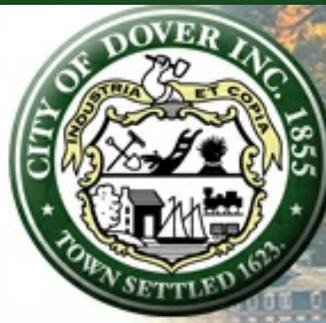


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



July 23, 2021



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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to hold public hearing on River Street Pump Station upgrades

**Council to also vote on resolutions for new
cable franchise agreement, sending proposed
Charter changes to Nov. 2 ballot**

The City Council will hold a public hearing at its [Wednesday, July 28 meeting](#) on planned upgrades to the River Street Pump Station.

The public hearing is on a resolution that would authorize a fiscal year 2022 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) appropriation and allow participation in the Department of Environmental Services Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for the pump station upgrades. According to the background materials, the resolution would authorize \$7,206,000 for the FY 2022 CIP appropriations. These funds are in addition to the \$1 million

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appropriated in the FY 2020 CIP. The total project is estimated to cost \$8,206,000.

By participating in the state's CWSRF program, the City of Dover would be eligible for up to \$1 million in principal forgiveness for the loan.

The River Street Pump station is nearly 30 years old and is a critical component of the City's sanitary sewer infrastructure, conveying more than 80 percent of the City's wastewater.

According to Community Services Director John Storer, the station's pumps have failed and are now obsolete. The station also requires the installation of new pipes, which will require significant work.

The project will also evaluate the four-mile-long force main and develop a contingency plan in the event of damage.

The City Council previously approved CIP funding for odor control enhancements, but based on an engineering report, the station has reached the end of its normal operating life. The report recommends renovation of the pump station now, in addition to odor control, with other upgrades pending in future years.

Cable franchise agreement with Atlantic Broadband

Also on the July 28 agenda is a resolution for a cable franchise agreement with Atlantic Broadband.

At a [workshop on Wednesday, July 7](#), the City Council heard a presentation by city officials and Atlantic Broadband, outlining the terms of the agreement and what services Atlantic Broadband proposes for Dover. A public hearing on the proposed agreement was held July 14.

Although cable franchise agreements only pertain to cable television, Atlantic Broadband is proposing to also offer internet and phone service in Dover.

The city currently has a nonexclusive cable franchise agreement with Comcast, which expires in 2027.

Proposed amendments to the City Charter

A resolution before the Council on July 28 seeks to place proposed changes to the City's Charter on the ballot for the Nov. 2, 2021 municipal election.

The proposed Charter amendments and ballot questions were initially approved the Ordinance Committee, and followed by a public hearing at the July 14 City Council meeting.

The City's Charter and Code -- the set of ordinances specific to the City of Dover -- are periodically reviewed for accuracy and completeness. In 2017, the City contracted with a firm specializing in developing and publishing municipal code to perform an in-depth review of the Charter, along with the rest of the City's Code, as part of an overall recodification process. The recodification process is designed to make the City's Charter

and Code more accessible to the public with improved online availability, searchability, and formatting. The detailed review of the Charter and Code revealed typographical and formatting issues, improvements in readability, and needed updates to reflect current statutes and practices.

In 2020, the City Council accepted revisions to the Code to implement the improvements; however, changes to the Charter must be approved using ballot questions during a municipal election. The Ordinance Committee was mandated by the City Council to propose ballot questions to address the Charter amendments recommended during the recodification process.

All of the proposed changes and ballot questions can be viewed as part of the meeting materials for the July 28 City Council meeting, which can be accessed here: <https://go.usa.gov/xFTVf>. Click on the "Agenda Materials" tab to view the complete meeting documents.



The Amanda Dane Band performs tonight, Friday, July 23, as part of the Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series.

Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series continues tonight with Amanda Dane Band

The Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, July 23, with the Amanda Dane Band, sponsored by Leone, McDonnell and Roberts, P.A. The Amanda Dane Band's wide range of rock and roll music takes stage at the Rotary Arts Pavilion in Henry Law Park beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The festival's headliner series underwriter is Dover Rotary.

The festival lineup for this week includes:

- **Tuesday, July 27, 10:30 a.m.:** **Aaron Risi**, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by N. Granese and Sons, Inc.;
- **Wednesday, July 28, 3:30 p.m.:** Farmers Market **Acoustic Series**, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Avenue), sponsored by First Seacoast Bank;
- **Wednesday, July 28, 6 p.m.:** **Dancing Madly Backwards**, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series, sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.
- **Thursday, July 29, 7:30 p.m.:** Dover Community Band, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Henry Law

Park.

