

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



July 29, 2022



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City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday,



City Council recognizes youth baseball champions

At the City Council's meeting on Wednesday, July 27, Dover Mayor Robert Carrier <u>read a proclamation</u> in recognition of the Dover 11U Cal Ripken All-Star baseball team, which won the New England regional competition on July 22 over West Hartford, Conn.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mayor Carrier said it was great to watch the team continue to work together, with many teammates moving up together. The same team previously won the state and New England championships last year when part of the 10U team.

This year, the 11U team beat Nashua 6-1 earlier this month to earn the state championship title, followed by its 5-2 win over West Hartford, Conn., to take the top spot in New England.

"The Dover City Council and citizens of Dover recognize the Dover 11U All-Star Baseball Team and its coaches for their outstanding accomplishment during this baseball season," Carrier said, reading from the proclamation.

The team and its coaches, along with many family members, were in attendance Wednesday to accept the proclamation.



Whiskey Horse takes 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 29, with Whiskey Horse, sponsored by First Seacoast Bank. Whiskey Horse is New England's most exciting country cover band, serving rocked-up and rowdy versions of current and classic tunes. The Rotary Arts Pavilion will be soaring 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, Aug. 2, 12 p.m.: UNH Theater, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by Haas Dental;
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, 3:30 p.m.: Farmers Market Acoustic Series, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Ave.), sponsored by First Seacoast Bank;
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, 6 p.m.: Key Elements Band, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the

- Shark in the Park Series, sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.
- Thursday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m.: Dover Community Band, Rotary Arts Pavilion.

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.

City of Dover files superior court complaint over House redistricting law

Lawsuit alleges some House districts, including Dover's Ward 4, violate the state's constitution

This week, the City of Dover, along with Rochester and individual voters from various municipalities, including Ward 4 Councilor Debra Hackett, filed a complaint against the Secretary of State and the State of New Hampshire, arguing the recent redistricting law violated New Hampshire Constitution's Part II, Article 11. Hackett is included in the complaint in her personal capacity only and not as a city councilor.

State legislators drew redistricting maps following the release of the 2020 Census data in 2021. House Bill 50, signed into law on March 23, 2022, groups Dover's Ward 4 residents into two districts combined with other towns. The complaint alleges that other municipalities, including Barrington, Hooksett, Lee, New Ipswich, Rochester and Wilton, had combined representation with neighboring municipalities, despite New Hampshire Constitution requirements requiring a dedicated district for political wards and towns with sufficient population.

The complaint seeks the court to either redraw or order the state to redraw the house representation maps for the affected towns and wards in compliance with the state constitution.

The complaint follows the New Hampshire Supreme Court's May 17 denial of the City of Dover's petition for the court to take original jurisdiction of the city's request for the Supreme Court to directly review the constitutionality of the redistricting legislation. The city had sought the Supreme Court to address the matter directly to obtain a ruling on the merits in advance of the 2022 elections related to the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Find Strafford County Superior Court and New Hampshire Supreme Court filings on the City Attorney's Current Litigation webpage https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/executive/city-attorney/current-litigation/.

Dover Holiday Parade returns

Parade organizers seek volunteers

Cochecho Friends, a local volunteer organization, is proud to announce the return of the Dover Holiday Parade in 2022, following a two-year absence. This year's theme is "Holiday Countdown to Celebrating our Past, Present, and Future."

The parade will be held on Nov. 27, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The parade organizing committee, which has been meeting since spring, is seeking volunteers to help prepare for this year's event, including in the days leading up to the parade. Volunteers are needed to assist with safety, fundraising/sponsorship, and logistics, and to fill other committee positions. Parade organizers are also seeking marching bands, along with commercial and non-profit groups, youth organizations, and other parade participants.

