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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



July 30, 2021



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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to hold workshop on new skate park

Council will also receive update on River Street Pump Station upgrades

The Dover City Council is scheduled to hold a workshop on the new Dover Skate Park on Wednesday, Aug. 4. The workshop begins at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

The workshop is to allow Recreation Director Gary Bannon and members of the Dover Skate Park Design Committee to provide an overview and cost of the project planned for Guppy Park and to answer Council questions. Bannon anticipates bringing a resolution at a subsequent City Council meeting in August to fund the next two phases of the skate park, which includes design engineering and construction.

Last fall, the Dover Skate Park Design Committee unveiled its preliminary design of the new skate park designed by Pillar Design Studios. After receiving public feedback, the design

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committee and Pillar Design Studios worked on a final concept design plan. The design engineering would take that final concept plan to create specs that can be given to contractor to build.

As currently envisioned, the park would include three elements to be built in an undeveloped site of Guppy Park behind the Jenny Thompson Pool. The elements include the main skate park, a skate bowl and a BMX pump track. The plan is to build the skate park first, with the bowl and pump track in future phases as funding allows. The City Council has allocated \$471,846 for the skate park in the last two Capital Improvements Program (CIP) cycles. About three-quarters of the money allocated in the CIP is from developers' impact fees that must be used on recreation capital projects.

Bannon recently updated the Recreation Advisory Committee about the next phases of the project. Bannon envisions the site work completed this season, which will focus on leveling the site in Guppy Park for the skate park. If site work is completed this year, Bannon anticipates the first phase of the skate park to be constructed in 2022.

The skate park needs to move from its River Street location to allow the redevelopment of the 29-acre city-owned waterfront property.



Undeveloped land behind the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool, pictured above, is the proposed new home for the city's skate park.

River Street Pump Station

The City Council will also discuss proposed upgrades to the River Street Pump Station. A public hearing on the improvements was held July 28 and the City Council is expected to vote on a resolution to fund the improvements at its next regular meeting on Aug. 11.

The resolution before the City Council 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. The resolution authorizes \$7,206,000 for the FY 2022 CIP appropriations. These funds are in addition to the \$1 million 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.



The Soggy Po' boys perform tonight, Friday, July 30, as part of the Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series.

Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series continues tonight with Soggy Po' Boys

The Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, July 30, with the Soggy Po' Boys, sponsored by First Seacoast Bank. The Soggy Po' Boys bring their messy New Orleans style jazz to 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:

- **Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** **Visual Arts Showcase**, Upper Henry Law Park, sponsored by United Healthcare
- **Tuesday, August 3, 10:30 a.m.:** **Wildlife Encounters**, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital;
- **Wednesday, August 4, 3:30 p.m.:** Farmers Market **Acoustic Series**, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Avenue), sponsored by First Seacoast Bank;
- **Wednesday, August 4, 6 p.m.:** **Aunt Peg**, 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 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.

Visual Arts Showcase at Henry Law Park Saturday

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will be presenting a Visual Arts Showcase at upper Henry Law Park on Saturday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the Cochecho Arts Festival.

The Visual Arts Showcase, sponsored by UnitedHealthcare, will feature over 25 artist booths showcasing their creative works.

Paintings, pottery, sculptures, maps, monoprinting, and photography will all be on display by some of the area's most talented artists. There will also be live

acoustics throughout the showcase. The showcase, along with all other Cochecho Arts Festival events, is free to the public.

Among the artists on display Saturday will be representatives of local art organizations Wrong Brain and The Dover Art Center. Wrong Brain, located on Third Street in Dover, provides a venue and outlet for unconventional, under-represented and emerging artists of all mediums in the Seacoast, NH area through publications, multimedia events, open markets, exhibitions, discussions, workshops and community projects. The Art Center is a creative community that has over 6,000 square feet of space in the Washington Street Mills that has ten artist studios, a gallery space, and more.