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 Cowork & Apartments.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

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

City Council OKs joining Community Power Coalition

At the City Council's July 14 meeting, the Council authorized the City Manager to sign the Joint Powers Agreement of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, thereby joining the Community Power Coalition as one of its founding members. Community Power is a non-profit corporation created as a result of state law RSA 53-E.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. told the Council the coalition allows participating communities to work together to secure electrical power supply contracts. Joyal said that each community could decide on the power supply provider and the makeup of the energy provided by the supplier. According to the resolution background materials, local governments can procure and provide electricity to its residents and business on a competitive basis with traditional energy suppliers. By working together with other communities, the City could lower costs and leverage renewable energy projects as a source of power. Joyal said there are likely to be procurement costs associated with obtaining power supply contracts in the future; however, there is no commitment for the City of Dover to share those costs at this time. Currently, any costs are covered by a grant by one of the other founding communities.

Joyal said he believes that any future procurement costs would be taken off the rate charged for the electricity supply.

Upcoming meeting to focus on major water system work for Central Avenue's north end

The City of Dover will host a neighborhood meeting for area residents and business owners to discuss the project scope and impacts when an 1888 vintage water main is replaced on Central Avenue from Glenwood Avenue to Abbey Sawyer Memorial Highway later this summer.

The project is expected to have similar traffic and water disruptions as the ongoing Washington and Main Water Improvements Project. The Central Avenue North project is slated to begin after the Washington and Main project is substantially complete, expected in mid-August.

The meeting will include members of Community Services, Underwood Engineers and N. Granese & Sons, Inc., the contractor selected after a competitive bid process. It is the same contractor as the Washington and Main project.

The meeting is scheduled to take place in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, July 27 at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. To sign-up for future updates about this project, visit <http://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, add "Project update: Central Avenue North Water Improvements Project" to your current email subscription list.

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

Dover Main Street's Restaurant Week enters final days

Dover Main Street's Restaurant Week wraps up

this weekend, on Sunday, July 25.

The event is a great opportunity to venture out and experience Dover's restaurants.

To help celebrate Dover's restaurants during the event, Dover Main Street continues to give out over \$1,000 in gift cards to local eateries. Each day during Restaurant Week, Dover Main Street will hold drawings and award individuals who engage with Main Street's social media posts by sharing their "dining-out" experiences. Follow Dover Main Street on Facebook to get instant updates throughout Dover Restaurant Week.

To learn more about Restaurant Week and Dover Main Street's mission, visit www.dovermainstreet.org.



Dover Middle School bands and choruses stage virtual concert

Unable to perform in person this year due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Dover Middle School 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade bands and choruses recently staged a virtual performance to be shared with families, friends and the community.

The show, organized by Dover Middle School music teachers Dave Tromba and Sarah Tourigny, features opening performances by the 6th-grade band and chorus, followed by the 7th- and 8th-grade band and chorus. The performance was recorded at Dover High School, where COVID-19 protocols at school facilities remained in effect.

"It is an honor to work in a community that values education and the support from you and our community leaders continues to be instrumental in making music resonate in the lives of our students," said Tromba and Tourigny in remarks prepared for the show. "Together, you make it possible to see the students' hard work and effort come to life on stage and be such a success. All those involved have worked incredibly hard this school year in both lessons and rehearsals striving to make this "covid" performance the best it can possibly be."

The concert is currently airing on Dover's Education Channel 95, and can be viewed online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=MDxfQOnM163T>.



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

Don't Trash Dover will hold its next Litter Collection Walk on Saturday, July 24. The Litter Collection Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last for one hour. Participants will meet in the parking lot at Beckwith Park.

This 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 have litter grabbers available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/201985717259565>.

Upcoming Meetings:

Stormwater Committee, July 26, 5:30 p.m.

The Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding Study Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

McConnell Center Advisory Board, July

ON THE AGENDA

PLANNING BOARD

On the Agenda: Planning Board, July 27, 2021

In a video released this week, Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, July 27. The video can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=ds8ksLscj8jy>

Among the items before the Planning Board on July 27 are the second of three public hearings to consider zoning amendments, a second public hearing and possible vote on

26, 7 p.m.

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, July 27, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, July 28, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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

site plan review amendments, and a second public hearing and possible vote on subdivision of land regulation amendments. The Planning Board will also consider a minor lot line adjustment on Durham Road; a minor subdivision on 64 Littleworth Road; a request to waive Police and Recreation Impact Fees for First Street at Garrison, LLC., 200 First Street; a conditional use permit and site plan approval for a convenience store with six vehicle refueling and one electric recharging stations at the intersection of Dover Point Road and Pointe Place; and a conditional use permit and site plan approval for a professional and medical office building on Dover Point Road. The complete agenda can be viewed here: [Planning Board agenda, 7/27/2021](#).

The July 27 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 bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.

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



Pay bills online

Did you know property taxes and utility bills can now be paid online? Simply use the "Pay My Bill" button on the homepage of the City's website to pay property taxes, utility bills and miscellaneous bills via credit card or by electronic check.