"We know that the parade was sincerely missed these last few years, and the planning committee will be putting together a great event to highlight the return of this beloved holiday tradition," said Lori Nollett of Cochecho Friends. "This year, we are very excited to be working with the Dover 400th Committee to help kick off the year-long celebration of our great city's 400th anniversary with a return of the Dover Holiday Parade."

To volunteer or for more information, contact Lori Nollet at CochechoFriends@gmail.com or Dennis Shanahan at d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov.



City contractor Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., is driving Dover's streets to analyze the pavement condition of all public roads.

Contractor driving Dover streets and assessing pavement condition

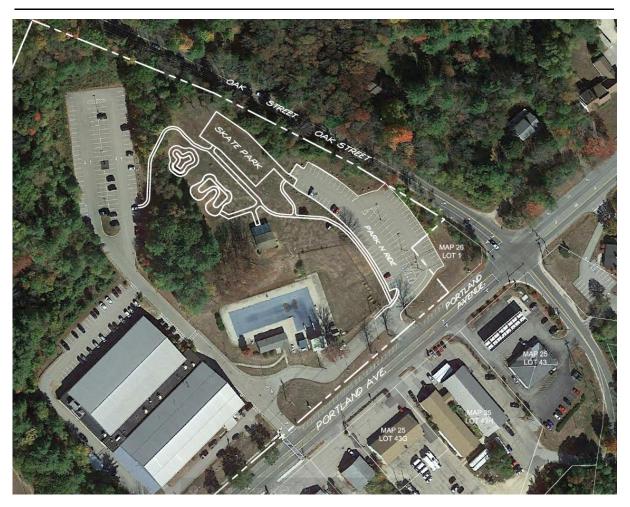
City engineers to use results to guide pavement decisions

Have you seen the van pictured above driving slowly along Dover's streets? That's a city contractor tasked with assessing the pavement condition of all Dover's public roads. They are also evaluating the reflectivity of all city signs.

The contractor is assessing the pavement condition using ASTM International's "Standard Practice for Roads and Parking Lot Pavement Condition Index Surveys." After completing the inventory of city streets and signs, expected to be by Aug. 2, the contractor will complete a final report where each street is given a numerical value. City engineers will utilize that data to update its pavement management program that guides how the city prioritizes which streets to pave each year. The current assessment will support roadway infrastructure decision-making over subsequent budget cycles. The last pavement assessment occurred in 2015.

The City Council <u>awarded the bid</u> for the project on Jan. 26 to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., of Burlington, Massachusetts, for a cost not to exceed \$60,154.

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



Location of the new Dover Skatepark at Guppey Park, as denoted in the Planning Board's site review application. The Planning Board approved the site plan at its July 26 meeting.

Planning Board approves skatepark site plan, allowing construction to move forward

The Planning Board <u>approved</u> the site plan for the new Dover Skatepark at Guppey Park at its July 26 meeting, allowing the project to move to the construction phase.

The Planning Board's approval follows two reviews by the Planning Board's Technical Review Committee this spring. Recreation Director Gary Bannon, who is overseeing the project, hopes construction for the first phase of the park will begin in mid to late August and be completed by late fall. Basic site work for the new park was completed last fall.

At its Aug. 11, 2021 meeting, the City Council <u>authorized</u> up to \$500,000 for constructing the skate park's first phase. As currently envisioned, the skatepark would include three elements, the main skate park, a skate bowl and a BMX pump track. The skate park will be built first, followed by the bowl and pump track in a future phase as funding allows.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6401.