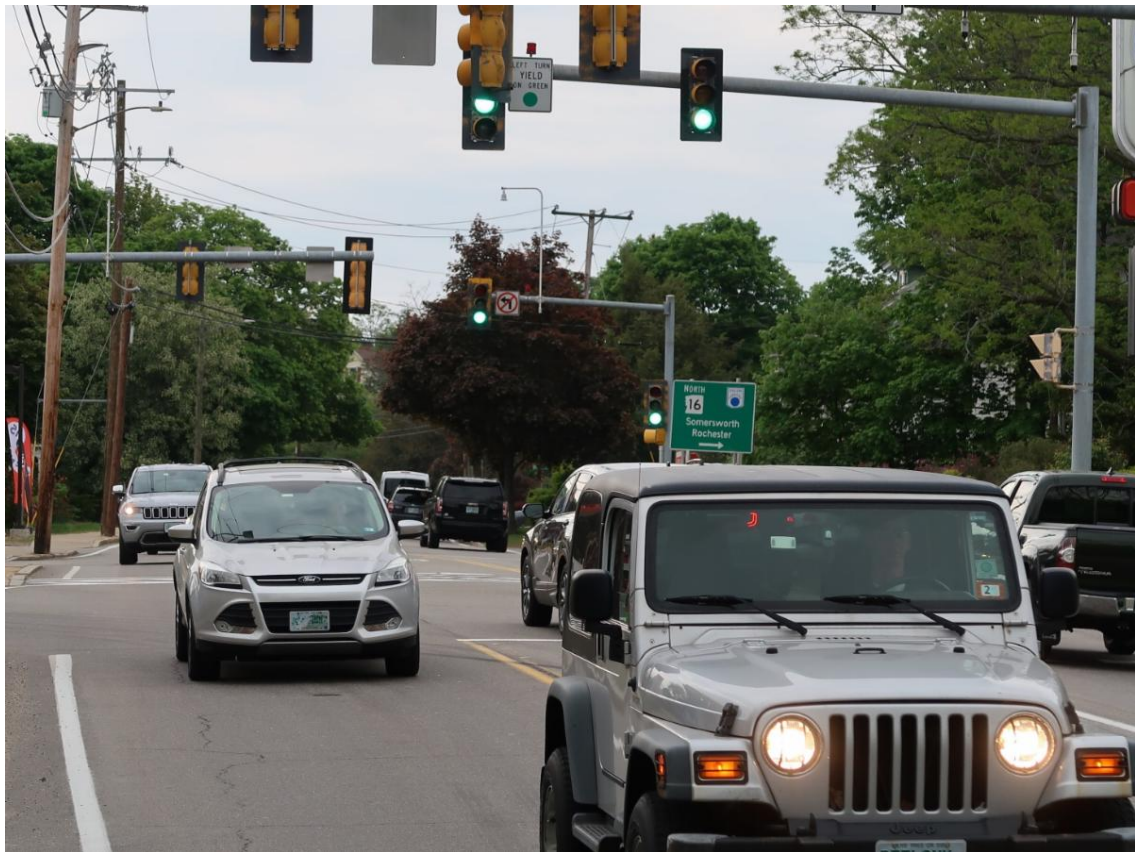
Along with the Visual Arts Showcase, the Cochecho Arts Festival, underwritten by Orpheum Apartments, features concerts, children's shows and a family movie night. The events continue through Saturday, August 14. To view the full schedule, visit dovernh.org/CAF.



City Council honors World Series bound baseball team



The Dover City Council this week recognized the Dover 10U All-Star Baseball Team with a proclamation honoring the team for its win over Fall River, Massachusetts on July 23. The win clinched the New England State Tournament title for the Dover team, earning them a trip to the Cal Ripken 10U World Series in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida on Aug. 5.



New signal timing on Central Avenue and Durham Road begins Monday, Aug. 2

Engineers seek driver feedback

Engineers will deploy new signal timings on Monday, Aug. 2, along the congested stretch of

Central Avenue/Durham Road and seek driver feedback about the timing changes.

The City of Dover, through a Federal Highway Administration grant administered through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, is deploying new signal timings at 17 critical traffic signals along the Central Avenue corridor that have already been upgraded with new hardware and software. The city has contracted with Sebago Technics to upgrade the signals, deploy and adjust traffic signal timings.

The five intersections on Central Avenue/Durham Road, which includes the Exit 7 interchange of the Spaulding Turnpike, is the first signal system to receive new traffic signal timings. New timings will be deployed to traffic signals systems at Weeks Crossing, north Central Avenue (Morin Street to Oak Street), and Silver Street (Central Avenue to Arch Street) in the coming months.

Once deployed, engineers at Sebago Technics will monitor traffic flow and adjust timings based on traffic flow data and public feedback. For the Central Avenue/Durham Road corridor, engineers plan further adjustments when the new school year begins.

Engineers request drivers to note any changes they see after the new traffic signal timings are deployed on Central Avenue/Durham Road this Monday and provide feedback at <https://conta.cc/2VfQP4S>. Feedback can be as simple as, "It seems better," or, "I experienced less delay this morning while exiting Mill Street."

Engineers had planned to deploy signal timings changes this spring but were delayed when it was determined a new fiber optic line needed to be installed to the city's central traffic server.