Learn more: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/payment/>

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 www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Sara Joly named Harvey Knepp Scholarship winner

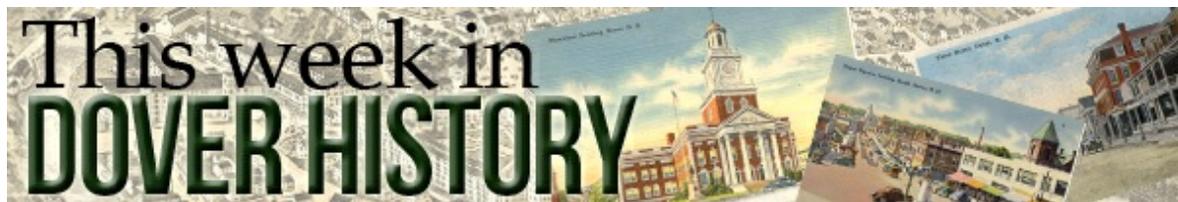
Seacoast Education Endowment of Dover (SEED), a non-profit organization that promotes academic excellence by providing innovative learning grants to Dover educators, recently awarded Dover High School's Sara Joly the 2021 Harvey Knepp Scholarship. The \$1,000 award is given to the "unsung hero" of the graduating class. Someone who quietly works hard and isn't always recognized. In the fall, Joly will be attending the University of Vermont as part of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources.



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 during World War II. 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. In 2012, with the permission of Knepp's family, the Dover HS Reunion committee started the memorial scholarship. His family is still donating to it today.

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 www.DoverSEED.org.

Formed in 2011, SEED is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to promote academic excellence, champion technology and reward educator innovation in Dover's public schools. SEED support is not intended to replace appropriate municipal funding. SEED raises private philanthropic dollars and provides grant funds, on a competitive basis, to educators who submit formal applications. SEED's overarching goals are to create a legacy for educational excellence in Dover Public Schools and to advocate the value of education in the community. SEED welcomes donations of time, talent, and resources. www.DoverSEED.org.



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

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

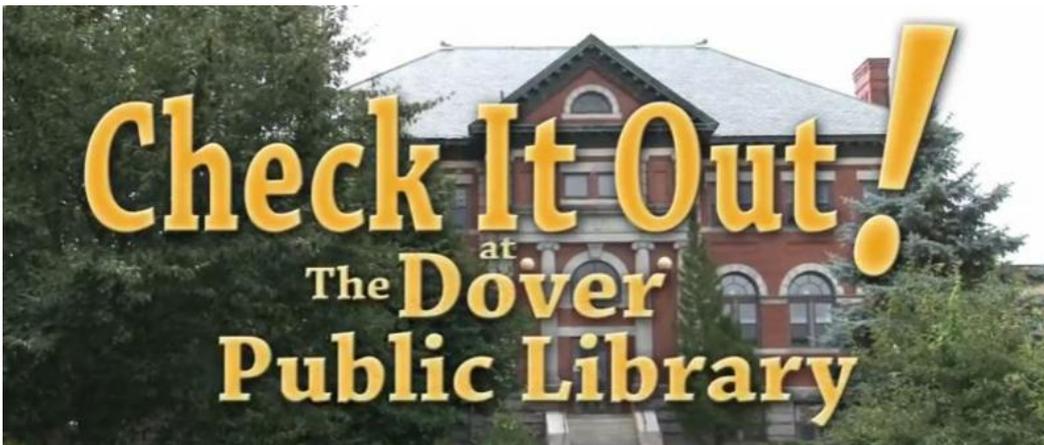
July 28, 1665 — The treasurer was ordered to pay for the killing of a wolf in the year 1663, "as appeareth in a note under the Constable's hands, in the hands of John Hall, Deacon, under the selectmen's hands," the money to go to the said John Hall, Deacon, and 15 other persons, each to receive an equal portion. The price for killing a wolf was 5 pounds.

July 26, 1696 — A group of people were waylaid while returning from public worship. Three were killed, three wounded, and three carried to Penobscot, from whence they soon found their way home. The persons killed were Nicholas Otis, Mary Downs and Mary Jones; those wounded were Richard Otis, Anthony Lowden and Experience Heard; those captured were John Tucker, Nicholas Otis, Jr. and Judith Ricker. As these persons all appear to have lived between Waldron's garrison and Garrison Hill, it is probable that the attack was between the upper falls and the brow of the hill before reaching Otis' Garrison.

July 27, 1761 — The committee for building the new meeting house having complained that the money for that purpose had not been fully paid them, that many persons who had agreed to do so, by the purchase of pew privileges, had neglected it. A town meeting was held at which the committee for examining their accounts made report that the whole amount expended was 11,248 pounds. The report was accepted and the building committee was empowered to sue those men who owe money towards building the house.

July 28, 1824 — The proprietors of the Cochecho River Boat Co. held their first meeting for the choice of officers. At the June session of the Legislature, petitions were presented for a charter to build a canal, or railway from Winnepesaukee Lake to Dover; also for the purpose of plying ferry boats to be moved by horse power across the river from Dover Point to Newington.