Section of Whittier Street to be one-way traffic during sidewalk construction

Traffic pattern is Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Aug. 1

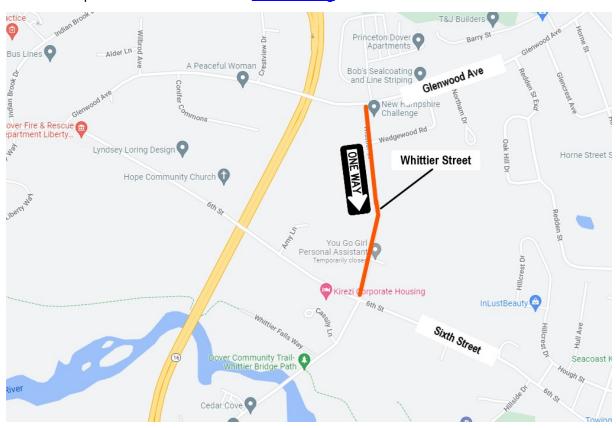
Whittier Street, from Glenwood Avenue to Sixth Street, will be one-way traffic only, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting Monday, Aug. 1. It reverts to two-way traffic after hours and on the weekends. The one-way traffic will flow from Glenwood Avenue to Sixth Street. See map below.

The one-way traffic pattern is to safely accommodate the construction of a new sidewalk on that section of Whittier Street, which begins next week. The one-way traffic is anticipated to end on Friday, Sept. 9, when the project is complete.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450, or visit the <u>dedicated</u> <u>project webpage</u>.

COAST Bus Route 33

COAST Route 33 outbound will not be able to serve stops at Whittier Street at Sixth Street and Whittier Street at Wedgewood Road. COAST asks riders to use the Glenwood Avenue at Whittier Street stop instead. COAST Route 33 inbound is unaffected by this detour and will serve all stops on Whittier Street. Visit coastbus.org for more information.



Whittier Street from Glenwood Avenue to Sixth Street will be one-way traffic only Monday through Friday, beginning Aug. 1, to allow the construction of a new sidewalk.

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, or visit the city's <u>Election Information</u> webpage.

Upcoming Meetings:

City Council -Ordinance Committee, August 1, 8:30 a.m.

The City Council Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in 1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Downtown Dover TIF Advisory Board, August 1, 3 p.m.

The Downtown Dover TIF Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022, beginning at 3 p.m., in 1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Community Trail Advisory Committee, August 2, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning Board's Community Trail Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

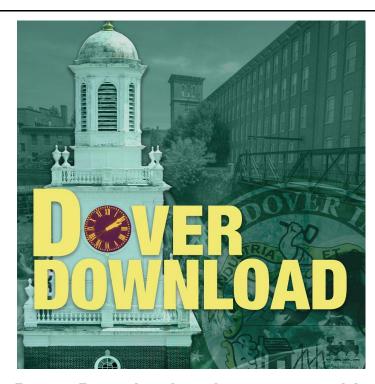
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit



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.



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

https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/.

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.

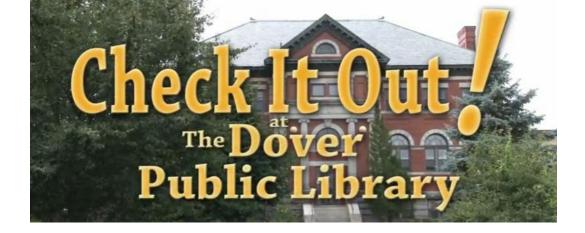
The podcast is now available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh.



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 31**, **1848** Alfred I. Sawyer died on this day at age 49. He was the founder of the "Sawyer Woolen Mills."
- **Aug. 2, 1855** "A horse mackerel weighing over 1,400 pounds was caught by Dover fishermen near the Isles of Shoals and exhibited in town last week." (Dover Enquirer)
- **Aug. 4, 1858** The City Council appointed a committee to confer with the Cocheco Manufacturing Co. respecting a lease to the city of their land on the Cochecho River, known as the "Grove," for a public park.
- **Aug. 3, 1933** Dover's third City Hall was lost to fire on this day. The City Hall and Opera house was dedicated Dec. 16, 1891. It featured a floor that could rise and fall, a chandelier with 95 electric bulbs, three tiers of boxes with brass rails, velvet curtains with gold fringe, a frescoed ceiling and a cupid mural. The Opera House had a seating capacity of 1,800 and was the largest stage in New Hampshire. Luminaries such as Jason Robards, Alfred Lunt, Shirley Booth and John Philip Sousa's band graced the stage. The first full-length movie shown in the Opera House was "Birth of a Nation" starring Lillian Gish.
- **Aug. 4, 1998** PC Connection, headquartered in Merrimack, announced it would open a telemarketing operation at the Cocheco Falls Millworks and bring 200 new jobs to the region. The company leased 35,000 square feet of space, with an option for 20,000 more, on the second floor of the Cocheco Falls Millworks building. The floor had previously been occupied by Liberty Mutual. The company that week held two job fairs in the mill parking lot, the site of the old steam heating plant. PC Connection would eventually move from its Dover location to Pease in 2005.