Learn more about the project here: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/news-events/news-2021/federal-grant-traffic-signalization.html>. For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.



Community Services employees work to locate buried utilities along Central Avenue by Glenwood Avenue Thursday morning in preparation of the upcoming Central Avenue North Water Improvements project slated to begin in late August or early September.

Central Avenue north end water main project slated to begin September

The year's second major water main infrastructure project is slated to start in late August or early September.

Called the Central Avenue North Water Improvements, the project will replace aging water mains along Central Avenue from Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to Glenwood Avenue. This project will begin once the Washington and Main Water Improvements project is substantially complete, anticipated by Aug. 19.

The Central Avenue North project will replace two sections of water mains. One is a 133-year-old 14-inch water main from Lowell Avenue to Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive, a critical piece of infrastructure of the City of Dover's water system. The other is an undersized six-inch water main from Glenwood Avenue to Lowell Avenue installed in 1927. Both mains will be replaced with new 16-inch ductile iron pipes expected to last the next 100-150 years. The project is anticipated to be substantially complete by mid to late December. A complete street paving overlay will occur next spring.

This week, crews from the City of Dover and utilities companies have been marking areas of known underground infrastructure, such as water, sewer, gas and electric lines, in preparation of the project.

After a competitive bid process, the City Council in June selected N. Granese & Sons, Inc. of Salem, Massachusetts as the project contractor, the same contractor as the Washington and Main Water Improvements project. The contractor plans to work on the Central Avenue North project Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. and be cleared from the work site for the evening rush hour. On Friday afternoons, the contractor will lay temporary patch pavement on trenches dug during the previous week.

Members of Community Services, Underwood Engineers, and N. Granese & Sons outlined the Central Avenue North Water Improvements project and answered questions at a neighborhood meeting held at City Hall this past Tuesday, July 27.

Director of Community Services John Storer told attendees he understands there will be "huge inconvenience" for residents and businesses, but the project is needed to replace critical infrastructure before it fails. Storer encouraged residents and businesses in the construction area with questions or concerns to contact Deputy Community Services Director Bill Boulanger at b.boulanger@dover.nh.gov or 516-6450. Boulanger will be managing the project for the city.

Traffic backups in and near the project area are expected. After consultation with the police and fire chiefs, traffic through the project area will be one-lane alternating traffic managed by flaggers.

One difference from the Washington and Main Water Improvements project is there will not be a need for a temporary water main to provide water service. Instead, the current water main will maintain water service until the new water main is installed. Once installed, crews will connect water customers to the new water main, resulting in temporary water shutoffs. Residents and businesses will receive a minimum of 48-hour notice for any planned water shutoffs.

The City of Dover plans frequent updates about the project to help residents and business plans for the construction disruption. To sign-up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, add "Project update: Central Avenue North Water Improvements Project" to your current email subscription list. There is also a dedicated project page on the City of Dover's website. Find it at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/central-avenue-north-water-improvements/>.



The Dover Public Library's "Harry Potter Day" is one of several examples of Dover's commitment to the arts, included in supporting materials submitted to the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to nominate the Dover Arts Commission for the Governor's Arts Award for Creative Communities.

Dover Arts Commission recipient of Governor's Arts Award for Creative Communities

The Dover Arts Commission and the City of Dover were recently honored by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts with the Governor's Arts Award for Creative Communities.

The Creative Communities Award recognizes a city, town, community-wide organization, or an individual that significantly fostered the arts through funding and/or program initiatives within the past three years.

The initiatives by the Dover Arts Commission and the City of Dover to foster art within Dover include:

- Incorporating public art requirements into new development in the downtown central business district
- Creating an Arts & Culture Chapter of the Master Plan
- Establishing City Arts Grants

- Establishing Art Beat Program, partnerships between local businesses and artists
- Funding a new state of the art performance center in Dover High School
- Supporting programming that makes art accessible to its citizens through the Dover Public Library and Recreation Department.

"This award is a 'Community' award," said Dover Arts Commission Vice Chair Linnea Nemeth. "The scale of what we are able to accomplish through minimal investment has been due to the partnerships, collaboration and support we have from the City. It means a lot to be recognized for the work the Arts Commission has contributed the last few years, as it helps us reach a larger audience in the future."

The Governor's Arts Awards are given every other year. While the awards are non-monetary, they publicly recognize outstanding contributions to the state's arts and cultural life made by individuals, organizations and communities.

A public celebration for all Governor's Arts Award recipients is planned for Oct. 26 in Derry.