July 24, 1843 — At a town meeting held in the new Town Hall, the town voted to convey to the County of Strafford, the use of the Court Room with the necessary rooms for County Officers, Jury Rooms, etc., so long as the Court shall sit in Dover, upon the payment of \$3,000.



Meet Martha White, E.B. White's granddaughter, virtually on Tuesday, July 27

Stuart Little, Charlotte's Web, Trumpet of the Swan. Chances are growing up you became familiar with one of E.B. White's classic children's tales and, if not, in school you most certainly were introduced to Strunk & White's Elements of Style, the definitive writing guide.

E.B. White's writing has touch many lives, but what was it like having the famous author as your grandfather? Join Dover Public Library on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. for a virtual meet and greet with Martha White, E.B. White's granddaughter. During the presentation, Martha will share her memories of the author, who lived in Maine for 48 years and claimed it as his home. Attendees are invited to share their own memories of reading E.B. White and ask questions about the author.

Martha is manager of E.B. White's literary estate, and editor of several compilations of his works including On Democracy and Letters of E.B. White. Martha is also a freelance writer who has contributed work to Yankee Publishing, The New York Times, The Boston Globe and The Old Farmer's Almanac. She currently lives in Rockport, Maine, with her husband where they own Rockport Marine.

This program is free and open to the public. It will be held live online through RingCentral and registration is required to access the login information. It is part of Dover Public Library's

Community Read of Charlotte's Web, which celebrates the 70th anniversary of its publication next year. Community members are invited to take part in the Community Read by reading (or re-reading) Charlotte's Web or one of our many books by or on E.B. White, discussing it with others or attending one of our Community Read events.

For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov/events or 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 Open-House Cookbook* by Sarah Leah Chase. Throughout the month of July, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, July 25, 2 to 4 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen A
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. Registration required.

Monday, July 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL Black Bear Happenings in NH
The Black Bear is one of New Hampshire's largest and most majestic mammals. Join us for a presentation about New Hampshire's black bear populations by Donald Allen Jr., a Fish and Wildlife Steward for the NH Fish and Game Department. Registration required.

Monday, July 26, 9 to 11 p.m.

Monday Movie Night on the Front Lawn
Hairspray: The Musical (2007) starring John Travolta, Queen Latifah, Nikki Blonsky, and Zac Efron. Pleasantly plump teenager Tracy Turnblad teaches 1962 Baltimore a thing or two about integration after landing a spot on a local TV dance show. Rated PG

Tuesday, July 27, 2 to 3 p.m.

NH Fish & Game Officer James Benvenuti and K9 Cora

Join us for a live presentation with NH Fish & Game Officer Benvenuti and his K9 companion Cora outside on the library lawn! K9 Cora will show off some of her skills, and Officer Benvenuti will talk about his career and his appearance on the TV show *North Woods Law*.

previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

Tuesday, July 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

VIRTUAL A Granddaughter Remembers: Memories of E.B. White w/ Martha White
E.B. White's writing has touched many lives, but what was it like having the famous author as your grandfather? Join us a virtual meet and greet with Martha White, E.B. White's granddaughter. During the presentation, Martha will share her memories of the author. Attendees are invited to share their own memories of reading E.B. White and ask questions about the author. Registration required.

Wednesday, July 28, 3 to 4 p.m.

Animal Yoga on Front Lawn

Families are invited to join us as we try out lots of fun animal yoga poses. No yoga experience is necessary.

Wednesday, July 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Get Lit! Adult Book Club on Front Lawn

Bring a chair or blanket and join this adult book club to discuss *The Story of Charlotte's Web* by Michael Sims. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk and on NH Overdrive. Social distancing protocols will be followed and attendees are asked to wear a mask. All are welcome!

Thursday, July 29, 3 to 4 p.m.

Read with a Librarian
Children can practice their reading skills with or be read to by a librarian. New readers will gain confidence and all children will experience the joy of sharing books. Drop-in to the Children's Room anytime between 3-4 p.m.

Friday, July 30, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose on the Loose, Front Lawn

Join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes,

Tuesday, July 27, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: 18+ Lecture Hall
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

stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always welcome.

Friday, July 30, 3 to 4 p.m.
Crafternoon on Front Lawn

Families are invited to join us on the lawn for a different craft each week during the summer. Program is weather dependent.



