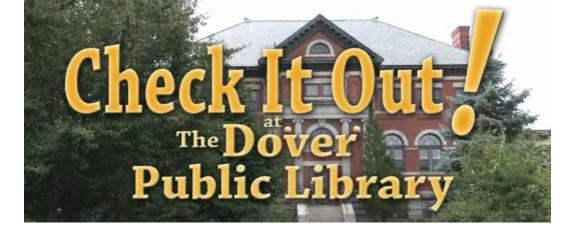
July 25, 2004 — Portsmouth restaurateur Jay McSharry announced plans to open up two new restaurants in Dover, calling the Garrison City, a "booming metropolis." The first of those two restaurants was Dover Soul on Central Avenue, which opened in December of that year. He said he also planned to open a Dos Amigos Burritos in Dover, fashioned after his Portsmouth restaurant of the same name. "Dover's where it is at today; it'll be a booming metropolis," McSharry told Foster's Daily Democrat. "It has got a ton of history and character. On this side of the bridge, I've got friends who, if there was a night and dining scene in Dover, they might not have to drive to Portsmouth. If we build, I think they'll come." Dover Soul opened in December 2004, along with Little Louie's Fish House, also owned by McSharry. The restaurants closed a few years later, and the space was occupied by Central Wave, which closed in 2017. The 603 Bar and Grill now operates out of the space. Dos Amigos closed its Dover location temporarily in 2019, and opened again in the mill building at One Washington Street as Dos Mexican Eats.

Dover Historic Walking Tour is Saturday

The next Dover Historic Walking Tour will take place on Saturday, July 23 at 9:30 a.m. Former Dover Public Library Director Cathy Beaudoin will serve as the guide, which will explore a variety of historical aspects of downtown Dover and will take roughly 90 minutes to complete. The tour costs \$10 and will begin at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, located at 550 Central Avenue in Dover.

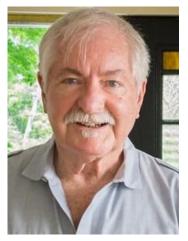
There will also be tours on August 20 and September 17. To register for one of the Historic Walking Tours, visit <u>www.dovernh.org/historic-walking-tours</u>.

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 details on Chamber membership, a schedule of activities, and information on other programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.



Author and chef James Haller to speak at Dover Public Library

Join the Dover Public Library in welcoming local author and chef James Heller as he reads from his latest book "At the End of Ceres Street" at the library on Monday, Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. In this book, Heller reminisces about Portsmouth "back in the day." Over 50 years ago, chef and author James Haller found his way to Portsmouth. The charm of this small seaport town and its inhabitants grew into an affection tender and wise, which Haller celebrates in this love letter to the city and to the remarkable individuals he had the good fortune to come to know. The book includes illustrations and about a dozen of Chef Haller's recipes. This event will be in-person in the library, but also available to watch online from home. Registration is required only if attending virtually. See the library's event calendar to register to view the program virtually.



Internationally acclaimed master chef, author, and presenter James Haller has written numerous articles, books, and personal stories about his journey to becoming an awardwinning master chef. He was the executive chef, founder, and owner of the Blue Strawbery restaurant in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and the Lee Fontain Carriage House in Memphis, Tennessee. He also owned and operated James Haller's Kitchen, where he taught classes and acted as a food consultant.

Haller opened his renowned Blue Strawbery in 1970 and in 16 years never repeated a menu. Today, creative cuisine abounds, but in Chef Haller's time, he was truly an innovator, one of a generation of American Chefs including Larry Forgione in Manhattan, Lydia Shire in Boston, Jeremiah Tower in San Francisco, Alice Waters of Chez Panisse, who all pioneered the New American Cooking.

Haller is the author of several cookbooks, a food/fitness book, "What to Eat When You Don't Feel Like Eating," a book for feeding terminally ill people, which has sold over 800,000 copies, as well as Vie de France (2002), a book about the month he spent with friends in the Loire Valley for his sixtieth birthday, where he renewed his love of cooking. Vie de France has also been published in Brazil and the Czech Republic.

Chef Haller received the Granite State Award for Outstanding Public Service in 2000, and The Canadian Robert Pope Wellness Award for What to Eat When You Don't Feel Like Eating. Haller spent ten years with Seacoast Hospice as a board member and volunteer, and also taught classes for the Association for the Blind, teaching unsighted people how to cook.

The program is free and open to the public.