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The State Arts Council provides a wide variety of services, competitive grants, and technical assistance to not-for-profit organizations, schools, health care facilities, and individual artists, helping to ensure that the arts thrive in New Hampshire and are accessible to all. Funding for grants and services is provided by the New Hampshire Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

The Dover Arts Commission is a City Council-created committee that serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Manager to enhance an appreciation and awareness of arts and culture in the community through increased dialog and participation of citizens. It typically meets on the first Monday of each month in Room 323 of the McConnell Center. See here for more information: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/arts-commission/>

Candidate filing for Municipal Election opens Sept. 8

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election begins on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. and ends Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at 4 p.m.

Candidates seeking the office of Mayor, City Council, School Board, Supervisor of the Checklist, Moderator, Selectpersons and Ward Clerk must file a written declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk during the filing period.

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

At the election, voters from all wards will elect the Mayor, two at-large City Councilors, and one at-large School Board member. In addition, voters in each of the six Dover wards will elect a City Councilor and School Board member and election officers, including a Supervisor of the Checklist, Moderator, three Selectpersons, and a Ward Clerk. All elected positions are two-year terms.

Candidates seeking an elected position must be duly qualified voters in the city. For Mayor and City Council positions, candidates must have lived in Dover for at least one year preceding the election. Candidates seeking a specific ward position must live in that ward. Visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/> for a map that shows Dover's ward boundaries.

Compensation

City Councilors and School Board members receive a \$1,000 annual salary as part of their compensation. The Mayor and Chair of the School Board receive an additional \$200 per year,



and the Deputy Mayor receives an additional \$50 per year. Supervisors of the Checklist are compensated \$222 per day, Moderators \$185 per day, Selectpersons \$139 per day and Ward Clerks \$131 per day.

Powers and duties of offices

The Mayor and City Council is the governing body of the City of Dover and set policies for the city government. As it states in the charter, the Mayor and Council "shall bear full responsibility for the implementation of said policies through the hiring and supervision of the City Manager." Duties include adopting ordinances, authorizing City of Dover expenditures of \$25,000 or greater, adopting an annual budget and appointing members to all committees, boards and commissions, other than the School Board.

The School Board is the governing body of the City of Dover's School Department, which is School Administrative Unit 11. Per state law, the duty of the School Board is "to provide, at district expense, elementary and secondary education to all pupils who reside in the district until such time as the pupil has acquired a high school diploma or has reached age 21." It is responsible for establishing school policies and programs and determining the budgetary requirements of the schools. The School Board hires and supervises the Superintendent, tasked with managing the school district.

Election officers manage the election and have different responsibilities.

- **Supervisors of the Checklist** are responsible for maintaining up-to-date voter checklist information for the ward to which they were elected following all applicable laws.
- **Moderators** are responsible for overseeing the election process at the polling place of the ward to which they were elected. Moderators also ensure all applicable laws and procedures are carried out and followed by all participants at the polling place.
- **Ward Clerks** performs whatever duties deemed necessary by the moderator, including verifying and recording ballot count information.
- **Selectpersons** are responsible for the "in" and "out" checklists at the polling place, including verifying voter information, handing out ballots, directing voters to booths, and any other duties deemed necessary by the moderator.

For more information, contact City Clerk Susan Mistretta at 516-6018 or s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov.

Upcoming Meetings:

Arts Commission, August 2, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

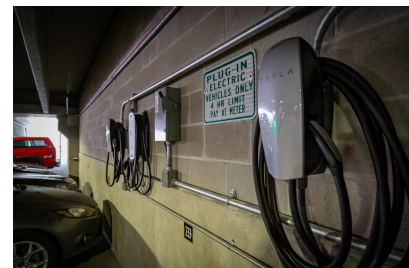
City Council, August 4, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.



Charge your car at the Parking Garage

Did you know you can charge your car at the Orchard Street Parking Garage? The units are located on the second floor in the northeast corner of the garage. Two units are dedicated Tesla units and two are universal stations available to any non-Tesla plug-in electric vehicle.



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/>.

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.

Outdoor watering ban remains in place to ensure aquifer recharging

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. told the City Council Wednesday that he anticipates keeping the mandatory outdoor watering ban “for at least a few more weeks” to ensure adequate recharging of the public drinking water aquifers.

“We’ve been very fortunate to have some significant rain events the past couple of weeks,” Joyal said.

Joyal said while there has been a lot of rain in July and the U.S. Drought Monitor has lifted the drought designation for the region, it takes time for the water filter to the aquifer. He also noted the Pudding Hill Aquifer remains offline, which about supplies 40% of the city’s drinking water when in use.