City Council proclaims July 2021 Plastic Pollution Reduction Month

Mayor Robert Carrier and the City Council recently proclaimed July 2021 to be Plastic Pollution Reduction Month. Carrier read the proclamation at the June 23 City Council meeting, which states:

WHEREAS: The City of Dover strives to be a leader in sustainability and passed a resolution in April 2019 calling for a city-wide, voluntary reduction of the use and distribution of single-use plastics; and

WHEREAS: The City of Dover wishes to conserve resources, minimize waste, reduce greenhouse gas emission and other pollution, and protect the welfare of our residents and wildlife, all of which contribute to the quality of life in Dover; and

WHEREAS: Plastic produces significant pollution, poses health risks at all stages from fossil fuel extraction to production to deterioration, and enters our surface and groundwater supplies as microplastic to contaminate drinking water and food chains; and

WHEREAS: Substantial amounts of plastic continue to increase in landfills because plastic can take up to 500 years to deteriorate and less than 9% of plastic ever gets recycled; and

WHEREAS: Significant tax increases for average ratepayers are expected to occur due to the ever-increasing costs of plastic waste transport and landfill costs for Dover residents; and

WHEREAS: Dover residents and businesses have access to many cost-effective alternatives to single-use plastic, including cloth bags, paper cups and plates, reusable water bottles, silicone storage bags, and compostable containers; and

WHEREAS: it is the intent of the City to reduce the negative impacts of plastic noted above, as well as to join with the international effort to reduce pollution and health risks related to plastic.

Dover Police to participate in National Night Out

Chief William M. Breault of the Dover Police Department is pleased to announce that the Dover Police Department will participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021.

The event will take place at the police station, 46 Chestnut St., from 5 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 will be at the event and interacting with the public.

"The Dover Police Department recognizes the importance of getting to know the members of our community and the value of positive police-community partnerships," said Chief Breault. "National Night Out is an excellent opportunity for police officers and community members to meet and interact. This goes a long way toward solving community problems together."

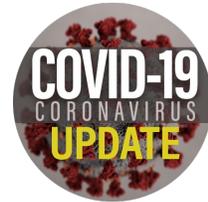
The Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 443 will be outside the station cooking burgers and hot dogs for the public. Some displays will be outside the building providing information on health and safety including the Dover Coalition for Youth and Dover Crimeline. National Night Out is an annual community building 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 www.facebook.com/DoverNHPolice will soon feature more information on the event.

Individuals looking to get involved can contact Officer Brynn Dunne at (603) 742-4646.

Financial assistance for housing, broadband available to those affected by COVID-19

There are numerous financial assistance COVID-19 programs that can assist renters, landlords and broadband internet users. There are also pending programs to help homeowners with mortgage payments. Below is a summary provided by the Office of Economic Development of available and soon to be available financial assistance programs.



Emergency Rental Assistance

There is federal rental assistance available to New Hampshire renters. The [New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program \(NHERAP\)](#) was launched in March 2021 using federal funds provided by COVID-19 relief legislation. [NHERAP](#) is managed by the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), and the applications are administered through the five regional Community Action Partnership agencies, including the [Community Action Partnership of Strafford County](#).

- Find more information about this program [here](#).
- The application is available [here](#).
- Answers to frequently asked questions can be found [here](#).

Mortgage Assistance

This program is pending, but financial assistance is expected soon. The federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 included \$9.96 billion in federal funding for the [Homeowner Assistance Fund](#), a program managed by the Department of the Treasury. The Department of the Treasury will allocate funds to states that can be used to provide direct mortgage assistance to homeowners. New Hampshire is eligible for up to \$50 million in federal mortgage assistance funds. The [Governor's Office For Emergency Relief and Recovery \(GOFERR\)](#) will determine how these funds are. To date, the state has received \$5 million that can be used to launch a foreclosure prevention pilot program and provide mortgage assistance to homeowners. The state will receive the remaining award after submitting its plan to distribute the funds to the Department of Treasury, due by July 31. Homeowners should direct their inquires about the program to [211 NH](#) by dialing 211 or 866-444-4211.

Landlord Incentive Programs

New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority offers two new landlord incentive programs to encourage landlords and property owners to rent to tenants participating in two housing

programs: the Emergency Housing Voucher Program and the Foster Youth to Independence Program. Landlords who lease to a qualified tenant may receive up to \$1,000. More information can be found [here](#).

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#) is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, virtual classrooms and more. The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 from purchasing a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

A household is eligible if a household member:

- Participates in specific assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or Lifeline;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;
- Received a Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since Feb. 29, 2020;
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program; or
- If the household has an income that is at or below 135 percent of the [federal poverty guidelines](#).

To apply:

- Contact your [preferred participating broadband provider](#) directly to learn about their application process;
- Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](#) to apply online and to find participating providers near you; or
- Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to Emergency Broadband Support Center, P.O. Box 7081, London, KY 40742

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. More information can be found [here](#).

For more information about available other assistance programs, such as property tax relief, housing and food assistance and business assistance, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares/>.

City of Dover offers local business assistance program for coronavirus impacts

“Dover CARES” grant funding targeted to microenterprise and small businesses is still available. The grants are made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



The grants are intended to provide working capital to assist small local businesses in avoiding job loss caused by the coronavirus. The program offers up to \$3,000 in assistance to qualifying businesses operating within Dover.

Funds from Dover CARES may either be used in two ways:

- To reimburse incurred business expenses to plan, prepare and respond to the coronavirus; or
- Offset a business disruption that occurred because of the coronavirus.

There are two types of Dover CARES available: **Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant** and **Small Business Assistance Grant**.

