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Dover Middle School Principal Kim Lyndes discusses school reopening plans at a School Board workshop on Wednesday, July 29.

School Board reviews reopening plans

The School Board heard several presentations this week about plans to reopen Dover's public schools during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. At a workshop session on July 29, staff and members of several panels reviewing reopening options presented the School Board and community with information about the options, including remote learning and in-school education.

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Missed the meeting?

Meetings this week:

School Board, August 3, 5:30 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, August 5, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

schools, Middle School and High School.

Superintendent William Harbron said several groups have been meeting to work out the details and options since March, when school buildings closed due to the pandemic.

The workshop began with an update on COVID-19 in Dover and the state from Dover Fire Chief Paul Haas, the city's Emergency Management Director. After the update, Harbron said the top priority of the school district's reopening plans is to keep students and staff safe during the pandemic.

The School Board is expected to vote on a reopening plan during a special session on Aug. 3. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live from the city's website at www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

The School Board workshop can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=qxye0D5SjeyR>.

Materials presented to the School Board at the July 29 workshop can be accessed at the following link and clicking on the agenda materials tab: <https://go.usa.gov/xfP8X>.

Harbron also recently released a video update the community on reopening plans. Harbron's 16-minute video update is followed by three remote learning presentations made to the School Board on July 13, including the results of recent surveys of parents and students. The update and remote learning presentations can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=QrNP4SB3uk67>.



City Council to eye funding strategies for stormwater and flood resilience

At a workshop session on Wednesday, Aug. 5, the City Council will hear a presentation about the importance of adequately funding stormwater and flood resilience funding initiatives, and a recommendation to create a task force to explore the issue further. The workshop begins at 7 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room at City Hall, and will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live via www.dover.nh.gov/dntv. The workshop agenda [can be viewed here](#).

During the workshop, the City Council will hear details about a

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



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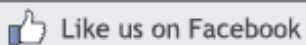
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City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

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



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pilot program established by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that aims to help coastal communities explore alternative funding to address stormwater and flood resilience. The program's Coastal Management Fellowship provides on-the-job education and training opportunities in coastal resource management and policy for postgraduate students who provide project assistance to coastal zone management programs, [according to NOAA](#).

The City Council will hear about the program from Ben Sweeney, a NOAA Coastal Management Fellow; Abigail Lyon of the Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership (PREP) and member of Dover's Conservation Commission; and Nathalie Morison, Coastal Resilience Specialist at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

Stormwater and coastal flooding are significant issues for coastal communities, including Dover, and will require significant investments in resources in the coming years due to new regulatory requirements and climate change.

The workshop will focus on an 18-month plan for Dover that will help identify the city's most immediate stormwater and flooding challenges, and more closely examine funding sources. That work will be followed by recommendations to the community.

The creation of a task force is also recommended.

Also at the Aug. 5 workshop, the City Council will receive an update on the Tolend Road Landfill.

Summer Street closes to traffic for a month

Summer Street is now closed to all through traffic Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The road will remain closed on weekdays for about a month.

The closure is necessary as part of the Elm And Belknap Streets Reconstruction Project. Work on Summer Street includes the removal of asphalt and sidewalks on the section of Summer Street between Locust Street and Central Avenue.

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



City Clerk seeks election workers

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

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

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

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

State Primary Election sample ballots now available

The Secretary of State's Office has released sample ballots for the 2020 State Primary Election, which will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020.

The sample ballots for all Dover wards can be viewed on the [2020 State Primary page here](#).

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

Special election provisions in place due to COVID-19 pandemic

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

Under new guidance, voters can now register by mail during the COVID-19 pandemic and can request an absentee voter packet from the City Clerk's Office or from the New

Hampshire Secretary of State. Voters need to fill out a registration form and provide election officials with a copy of a current photo ID, as well as a copy of a bill, bank statement or other document with a name and address.

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

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

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

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

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



Tickets selling fast for this year's Cochecho Arts Festival

Tickets are still available for the 2020 Cochecho Arts Festival but are selling fast. This year's festival will take place Aug. 14 to 16 in a different location and format to ensure audience members' safety. Visit dovernh.org/caf to purchase tickets and see the full weekend schedule.



**COCHECHO
ARTS
FESTIVAL**

The Cochecho Arts Festival has taken place each summer for the past 33 years, bringing music and arts to downtown Dover. Given the COVID-19 restrictions, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is adapting the festival to bring the arts to residents in a safe and enjoyable format. This year's festival is underwritten by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, and would not be possible without the generous support of all CAF sponsors.

The Friday and Saturday festival shows will be in drive-in format at St. John's United Methodist Church, located at 28 Cataract Ave. The visual arts exhibit on Sunday will be held at the Seacoast Growers Association Farmers' Market in upper Henry Law Park on Henry Law Avenue.