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

The Week at the Library

July VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *New England Farmgirl* by Jessica Robinson. 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. 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.ainaire@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, July 24, 2 to 4 p.m. VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Discord with Dungeon Master Andrew. This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. Registration required.

Monday, July 25, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Summer Family Storytime

Join us on the lawn for a fun-filled Storytime for kids of all ages with an adult. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and activities.

Monday, July 25, 6 to 7 p.m. Nailed It! Ocean Edition Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an ocean themed snack decorating challenge based on the popular Netflix show "Nailed It". Will you nail it and successfully recreate the Pinterest-worthy snack? Or will your creation turn into a hilarious fail? All supplies will be provided, and teens bring their creativity and enthusiasm! Registration is recommended.

Tuesday, July 26, 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, July 27, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Summer Lego Club

Join us every Wednesday for an hour of LEGO building. Each week will be a new

Wednesday, July 27, 2 to 3 p.m. Friendship Bracelets

Celebrate International Friendship Day (July 30) a few days early by learning how to make a friendship bracelet! Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to join in for this craft. All supplies will be provided!

Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Portsmouth Naval Prison

For more than a century, myth and lore have surrounded this iconic building that looms at the far end of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Author and historian Katy Kramer will share what she has learned in over a decade of research and will show fascinating photos that chronicle the prison's history. This program will be presented live but will have a virtual option.

Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Adult Book Club Join this adult book group to discuss *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson. Copies of the book will be available to borrow from the main circulation desk and on NH Overdrive/Libby. All are welcome!

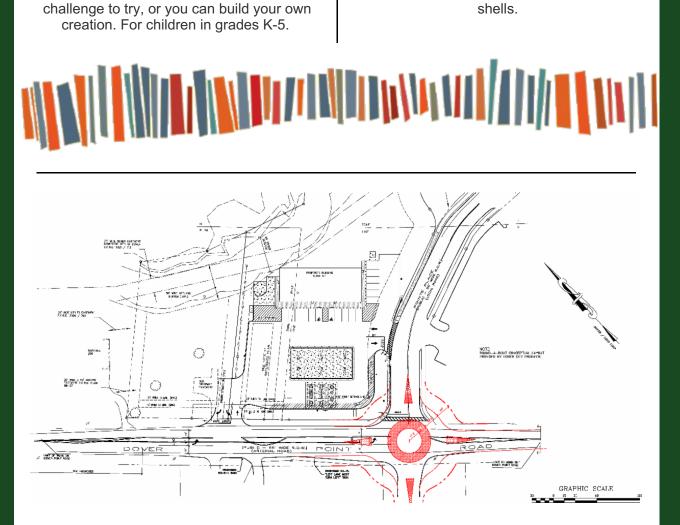
Thursday, July 28, 6 to 8 p.m. Beach Party

Celebrate the end of our summer reading program! Dance and sing along to live music from the band "Short Notice". Participate in beach activities and games. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy. Kona Ice truck will be onsite to purchase treats.

Thursday, July 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cocheco River Writers Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

Friday, July 29, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby! This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years (older siblings always welcome). We will dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

Friday, July 29, 3 to 4 p.m. Crafternoon: Make Seas Shell Crafts Families are invited to join us in the lecture hall to make and take crafts made from sea



Neighborhood meeting on Aug. 2 for Dover Point Road roundabout project

Community Services will host a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 2, for the Dover Point Road roundabout project and improvements planned for the intersection of Dover Point Road with Point Place and Sheffield Drive. The project, in its preliminary design phase, aims to accommodate increased traffic use in the area.

The meeting will allow city staff to discuss project objectives, solicit residents and community members for feedback, and gather ideas as work begins on final design plans.

The city has contracted with an engineering firm Green International Affiliates, Inc. of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, to design the roundabout and ensure the intersection improvements are safe and accessible for all users. The neighborhood meeting will be used to receive feedback and gather ideas and insight from residents and community members.

As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and business plans for the construction disruption. To sign-up for these updates, visit <u>https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</u> and add "Project update: Dover Point Road Roundabout" to your current email subscription list. There is also a dedicated project page at <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/dover-point-road-roundabout/.</u>

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Community Services' public works building at 271 Mast Road in Dover.

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

COVID-19 vaccines and testing

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. For more information, visit <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines".

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.



For more information about COVID-19 testing, including where to get tested, visit the State of New Hampshire's online resource at <u>https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance</u>.

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Account Clerk II
- Camera Operator
- Truck Driver Utilities
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- Laborer Public Works Streets and Stormwater
- Maintenance Mechanic Streets

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

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