The **Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant** is available to sole proprietorships and small for-profit-businesses with five or fewer employees, including the owner(s) of the company. To be eligible, businesses must:

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including household income thresholds for the owner(s) of the business and retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

The **Small Business Assistance Grant** is open to small for-profit businesses with 2-15 employees, including any owner(s) of the company. To be eligible for this grant, businesses must:

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Demonstrate that wages/benefits meet specific HUD income guidelines for either one full-time position of at least 40 hours a week or two part-time positions of at least 20 hours a week each.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

Grants are open on a first-come, first-serve basis for completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered nor be used as a placeholder for a completed application. Once an application is determined to be complete, the Dover CARES Loan Committee will review the application. The Loan Committee is comprised of City of Dover officials, including City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker, and Finance Director Daniel Lynch.

The review consists of:

- Analysis of application and supporting material.
- Verification that the proposal meets all eligibility requirements.

Applications for the Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant are available [online here](#).

Applications for the Small Business Assistance Grant are available [online here](#).

Both applications are also available at the Office of Economic Development located within Dover City Hall. Mail completed applications to the Office of Economic Development, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820 or email them to Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at r.amy@dover.nh.gov. The Office of Economic Development is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

For more information, contact Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at 516-1560 or r.amy@dover.nh.gov.

Pease Study seeks participants who may have been exposed to contaminated well water

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry seeks participants who spent time at the Pease International Tradeport between 2004-2014 to

study the potential effects of exposure to a group of chemicals known as PFAS. PFAS is an abbreviation for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances found in a contaminated drinking water well at the Pease Tradeport used until May 2014.

Those who participate in the study may receive up to \$75 in gift cards for completing it.

To be eligible for the health study, a person must meet the following criteria:

An adult aged 18 or older who

- worked or attended school at Pease International Tradeport any time from January 2004 to May 2014, or
- lived in Newington any time from January 2004 to the present and used a private well with documented PFAS contamination.
- A child aged four through 17 who has parent or guardian permission and
- attended daycare at Pease International Tradeport any time from January 2004 to May 2014,

or

- was born to and/or breastfed by a mother who meets the adult eligibility criteria.

A small group of adults who never drank water from Pease International Tradeport and whose occupation or education did not expose them to PFAS, and children who never drank water from Pease International Tradeport may also be eligible to participate.

Participants will

- help scientists understand how PFAS affect health
- receive their test results, which they can share with their doctors to monitor their health.

For more information, visit www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/activities/pease.html.

A short video about the study is available at <https://youtu.be/nUT2ih9buUw>.



Woodman Museum's Outdoor Summer Concert continues Sunday with Great Bay Sailor

The Woodman Museum's Summer Outdoor Concert Series continues this week on the museum grounds. Remaining concerts will take place on July 25 and 31, and Aug. 7. All concerts will run from 4 to 6 p.m. at the museum at 182 Central Ave., Dover. The museum

grounds open at 3:30 p.m.

The concerts are outdoors so bring your own lawn chairs or blanket. The museum will be open 30 minutes before the concert for concert attendees, but will be closed during the concert.

Tickets are \$10 for museum members; \$15 for the general public and are available at the museum's website at woodmanmuseum.org or by calling 603-742-1038.

Sunday July 25, Great Bay Sailor: Great Bay Sailor is an eclectic folk band based in Portsmouth. Casting a wide net, the band performs out of an extensive repertoire of maritime, Irish/Scottish, British, and Oldtimey music. In the maritime tradition, they play and sing traditional and contemporary songs and tunes inspired by ships, sailors, oceans, and tall tales. Mike Blair and Steve Carrigan sing the songs, with Steve also on guitar and bodhran. Jim Prendergast, a thirty year veteran of the Nashville music scene, plays guitar, mandolin, and banjo. Rounding out the mix is singer-songwriter Taylor Whiteside who tantalizes us with original songs, guitar, accordion, mandolin, and fiddle.

Saturday July 31, Todd Seely: Growing up in a family of musicians in New Hampshire, it didn't take long for singer, songwriter, and guitarist Reverend Todd Seely to realize what his calling was. Self-taught on the guitar at the age of seventeen, Todd has branched his musical talents into many genres showcasing his natural abilities in Americana, country, bluegrass, gospel, rock and roll, and punk rock. Having traveled extensively and lived all across the United States, as well as spending several years on the African continent, Rev, Todd has taken his many experiences and has crafted them into songs that tell stories full of wisdom, heartbreak, and hope. He has an Everyman quality to his music that reaches across genres and his live performances are engaging and intimate, with a refreshing raw honesty.

Saturday Aug. 7, Portsmouth Brass Quintet: The Portsmouth Brass Quintet is comprised of key brass players from the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra. The ensemble was founded by Adam Gallant in the fall of 2016 and is dedicated to performing serious brass chamber music at the highest level. The PBQ will present a program of Americana perfectly suited for a summer evening. Alongside marches, quicksteps, waltzes, and rags by Sousa, Friederich, and Joplin, the quintet will perform several selections from Broadway. Leonard Bernstein's rhythmic score to West Side Story will be juxtaposed with the sultry melodies of George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess and the wholesome tunes of Meredith Wilson's The Music Man.