“We are still in a water deficit when it comes to our water drinking supply,” Joyal said, adding the city needs to be “extra cautious in making sure that we have an adequate water supply before we lift any restrictions.”

According to National Weather Service monitoring data at Skyhaven Airport in Rochester, while July has had the most precipitation on record, there is still a seven-inch precipitation deficit from June 1, 2020. From June 23, 2020, to July 20, 2021, the U.S. Drought Monitor classified the City of Dover either as abnormally dry or in drought conditions, including extreme drought last fall.

Bringing the Pudding Hill Aquifer back online is a priority for the city. It is working with Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc., owner of the former Madbury Metals site, to build a water treatment plant to remove PFAS chemicals that have seeped into the ground from the site. Joyal and Community Services Director John Storer elected to take the Pudding Hill Aquifer offline in 2019 and reserve it for emergency use until a new water treatment facility is constructed.

Ongoing use of the aquifer could draw PFAS, known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, into the aquifer before the planned water treatment facility can be built. The Planning Board approved the site plan for the new facility in May, and construction is anticipated to begin later this year, with completion expected in 18-24 months. City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., issued an emergency order on July 1, 2021, enabling water restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use, per City Ordinance 121-51.

Under the emergency order, the following outdoor water use restrictions are in place:

- No outside lawn watering or irrigation, including automatic sprinklers, automatic irrigation systems, and no unattended lawn watering
- No washing of vehicles, including automobiles, trailers and trucks
- No filling of swimming pools greater than 100 gallons

Hand watering of gardens and new plantings is allowed. Commercial car washes, agriculture operations, flower shops and garden centers are not affected by the restrictions at this time.

Water conservation efforts by all water users, including well users, will reduce the demands on Dover's water supplies, reduce stress on water resources, and ensure sufficient water is available to meet all customer and emergency operation's needs, such as fire supply. The emergency order will be enforced by public outreach, followed by warnings to those in violation, and fines of up to \$250 per violation, if necessary. For specific questions about the water restrictions, including usage, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

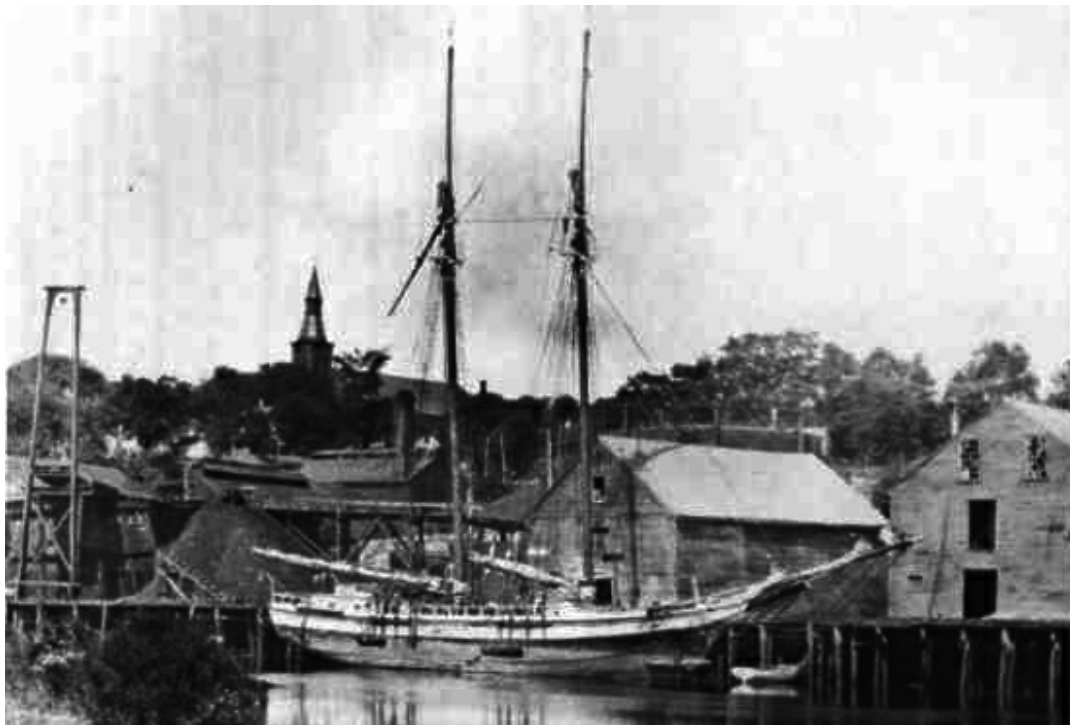
In addition to the mandatory water restrictions outdoors, there are several other ways users can help conserve water, including:

