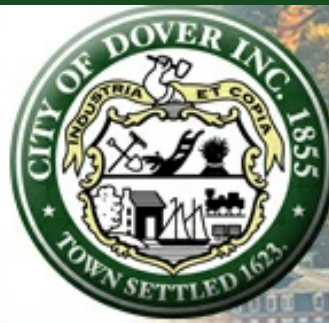


# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



June 11, 2021



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Avenue  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

City Hall  
hours:

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



## School Board adopts tax cap compliant budget after City Council rejects 'default budget'

The Dover School Board unanimously adopted a tax cap compliant budget at its special meeting Monday, June 7.

The adopted budget's operating expenses, including debt service, is \$68,124,130, a 1.97 percent increase over the current fiscal year's operating budget.

8:30 a.m. to 4  
p.m.

## Recycling Center hours:

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

The School Board called a special meeting to adopt a new budget after the City Council last week rejected the Dover School District's "default budget" the School Board approved on March 9.

The "default budget" is the current fiscal year's operating budget with added debt service, contracts and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law. The default budget did not include nor consider any department requests or needs, as is typical for planning an operating budget. The School Board had passed the default budget to meet the March 15 City Charter deadline to submit its budget to the City Manager to be included in the city-wide budget. Superintendent William Harbron said at the March 9 meeting that passing the default budget would allow the School Board and School District to reopen negotiations with the Dover Teachers' Union (DTU) in efforts to find cost reductions to deliver a tax cap budget.

The default budget was a 5.7 percent increase over the current fiscal year, comprised of an 8.4 percent increase of school-related expenses and 3.4 percent of all other non-school related expenses, which was \$5,168,042 above the tax cap.

After the City Council's June 2 rejection of the default budget, and before the School Board adopted its new budget, the School Board unanimously voted to activate Article XIV of [2019-2022 Dover Teachers' Union collective bargaining agreement](#) and pay teachers for the 2021-2022 school year under the 2020-2021 salary schedule. Article XIV states, in part:

*...if the City Council does not fund, at minimum, the District's operating budget authorized by the Council for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, the District may choose not to implement the salary schedule for that year and shall compensate employees according to the previous year's salary schedule.*

The activation of the clause initially projected to save the district about \$1.7 million with wages frozen moving from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022, Business Administrator Michael Limanni told the School Board. However, the net savings will be just under \$1.2 million, as the School District will pay teachers their step increases for those who have not yet reached the top step of the 2020-2021 salary schedule. The collective bargaining agreement salary schedule defines how much a teacher is paid based on years of teaching experience and what degree the teacher has. The teacher receives a salary "step" increase after each teaching year until reaching the top step, which is 17 steps in the 2020-2021 salary schedule.

For the School District to present a tax cap compliant budget, it had to come up with a budget that was \$5,183,425 less than the default budget. The most significant reductions included \$1,287,000 in capital improvement program investments and transfers, \$1,744,846 in new staff requests (which were not included in the default budget), an estimated \$1,122,511 reduction of Dover Teachers' Union contract step payments, \$476,840 reduction in curriculum, an estimated \$324,880 in savings due to staff turnover and \$227,348 reduction to special education, according to budget documents.

"It's a pretty tight budget with very little contingency," Limanni told the School Board.



The adopted budget includes a reduction of 26.58 full-time equivalents (FTE) positions, including eliminating 13.67 FTE paraprofessional positions, 11.58 FTE teaching positions, 1 FTE clerical position, and a 0.33 non-union FTE position.

While there is a reduction in positions, Limanni does not believe the School District will have to lay off many, if any, teachers or paraprofessionals.

“We have had a significant number of retirements this year,” Limanni said after the meeting. “When combined with our non-renewals and resignations, we expect most of the individuals who currently work in one of these cut positions will have the opportunity to work elsewhere in the district in a similar capacity.”

The School Board’s special meeting can be viewed in its entirety at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=UpUCWbYNYU64>.



**Mayor Robert Carrier cuts the ribbon to the entrance to the new portion of the Community Trail that was recently completed as part of the Phase III expansion.**

## **Dover Community Trail celebrates grand opening**

Dover Community Trail’s Phase III marked official completion with a grand opening ceremony with Mayor Robert Carrier last week.

Phase III included extending the urban section of the trail from the former terminus at Fisher Street to the new terminus at Central Avenue and Rutland Street. It also included formalizing the entrance to the rural section of the trail at Fourth Street with a paved, sloped ramp.

Much of the construction was completed last fall. This spring, the Phase III trail areas received a final coat of pavement, and the installation of benches, trash and recycling receptacles, and new signage.

While construction began last year, Phase III has been in development for more than six years. It began with receiving funding from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The TAP reimbursement program covered 80 percent of the original \$400,000 cost of design and construction. Since first receiving the TAP grant in 2015, the project grew in scope with the final cost of \$628,802. The City's portion is funded through the Transportation Improvements Program portion of the Capital Improvements Program and Recreational Impact Fees.