Friday, Aug. 14 will be a Drive-In Movie Night, sponsored by

Newburyport Bank. For only \$10 per vehicle, festival-goers have the chance to view "Rocketship," a short film directed by Alfred Thomas Catalfo, a local screenwriter, director, and attorney. Following that will be "Shrek," featuring the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz which earned the film an Academy Award.

The Drive-In Children's Series on Saturday, sponsored by Service Credit Union, will be free of charge (registration still required). Magic Fred will get things started at 10 a.m. with lots of age-appropriate comedy and awe-inspiring magical illusions. At 11 a.m., Wayne from Maine will be performing his unique, interactive brand of children's music as he has for over two decades. To cap off the Children's Series, magician BJ Hickman will take the stage at 12 p.m. for his magic show that is always loaded with clever deceptions, mind-reading miracles, and lots of non-stop action and silly surprises.

Saturday night's Headliner Series, sponsored by First Seacoast Bank, will be \$10 per vehicle. The night will kick off with "Shark in the Parking Lot" at 5:30 p.m. that will feature the band Rosie, hosted by 102.1 & 105.3 The Shark. Rosie has been touring New England for 39 years playing originals to hard rock, metal, blues, and some country. Taking the stage at 7 p.m. is Entrain, the eclectic Martha's Vineyard-based six-piece band formed in 1993. Capping off the Headliner Series will be local band Soggy Po' Boys at 8:30 p.m. The Soggy Po' Boys serve their jazz messy, mixing brass-fueled mayhem with spirituals, Meters-style old-school funk, and the Caribbean side of the New Orleans tradition.

On Sunday, in collaboration with the Seacoast Growers Association, the Cochecho Arts Festival will showcase artists and their work at the Farmers' Market in upper Henry Law Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and check out all of the different local crafters and artists and what they have to offer. This event is free and open to the public, with no ticket required.

UPDATED: Status of City and school facilities and services

Dover Public Library

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



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

See library.dover.nh.gov for more information about the pickup service.

The Library is open with the following restrictions:

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

For more information, call the Library at 516-6050 or email libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov.

Parks and Recreation

Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is now open for recreational swimming. To meet state guidelines for reopening, several restrictions are in place, including:



- Everyone should arrive showered and ready to swim. Locker room use will be limited.
- Capacity will be limited to 40 patrons on a first come, first served basis.
- Patrons must maintain 6 feet of physical distance from other patrons who are not members of the same

household.

- Masks must be worn when entering and exiting the facility, in the pool lobby, locker rooms and pool deck, prior to entering the water.
- The pool is modified for physical distancing and no equipment, such as goggles, will be provided.
- The use of any equipment, including kickboards, fins, noodles, toys, and barbells are not allowed until further notice.
- Diving boards will be open to the public from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 3:30 p.m. only.

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

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

McConnell Center

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



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

- The Fitness Center will operate at half capacity
- Staff will be wearing masks and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear masks in all common areas
- Cardio rooms will be limited to 4 people at a time
- Time restrictions may be placed on cardio equipment, if needed
- The weight room, Cybex room and dance studio will be limited to 7 people at a time
- It is recommended that patrons call about room availability in advance to working out
- Additional hand sanitizers will be available
- Anyone who is sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is asked to stay home

Butterfield Gym

The Butterfield Gym is open during regular hours.

Dover Community Senior Center

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

Ice Arena

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

Parks and playgrounds

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

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

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

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

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

Dover Indoor Pool

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

All swimming is arranged by reservation only. To make a reservation, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/recreation/aquatics/index.html> and follow the instructions to sign up.

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

City Hall

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



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

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

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

Public School Offices and SAU

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

Community Services

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



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

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

The chapel at Pine Hill Cemetery is open but appointments are encouraged. To contact the chapel for an appointment,

call (603) 516-6480.

Public Welfare

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

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

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

Public Meetings

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

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

Utility service calls and interior assessing inspections

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

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

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

Inspection Services

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

All services and facilities

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

City of Dover celebrates 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

The City of Dover is proud to support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as it marks its 30th anniversary this week. Earlier this week, on July 26, we joined the celebration of this important civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.



For more information about the ADA and its anniversary milestone, visit <https://www.adaanniversary.org/>.

City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

Current vacancies are as follows:

- **Conservation Commission** - one alternate member
- **Downtown Dover TIF Advisory Board** - one regular member
- **Ethics Commission** - four regular members
- **McConnell Center Advisory Committee** - one regular member

- **Open Lands Committee** - two regular members
- **Pool Advisory Committee** - one regular member and one alternate member
- **Dover Utility Commission** -one alternate member

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

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

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



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

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. [Recent studies](#) show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are

"asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

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

Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

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

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



Property tax relief? Financial hardship?
Food assistance? Business aid?
Unemployment?