- Cutting back on shower times, only doing full loads of laundry when necessary, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes and washing hands.
- Replace old water fixtures and appliances that are wasting water. Top-loading washing machines built before 2003 and toilets older than 1994 are known to be the largest water-wasting culprits in the home. Showerheads older than 1994 can also waste a great deal of water, as can older bathroom sink aerators. Selecting ENERGY STAR certified machines and replacing old water fixtures with EPA WaterSense certified fixtures is an easy way to ensure you are choosing products that will save water and perform. For guidance on selecting ENERGY STAR and WaterSense certified products and more water efficiency tips, see the NHDES water-efficiency fact sheets at <https://go.usa.gov/x6ADQ>.
- Fix leaks, including running toilets. Running toilets can waste hundreds of gallons a day. Old and worn toilet flappers are often the culprit and are very easy to replace. Also, some toilet leaks can't be heard. Check for a leak by dropping food coloring (12 drops) or a leak detector dye tablet in the toilet tank. Do not flush for 15 or 20 minutes. If the dye shows up in the bowl, you know that your toilet is running.

The City's water users can learn more about current drought conditions, outdoor water use restrictions, water efficiency tips, and drought guidance at <https://bit.ly/DROUGHTNH>.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450. The emergency declaration and order can be accessed below:

- [Declaration of Water Emergency](#)
- [Order and Public Notice of Water Emergency Restrictions](#)



Dover400 lecture series continues with “Dover’s

Waterfront History: Shipping and Industry on the Cochecho River”

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover’s 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual lecture series on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at 7 p.m. with an online presentation about Dover illustrious history as a 19th-century shipping port.

Our speaker for this webinar is George Maglaras, proprietor of George’s Marina which is located at the former epicenter of Dover’s thriving and bustling seaport. This shipping trade, which included all manner of vessels from gundalows to three-masted schooners, also supported many businesses and industries which lined the Cochecho River. This area, along Cochecho Street, was the commercial center of Dover for 200 years, until the great flood of 1896, called “Dover’s Black Day”, wiped out most riverfront businesses and deposited vast amounts of silt and sand into the river, essentially ending large-scale shipping.

George Maglaras grew up along the waterfront and is a highly regarded raconteur of Dover’s maritime history. Maglaras has been a Strafford County Commissioner for 19 terms, and Chairman since 1987. He has over 45 years of involvement in numerous civic, municipal, and state organizations as well, serving in the NH Legislature and as Mayor of Dover in 1990-91. His presentation will combine the waterfront history with a large dose of entertainment through George’s tales of river lore and legend.

Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the July 13, 2021 lecture, please RSVP on www.Dover400.org.

The earlier seven lectures in the series (presented January through July) can be viewed online if you missed them. They cover early Dover history from the 17th to 19th centuries and can be found here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400>

Upcoming lectures in the monthly series include:

- Treasures of the Woodman Museum
- Downtown Dover During the early 20th Century
- Dover’s service in the two World Wars

Dover400 is currently underway with its first fundraising campaign, \$400 for 400, an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400 to celebrate Dover’s 400th Anniversary. All proceeds will support the activities planned throughout 2023. Donations may be sent to Dover400, 24 Chestnut St., Dover, NH 03820. For more information, please visit www.Dover400.org

About

Established in 1623, Dover was the first European permanent settlement in New Hampshire. Dover400 is a group of appointed volunteers gathered to plan and organize the City’s 400th birthday celebration which will include historical reenactments, fireworks and parades, school involvement, souvenirs and more.

Dover400 is comprised of enthusiastic citizens from diverse backgrounds who are all committed to one purpose: ensuring a Dover is recognized and celebrated for this momentous event. Members include Kevin McEaney, Chair; Sam Allen, Vice-Chair; Nicole Desjarlais-Paulick, Secretary; Kathleen Morrison, Treasurer; Deborah Ballok; Cathy Beaudoin; Bob Carrier; Angela Carter; Guy Eaton; J. Andrew Galt; Zachary Koehler; Tom Massingham; Karen Weston; Sam Crane; Kerry Berry; and Stephanie Bolduc.



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](#).