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 e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 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.

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 6:30 to 7;30 p.m. Genealogy Group

Whether you're new to genealogical research or a seasoned pro, this group is a great way to meet others who share the same passion and can provide advice on

your research. The meeting will feature a presentation by Rob Weir of Yourigins entitled "Where There's a Will, There's a Way (to Find It): An Introduction to Probate Research for Genealogy and Local History."

Wednesday, Aug. 3, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group

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

Friday, Aug. 5, 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.

Saturday, Aug. 6, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
All Levels Yoga with Bridget Harton
This is a great opportunity for beginners to give yoga a try in a safe, welcoming environment and for experienced individuals to find a new place to continue their growth.
Class will typically start by connecting to the breath, followed by warming up the body with some stretching and mobility before transitioning into vinyasa flows. Class will end with stretching and working our way into the final resting pose. Plan to bring your own mat and any props of preference.



Dover Police to host National Night Out event on Tuesday, 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."

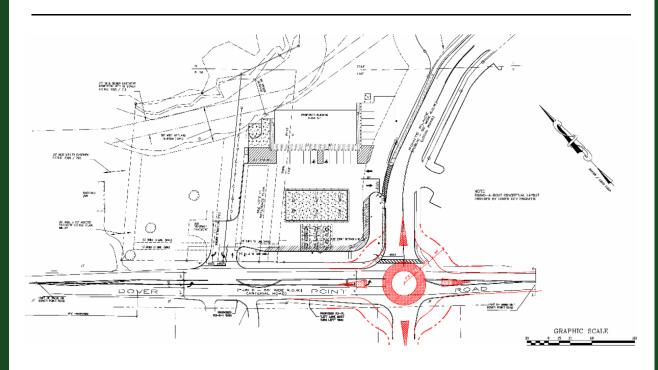
There will also be community organizations on hand to provide literature and other information related to health, safety, and wellness. Information on drug prevention, treatment and recovery resources, violence prevention, and local mental health resources will be available to the public through various 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 www.facebook.com/DoverNHPolice 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 a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov.



Dover Point Road roundabout project subject of neighborhood meeting Tuesday

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 https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters and add "Project update: Dover Point Road Roundabout" to your current email subscription list. There is also a dedicated project page at https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/dover-point-road-roundabout/.

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.



Coming up at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire:

THIS SATURDAY

Visiting Author & Tap Dancer Aaron Tolson

Saturday, July 30 at 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Aaron will read his new picture book "Tiny Tap Shoes" and do a mini tap lesson.

His visit is included with museum admission: https://childrens-

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museum.org/things-to-do/programs/performances



FOR CMNH MEMBERS ONLY:

Through end of July CMNH Members of any level can get into the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in Holderness, NH for FREE. Then coming up in August, CMNH Members can enjoy free admission to the Seacoast Science Center the whole month. Learn more: https://childrens-museum.org/membership/families

Military Appreciation Summer at CMNH

All active duty and retired military personnel and their immediate family members can visit CMNH for free through Sep. 4, 2022 thanks to support from the Service Credit Union. Learn More: https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/military-appreciation

21+ Concerts from the Patio

Enjoy the Cochecho Arts Festival Concerts from the comfort of CMNH's outdoor Play Patio, and have access to our restrooms, and a cash bar!