For more information, contact Woodman Museum Executive Director David Tompkins at 603-742-7680 or email director@woodmanmuseum.org.

THE DOVER CHAMBER WELCOMES:

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently recognized its newest members. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.





Participating in a recent ribbon-cutting for A Freethinker's Corner were, from left, Ian Oneail (First Seacoast Bank), Kerrigan, Kristen, and Chris Upton (A Freethinker's Corner), Margaret Joyce (GDCC), Scott Loignon (WIN Home Inspection), Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Coastal Realty), Morgan Faustino (GDCC).

A Freethinker's Corner joins Dover Chamber

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to welcome A Freethinker's Corner books & more as a valued member of the chamber.

Located at 652 Central Ave, A Freethinker's Corner is an independent new and used bookstore with the vision to encourage thinking, acting, and being 'outside the box' by investment in both self and community.

A Freethinker's Corner has three main objectives: to provide a wide selection of books that will encourage intellectual growth; to promote local, up-and-coming writers, musicians and artists; to be as environmentally friendly as possible. The store was started by Chris Upton as an online venture in July of 2017 and then opened a physical location a year later. Their motto "think, act, and be outside the box" refers to being out of the social norms box, allowing for physical, mental, and emotional growth.

"Being born and raised and living in New England, I'm fond of what the people and places of New England have to offer," said Chris Upton, owner of the bookstore. "Knowing that local, independent businesses are important to the vitality of our towns, communities and their people."

At A Freethinker's Corner, you'll find books penned by New England writers, music produced and performed by musicians from around the area, and visuals that are created by talented local artists.

A Freethinker's Corner is open for in-store browsing. They also ship most products and offer contactless curbside pick-up. The store is open from Wednesday to Sunday. It's open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

The store has many exciting events including 'Meet the Author' where you can learn about local successful writers, and the store also hosts book signings. Stay up to date with what's going on with the store on their Facebook page at [facebook.com/freethinkingreader](https://www.facebook.com/freethinkingreader).



Participating in a recent ribbon-cutting for the Groovy Witch were, from left, Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Coastal Realty), Margaret Joyce (GDCC), Jaime Szopa and her daughter Kendra Szopa (Groovy Witch), Brian Main (Eastern Bank), Ian Oneail (First Seacoast Bank), Margaret Laflamme (Groovy Witch), Dr. Michael Cooledge (Thrive Family Chiropractic).

Groovy Witch opens in downtown Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to welcome The Groovy Witch as a valued member of the chamber.

The Groovy Witch, located at the Franklin Galleria at 453 Central Ave in Dover, is a women's boutique clothing store that features many different clothing products and accessories- all for great prices.

Clothing like dresses, jeans, rompers, tops, skirts, shorts, and swimsuits are on sale as well as accessories such as hats, sunglasses, jewelry, hair accessories, and bags.

Their goal at The Groovy Witch is to put the "fun" in functional fashion. They know that looking stylish can make your whole day better. In fashion, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but quality should never be a compromise. No matter what you're looking for, The Groovy Witch guarantees durability. They are committed to being your source for the newest trends and to providing styles that have quality built in and will last through the wear and tear of your day. The Groovy Witch is open Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit them online at groovywitch.com.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"



Participating in a recent ribbon-cutting for Michael's Gourmet Food Services were, from left, Margaret Joyce (GDCC), Abby Sykas Karoutas (Wyskiel, Boc, Tillinghast & Bolduc P.A.), Dr. Michael Cooledge (Thrive Family Chiropractic), Michael Pentasuglia (Michael's Gourmet Food Services), Melissa Launder (GDCC), Brian Main (Eastern Bank), Ian Oneail (First Seacoast Bank), Nedra Sahr (North Star Nutrition), Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Coastal Realty).

Michael's Gourmet Food Services joins Dover Chamber

Michael's Gourmet Food Services has recently joined the Dover Chamber and is aiming to provide gourmet private cooking services for clients of distinction in the greater Dover area. Michael's Gourmet Food Services offers culinary expertise in a variety of ways, including gourmet in-home dinners, home meal replacements, in-home meals, professional culinary services, catering house parties, and cooking and wine pairing classes.

Michael's can make on-site specialized gourmet dinners for your family or that special date. This includes a full menu and service, made in house and customer service centric.

"We strive to make an excellent meal of your choice in your home with as much or as little customer interaction as desired," said Chef Michael Pentasuglia, owner of Michael's Gourmet Food Services. "Our aim is to give you a gourmet quality meal without going to an expensive restaurant."

If you're a family or individual that is always on the go, Michael's can cook meals for you ahead of time for immediate consumption which can be frozen, sous vide, or made to order a few days ahead.