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Mortgage, rent assistance available through Welfare office and CAP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares for additional resources.



Trash and recycling reminders

Waste Management, the City's new solid waste and recycling vendor, began curbside pick-up on July 1. Although pick-up routes mostly remain the same, residents are reminded that:

- The pick-up time on your regularly scheduled collection day may be different than it was prior to July 1. To ensure trash and recycling are picked up, please remember that all items must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.
- By City ordinance, the maximum weight of trash bags is 35 pounds. Waste Management may reject trash bags that exceed the weight limit. Bags should be tied or sealed and should not be overloaded. Please note that the smaller, 15-gallon bags are rated for 20 pounds maximum.
- Dover trash bags can be purchased from a variety of local merchants, as well as the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, and the Recycling Center. For a list of local merchants selling

Dover trash bags, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xfXAs>.

- Curbside trash and recycling pick-up will follow the existing holiday schedule. Collection during a holiday week will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week beginning on the holiday. For a list of holidays, see the city's website here: <https://go.usa.gov/xwApG>.
- All non-metal items too large to fit in a Dover trash bag, such as furniture, mattresses, toilets and carpets, require a bulky item tag. Bulky item tags can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, the Recycling Center and at most locations where city trash bags are sold.

There are new restrictions on what types of plastics can be recycled. Only the items listed below should be placed in your household recycling bin:

- **Plastic:** Only #1, #2 and #5 plastics are allowed. Bottles, tubs, jugs, jars only. Remove caps. Rinse and dry. NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- **Glass:** Bottles and jars only. Rinse and dry.
- **Cardboard, cartons, paper:** Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten, then place in recycling bin, paper bags, or bundle and tie. Rinse and dry. No plastic bags.
- **Metal:** Aluminum, tin and steel cans. Rinse and dry.

Note: The City of Dover discourages the use of single-use plastics including, but not limited to, plastic straws, disposable plates, cups, utensils, light-weight plastic bags, beverage containers and razors.

Clean recycling means materials can get to their next best use, which helps protect the environment by conserving natural resources, saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Placing items in recycling bins that are not recyclable such as Styrofoam, light bulbs, plastic flower pots and bags, contaminates the entire load and may send it to a landfill and will cost us more. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker.

Follow these simple recycling guidelines:

- Recycle all bottles, cans and paper.
- Keep items clean and dry.
- No plastic bags of any kind.

For more information, [visit the city's website here](#) or contact Community Services at 516-6450.

Schools continue summer
breakfast and lunch program

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

Pick-up locations are:

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

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

Grab and Go program provides food throughout the summer

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

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

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

The program will continue through Friday, Sept. 4.

Pick-up locations and times are as follows:

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

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

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NH DHHS announces online purchasing program for SNAP recipients

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Economic and Housing Stability (DEHS) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a pilot program that allows recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase and pay for groceries online. The [SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program](#) allows the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to purchase eligible food items through two authorized online retailers, Amazon and Walmart.

"From the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency, we have worked hard to ensure that our residents are able to safely access the things their families need when they need them the most," said Governor Chris Sununu. "Online purchasing provides additional flexibility for all Granite State SNAP recipients, allowing them more ways to use their SNAP benefits to make sure their families have access to healthy and nutritious food during the pandemic and beyond."

"Online purchasing is one more way New Hampshire residents can access good nutrition throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic," said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibinette. "Purchasing groceries online is safe, secure, and helps people maintain social distancing measures that help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

SNAP recipients will be able to purchase eligible food items, but will not be able to use benefits for service or delivery charges.

Participation in the pilot program is one of several measures DHHS has taken to reduce concerns around food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Others include the issuance of emergency SNAP benefits; the extension of certification periods for SNAP recipients; a temporary suspension of

SNAP work requirements for eligible individuals; participation in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), which provides families with children enrolled in the National School Lunch Program additional SNAP benefits due to the loss of school meals during remote learning; and accepting applications by phone for the Women, Infants and Children program.

The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot was established by the federal 2014 Farm Bill, which mandated a pilot to test the feasibility of allowing online transactions using SNAP benefits. In 2017, eight states were selected to be part of the pilot, which was launched in New York State in 2019, followed by Washington in January 2020. Additional states have joined the program as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program, please visit www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/foodstamps/.



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

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



Aug. 7, 1661 - Dover and Portsmouth were presented for want of a sufficient bridge for horse and foot over Cochecho river. The Court ordered a committee to be chosen from the two towns to view the same and if they found it needful to make a bridge.