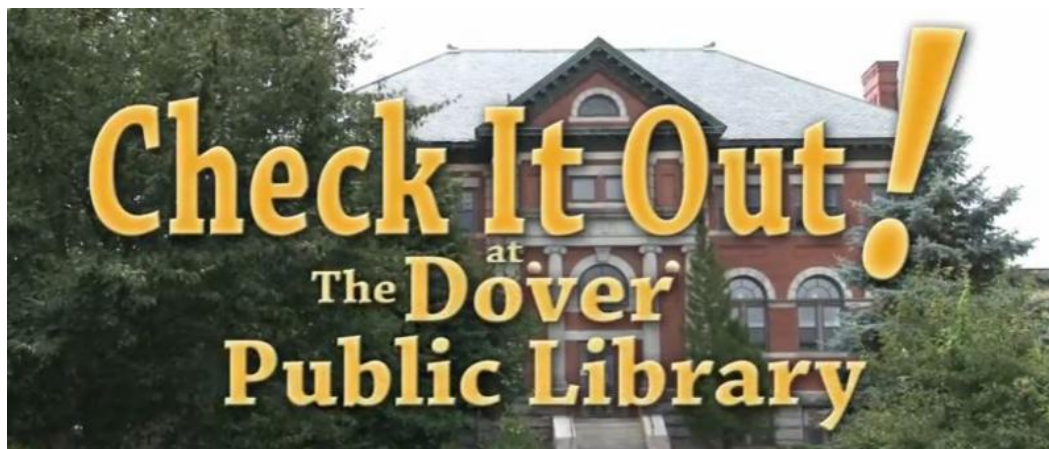
Aug. 2, 1644 — It was ordered by the Court that Elisabeth, wife of Mathew Giles, be whipped or redeemed with a fine of 20 shillings for reviling words against some of the members of the church.

Aug. 5, 1793 — Last Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, a fiery meteor uncommon size was seen in this and neighboring places. Its apparent diameter when first observed was small but increased until it appeared larger than the sun.

Aug. 3, 1829 — James G. Avery, a young man in the employ of the Manufacturing Company, fell from the Dry House, a distance of about 40 feet, surviving the accident but a few hours.

July 31, 1848 — Died, Alfred I. Sawyer, aged 49 — a useful and enterprising citizen, and the founder of the "Sawyer Woolen Mills."

Aug. 4, 1858 — The City Council appointed a committee to confer with the Manufacturing Company about a lease to the city of their land on the Cochecho River, known as the "Grove," for a public park with walkways, plants and flowers.



Snared by Charlotte's Web



Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, left, and Deputy Mayor Dennis Ciotti squeeze in a few more words from *Charlotte's Web* before gaveling the start of a recent City Council meeting. The mayor and deputy mayor were sharing their love of reading as part of the Public Library's Summer Reading program. Free copies of *Charlotte's Web* are available all summer long as part of the program. For more information, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/library/events/summerreading.html>.

Manchester musician Paul Nelson to perform at the Dover Public Library

Paul Nelson of Manchester will perform live at the Dover Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the library's lawn. Bring a chair or a blanket to enjoy the music outside on a nice summer evening. If necessary, the rain date will be Thursday, Aug. 19.

Song crafter, blues explorer, mystery muser, Paul Nelson brings the music home with his recent album, *Over Under Through*. Traveling through a landscape of blues, roots, and folk, Paul delivers a musical experience that captures and inspires with songs like "Ghost in the Basement", "Color It Blue", "Go Down Ezekiel" and the title song. With the release of his album *Over Under Through*, listeners will discover that Paul's music does not easily settle into any one musical format, but is a masterful blend of American roots and blues, gospel, folk, rock and jazz. Paul will have copies of the album available at the show for sale.



Drawing inspiration and direction from genre-bending artists like Amos Lee, Ray Lamontagne, and Lyle Lovett, Paul's heartfelt, rootsy songwriting and passionate live performances are sure to delight and charm fans across a wide range of musical tastes and backgrounds.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

August VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Love & Lemons Cookbook* by Jeanine Donofrio.

Throughout the month of August, 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. 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 throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily

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

Monday, August 2, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime, Front Lawn

Families are invited to join us for storytime on the front lawn. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. A craft will be available to take home.

Monday, August 2, 6 to 8 p.m.

Some Pig Celebration! Front Lawn

Join as we celebrate our community-wide read, *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. Carriage Shack Farm will be here with their deluxe petting farm. Meet sheep, chickens, bunnies, and of course, a pig! There will also be activities, games, and crafts based on the beloved classic book.

Monday, August 2, 6 to 8 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen B

Drop in and play *Dungeons & Dragons* LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! This group will meet every other Monday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Registration required.

Tuesday, August 3, 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 previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

Wednesday, August 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group, Front Lawn

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to gather on the front lawn with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on. All levels welcome.

Wednesday, August 4, 6 to 8 p.m.

Mario Kart Tournament, Lecture Hall

Kids ages 10-18 are invited to test out their racing skills in an epic Mario Kart tournament! Participation will be limited to the first 25 attendees.