Michael's will cook any amount of food or meals that the client desires, including their favorite foods, and the quality will remain consistent no matter the quantity. They will work with each client to determine exactly what their personal choices are for ingredients.

One of the specialties they offer is higher-end dinners that can be created for an especially memorable evening for up to eight friends or business associates. They can also cater any house party (up to 20 people) on any day except Sundays, but they can provide all the service and food set-ups on Saturday for a Sunday event. Michael's can also hold cooking classes and wine pairing classes in your home for up to eight people.

Their expertise extends far beyond food, as they can create an amazing atmosphere due to extensive catering experience.

Michael's Gourmet Food Services offers a one-hour free consultation that will go over the type and extent of the service, date and time, menu choices, allergens, where specific work will occur and payment options.

You can contact Michael directly at mpentasuglia@comcast.net or by phone at 603-988-9048. For more information about the services, visit the website at www.mgfsllc.com.



Participating in a recent ribbon-cutting for Birch and Oak were, from left, Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Coastal Realty), Margaret Joyce (GDCC), Ian Oneail (First Seacoast Bank), Abby Sykas Karoutas (Wyskiel, Boc, Tillinghast & Bolduc), Brian Royce (Birch and Oak), Brian Main (Eastern Bank), Dr. Michael Cooledge (Thrive Family Chiropractic), Nedra Sahr (North Star Nutrition).

Birch and Oak joins Dover Chamber

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to welcome Birch and Oak as a valued member of the chamber.

Birch and Oak, a web-based operations consulting firm, is ready to help small businesses in the area complete a successful business transformation.

Birch and Oak can help businesses dealing with unexpected challenges such as: your business feels chaotic and out of control; your team is disengaged and unhappy; inconsistent and/or inefficient processes and information handoffs; increased sales are not increasing profits; you don't have time to focus on the big picture.

"The sooner you can recognize these problems as warnings to correct course – the better," says Brian Royce, Positive Change Leader at Birch and Oak. "That's where we come in to help you execute a successful business transformation."

Birch and Oak aims to transform your small business into a scalable and sustainable organization. To help achieve this goal, they specialize in three vital areas: people ops consulting, operations consulting, and building custom business operating systems. They can transform your business into a leadership-enriched organization with a team committed to continuous improvement, improve your operational efficiency by streamlining processes and workflows, and empower your team to work more efficiently by implementing a custom business operating system.

Visit birchandoak.net to learn more about how Birch and Oak can help to transform your small business and promote growth.

A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

Don't let your recycling be rejected

Is your trash or recycling not getting picked up? It may be because it does not conform to the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste rules.

Dover's Community Services Director John Storer requests that curbside customers ensure the items placed in recycling containers are recyclable consistent with local guidelines and that bulky items are correctly tagged.



What's acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover?

- **Plastic:** #1, #2 and #5, provided the items are bottles, tubs and jugs. Rinse and dry. Bottle caps can be recycled if removed, washed, and placed back on the bottle. Loose caps, which fall through processing screens, cannot be recycled.
- **Glass:** only bottles and jars. Rinse and dry.
- **Cardboard, cartons and paper:** Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten all boxes, then place them into recycling bins, paper bags, or bundle and tie. When flattened, cardboard dimensions must not exceed two feet by two feet. Pizza boxes with grease must be thrown away as the oil contaminates the other recyclables.
- **No styrofoam is accepted**, even with a recycling symbol on the packing.
- **No plastic bags** are accepted.

Plastics that are not accepted include plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, plastic wrap, tarps and colored cups. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker. See full details of [Waste Management's curbside pickup here](#).

Nationwide, Waste Management estimates that 25 percent of items placed in recycling bins are actually trash. This 25 percent of trash can contaminate the good recycling commingled with it.

"Recycling contamination happens when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables," says Waste Management in their [Recycling 101 webpage](#).

For example, food or liquid placed recycling that saturates paper and cardboard can contaminate it. "Once contaminated, these recyclables can no longer be recycled. They become trash."

Bulky trash items

For large, non-metal trash items, such as beds, couches, toilets, sinks, carpets, and furniture, residents must purchase a "Bulky Item Tag" for each bulky trash item to be picked up. A bulky item tag costs \$10 and is available at most places where Dover trash bags can be purchased. See the Community Services' [Bag and Tag webpage](#) for a list of locations.

Please note, televisions, computer monitors, microwaves and other metal objects are not accepted for bulky item pickup.

Items left on the curb without a tag may be turned over to the City's health officer to see whether the items can be traced to a property.

All recycling and trash, including bulky tag items, should still be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions,

including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.
The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Police Secretary I**
- **Police Safety Dispatcher**
- **Fleet Maintenance Supervisor**
- **Systems and Technology Librarian**
- **Gym attendant**
- **Truck drivers**
- **Senior Center desk attendant**
- **Arena maintenance / resurfacers**
- **Arena maintenance specialist**

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

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