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, 1864 - The Strafford Guards, after being recruited up to full numbers for the purpose of doing duty for a further term of 60 days, were discharged, and an artillery company from the interior of the State ordered to take their place.



Aug. 3, 1896 - Alonzo Whitehouse and his wife went to Lynn today on a two-week vacation. Mr. Whitehouse is still an admirer of the top hat and deplores the fact that Dover has given up the custom.

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Aug. 3, 1933 - The third City Hall burned. The City Hall and Opera house was dedicated Dec. 16, 1891 and cost \$250,000 to build. 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 here was "Birth of a Nation" starring Lillian Gish.

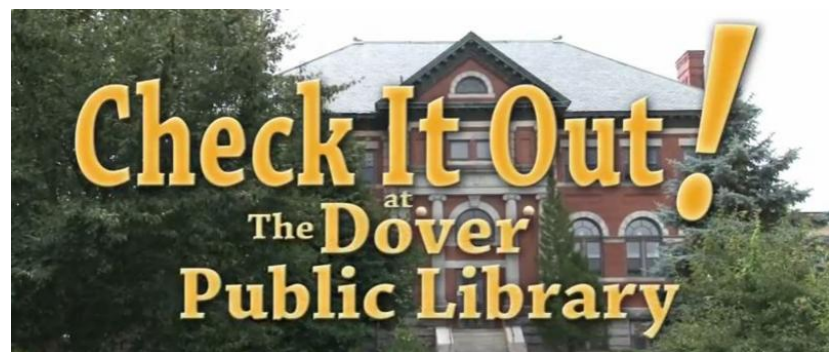
Historic Walking Tours: Summer 2020

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

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

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

If interested in becoming a tour guide, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218 or info@dovernh.org.



Dover Public Library launches Movie Club

The Dover Public Library invites film fans to join the newly formed Movie Club on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. on the Library's front lawn at 73 Locust St.

Movie Club is perfect for cinema lovers who enjoy lively discussions on a variety of movies. Every month two themed movies will be chosen. A wide array will be discussed with movie genres ranging from drama and comedy to foreign films and documentaries. Participants can stream the movies online or borrow them from the library to watch at home. The group will meet to discuss the film the first Wednesday of the month.

August's films are "I Am Not Your Negro" and Ken Burns' "The Central Park Five," two documentaries on race. A copy of the movies can be found at the front desk or streamed online free using a Dover Public Library card on Hoopla Digital.

With a subscription, "I Am Not Your Negro" can be found online through Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Hulu. "The Central Park Five" can also be found on Amazon Prime Video with a subscription.

This program is free and open to the public. You do not need to be a member of Dover Public Library to participate. Feel free to bring a blanket or chair. Don't forget a mask. We will be practicing social distancing measures to stay safe.

For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050 or email Aimee at a.lockhardt@dover.nh.gov.

This Week at the Library

Saturday, August 1 through Monday, August 31, All Day **VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of Katie Lee's *Endless Summer Cookbook*. Throughout the month of August, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram [@doverpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/doverpubliclibrary).

Tuesday, July 28 through Tuesday, August 4, All Day **Weekly Teen TikTok Challenge**

Are you a teen TikTok wizard? Show us your skills in our final Teen TikTok Challenge of the summer! This week's pick is #levelup - show us how many stacked household items you (or a pet) can successfully jump over then tag us on TikTok using [@doverpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/doverpubliclibrary) or [#doverpubliclibraryteens](https://www.instagram.com/doverpubliclibraryteens), or send your videos to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov

Saturday, August 1, 10 to 11 a.m. **Teen Transform a T-Shirt Morning**

Teens entering grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a fun morning of t-shirt transformations. Activities will include sharpie tie-dyeing, no-sew bags, infinity scarves, and more.

Please bring your own t-shirts (you might want to bring a white shirt for sharpie tie-dying) and remember to wear a mask! **Registration is required.**

Wednesday, August 5, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Movie Club on the Front Lawn

Love movies? Join Dover Public Library's new Movie Club! Two themed movies will be discussed on the first Wednesday of the month. Watch the documentaries *I Am Not Your Negro* and Ken Burns' *The Central Park Five* at home. Find a copy of the movies at the front desk or stream online FREE using your library card on Hoopla Digital. All are welcome to join! Bring a blanket or chair to sit on and don't forget your mask!

Thursday, August 6, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Zoom with Dungeon Master Griffin! The group will meet every other Thursday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. **Please register for this program and you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the event with the login information.**



CITY OF DOVER  **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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

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

**City of Dover employment
opportunities**

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

The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- **Director of Public Welfare**
- **Police Officer**
- **Police Secretary I**
- **Systems and Technology Librarian**
- **Deputy City Attorney**
- **Truck Driver/Utilities**
- **Arena maintenance/Ice resurfacers**

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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