Friday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m.: Rockingham Groove
Friday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m.: Studio Two

Tickets required: https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/concerts-from-the-patio

Included with Museum Admission

The following programs are included with CMNH Museum admission and nothing additional needs to be done to participate, other than reserving a play session.

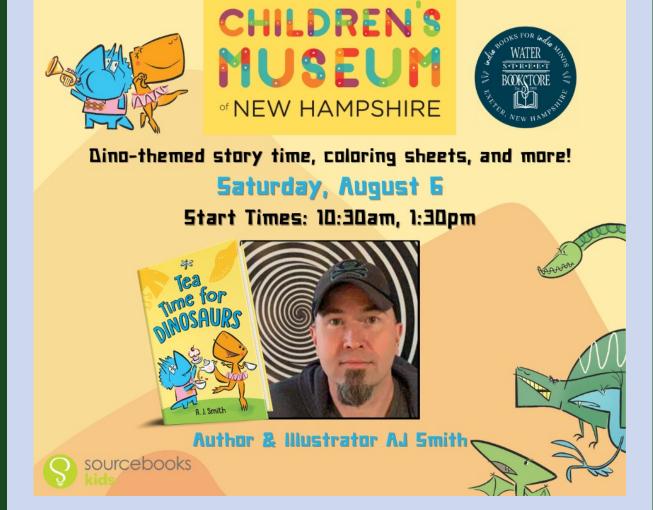
Learning Garden: Plant Critters – Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 11 a.m.
Learning Garden: Make an Herb Sachet – Saturday, Aug. 6 at 11 a.m.
https://childrens-museum.org/exhibits/exhibits/grow-food

Wacky Art Wednesdays: Clay Play – Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/art-making

World Culture Thursdays: Italian Stained Glass Suncatcher – Thursday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

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

Science Fridays: Make and Test Paper Flyers – Friday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/s-t-e-a-m



"Tea Time for Dinosaurs" Book Reading with Author AJ Smith Saturday, Aug.ust 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/author-visits (picture attached)

The Science of Bubbles with Sages Entertainment
Sunday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m.
https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/performances

Reopening of Cochechosystem Nature Exhibit at CMNH

Join the Children's Museum of New Hampshire beginning Wednesday, Aug. 3, to experience the reimagined Cochechosystem Nature exhibit. Celebrating the vibrant wildlife along the state's Cochecho River, visitors will be immersed in the sights, sounds and activities of the animals and people who make their lives along New Hampshire's rivers.

The Cochecho River is a tidal river, which flows through the Children's Museum's backyard and feeds into the Piscataqua River. When families enter the Cochechosystem Nature exhibit, they are introduced to a river ecosystem inhabited by osprey, beavers, and fish, all creatures who use rivers to engineer their lives. With floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the actual river, the Cochechosystem Nature exhibit demonstrates how rivers throughout New England support thriving ecosystems of many interdependent creatures.

"The Museum's Cochechosystem Nature exhibit upgrades incorporate new activities to encourage deeper family engagement and appreciation for the natural world," said Jane Bard, Museum President. New components include welcoming children to dress up as beavers, build lodges and feed their young kits, watch the osprey guard their nest as they add to their own, fish on the exhibit's riverbank, hop aboard the replica gundalow and load cargo for a trip upriver and take a close look at the river outside.

New signs in the exhibit are designed to help facilitate imaginative play and critical thinking skills

In addition to exploring the exhibit on Aug. 3, visitors are invited to join our educators to explore beaver artifacts and make their own beaver paw track to take home at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This project is generously supported by The Roger R. and Theresa S. Thompson Endowment Fund.

Families planning to visit the Children's Museum of New Hampshire on any day are asked to reserve online to help the museum maintain capacity limits. To make reservations or learn more about the museum, visit www.childrens-museum.org.

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 https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance.

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, click here.