Thursday, August 5, 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 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Friday, August 6, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose on the Loose, Front Lawn

Join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes, stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always welcome.

Friday, August 6, 2 to 3 p.m.

No Two Tails Alike, Front Lawn

An animal's tail can serve as a rudder when swimming, help with agility during flight, or can even function like an extra hand. Meet live native wildlife ambassadors as a naturalist from Squam Lakes Natural Science Center tells tales of the tails of some of New Hampshire's native wildlife.





Members of the Wentworth-Douglass Express Care team presenting a check to the Dover Chamber are, from left, Tiffany Parker, Morgan Faustino of the Chamber, Nancy Correia, and Judith Welch.

Wentworth Health Partners to underwrite 13th Annual Apple Harvest Day 5K

Wentworth Health Partners: Seacoast Orthopedics & Sports Medicine and the Wentworth-Douglass Center for Orthopedics and Joint Replacement return as underwriters for the 13th Annual Apple Harvest Day 5K, which is now open for registration.

The race, presented by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and directed by No Finish Line Running, is scheduled for Saturday, October 2 at 8:30 a.m. The race will start on St. Thomas Street next to the McConnell Center. The USATF certified course will wind through historic downtown Dover and is perfect for advanced runners as well as beginners and families.

Online registration will close on Tuesday, September 28. In-person registration will take place on race day starting at 7 a.m. in the Dover District Court parking lot. Registration is \$25 for adult runners age 21 and over and \$15 for runners under 21 years of age (\$30 for 21+ and \$20 for those under 21 after September 28). Visit dovernh.org/5K to register or for more information.

Bib pickup will be on Friday, October 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Rotary Arts Pavilion stage in upper Henry Law Park. You can purchase your bib at that time as well.

Once you cross the finish line, be sure to stick around for refreshments provided by North Country Cider. Each runner over the age of 21 will receive two complimentary beverages, with non-alcoholic apple cider available for minors.

Presenting the check to the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce were members of the Wentworth-Douglass Express Care team. Wentworth-Douglass Express Care offers quick access to quality, trusted immediate care with locations in Dover and Lee. Wentworth-Douglass Express Care consists of emergency physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants

from the Seacoast Emergency Physicians team, the same providers that staff the Emergency Department at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, as well as experienced emergency nurses, medical assistants, radiology techs, and patient access team members.

Wentworth Health Partners is a multi-specialty group practice affiliated with Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. Seacoast Orthopedics & Sports Medicine and the Wentworth-Douglass Center for Orthopedics and Joint Replacement offer a multi-disciplinary team of surgeons, clinicians and therapists specializing in the newest technology and latest techniques for knees, shoulders, spine, neck, ankles, back, feet, hands, hips and wrists.

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. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.

Upcoming American Red Cross blood drives

‘Emergency need’ need for donors

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for lifesaving blood amid the ongoing severe blood shortage and urges the public to make an appointment to give now at <https://redcrossblood.org>.

According to a press release, the Red Cross needs to collect more than 1,000 additional blood donations each day to meet the current hospital demand and end the severe blood shortage. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially type O, which the Red Cross says is only a one-day supply right now.

As an incentive and a thank you, the Red Cross will enter all who come to give blood between Aug. 1-15, 2021, a chance to win a VIP trip for two to the 2021 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in Manchester, Tennessee, to be held Sept. 1-5. Those who come to donate throughout August will also receive a free four-month subscription offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). More details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat.

Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](https://redcrossblood.org), visiting <https://redcrossblood.org>, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Red Cross requests donors to schedule an appointment instead of dropping in.

The Red Cross tests blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies, provided to the donor when results are available. The test may indicate if the donor’s immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the vaccine manufacturer they received is vital in determining donation eligibility.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Friday, Aug. 6, from 12 to 5 p.m., at Bill Dube Ford/Toyota, 40 Dover Point Road.
- Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 12 to 5 p.m., at Dover Moose Hall, 45 Chestnut St.
- Thursday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 25 Chestnut St.

National Night Out events in Dover slated for Aug.

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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 inquiries 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.

The logo for DOVERCARES features the word "DOVER" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font, and the word "CARES" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font with a blue outline, positioned to the right of "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.



Woodman Museum's Outdoor Summer Concert continues Sunday with Todd Seely

The Woodman Museum's Summer Outdoor Concert Series continues this week on the museum grounds. Remaining concerts will take place on July 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.

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.

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**
- **Assessing Clerk**
- **Fleet Maintenance Supervisor**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II**
- **Gym attendant**
- **Arena maintenance / resurfacers**

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

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