In addition to grant funding, Phase III was also made possible by property owners. To create the Fourth Street entrance, new and revised easements from Downeast Energy and the Sixth Street Station Condominium Owners Association were obtained. For the urban section of the trail, Double Diamond Holdings South, LLC and Double Diamond Holdings North, LLC (principals Chad Kageleiry and Ray Martineau) granted easements to allow the trail to extend from Fisher Street to Central Avenue.

Since the mid-1990s, the City of Dover has been actively planning and acquiring rights-of-way for a community trail project. The Dover Master Plan recommends a community trail to provide both recreation and alternative transportation opportunities for Dover's citizens.

The Community Trail first opened in 2011 with Phase I from the Transportation Center to Fisher Street, known as the urban section, as it is paved and runs close to the downtown. It follows the former track alignment of the Portsmouth to Dover Railroad.

The next section of the trail runs along the Cochecho River near Fourth Street, crosses Whittier Street, under the Spaulding Turnpike and continues to Watson Road. It is known as the rural section and provides opportunities for bicycling, hiking, bird watching, and fishing. Much of this portion of the trail follows the former alignment of the Cocheco Railroad Company.

Phase IV of the Community Trail is currently in the feasibility stage. The City has received another round of TAP funding to design and build the trail from Bellamy Road through Bellamy Park that would come out at Knox Marsh Road/Route 155.

The ad-hoc Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee assists the Dover Planning Department and the City of Dover in creating and maintaining the trail.

Those interested in being a part of the Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee should contact City Planner Donna Benton at 603-516-6008, or [d.benton@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.benton@dover.nh.gov).



**Lina Shayo, co-chair of the Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion, speaks at the June 9 City Council meeting in favor of a resolution to acknowledge the indigenous peoples who lived on the land that became Dover, long before the first European settlers arrived.**

# City Council adopts land acknowledgment for Dover

The City Council at its meeting Wednesday adopted a Land Acknowledgement for Dover proposed by the Council's ad-hoc Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion (CREI).

The Land Acknowledgement language the Council adopted remains the same as it did when the City Council voted to table the resolution at its last meeting. However, CREI slightly revised its proposed resolution at its May 28 meeting, removing any suggestion or recommendation on when and where the land acknowledgment be read or be posted. Instead, it requests the Council only to accept the statement as Dover's Land Acknowledgment statement as a first step.

"This resolution provides a land acknowledgment, as has been read to us at least once, and it acknowledges the traditional and ancestral homelands that we now occupy as Dover, New Hampshire," said Ward 5 Councilor and CREI council liaison Dennis Shanahan. "The land acknowledgment does not seek to change that, does not seek to make that any different. It simply says, this now puts forward a land acknowledgment."

The Council voted 6-1 to adopt the revised Land Acknowledgment with Ward 6 Councilor Fergus Cullen dissenting. At-Large Councilor John O'Connor and Ward 1 Councilor Michelle Muffett-Lipinski were absent from the meeting. Before voting against it, Cullen unsuccessfully sought to amend the Land Acknowledgment by removing the word "unceded" from it, saying he would vote to adopt the resolution if it were removed.

"I am not comfortable making an official government statement that describes the land that most people consider theirs as unceded," he said.

During Citizen's Forum, CREI Co-chair Lina Shayo spoke about why CREI felt it was important for the committee to present the statement to the City Council as its first action.

"Land acknowledgments are an important aspect for laying the groundwork for diversity and racial inclusion because it deals with what happened in the beginning," Shayo said. "It is important to start our work in the beginning because we can't deal with the stuff that is happening now unless we deal with the stuff that happening in the beginning."

Resident Anthony McManus voiced a similar sentiment when he spoke at Citizen's Forum.

"The only way to fully understand and respond to the questions of discrimination today is to look at and to begin to take responsibility for our history," McManus said. "While there were many good people that took no part in any of this, those who were in charge, those who settled New England, our forefathers, did so by stealing the land from the people who lived here, destroying their livelihood and their heritage."

The full discussion of the resolution can be viewed at: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=647mALJRthIT>.

The proposed land acknowledgment statement reads:

***"This (event/meeting) takes place at Cochecho (CO-chi-co) on N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia."***

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## Mayor, City Council proclaim June 19 as Juneteenth Day in Dover

Mayor Robert Carrier and the Dover City Council proclaimed Saturday, June 19, 2021, as



Juneteenth Day within the City of Dover at its City Council meeting Wednesday.

The proclamation notes the anti-slavery sentiment in Dover, including the election of Dover's John Parker Hale as the first anti-slavery senator elected to Congress. It also acknowledges the history of enslaved people in Dover.

"Juneteenth affords us an opportunity to acknowledge our nation's past history of enslavement and to celebrate the emancipation of those who had been enslaved here in the United States," Carrier read from the proclamation. "It is an especially important day to recognize the sanctity of freedom while ensuring the equal treatment, respect, understanding and acceptance of all persons today and into our future."

Juneteenth celebrates June 19, 1865, when the Union Army delivered the news of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation to Texas residents that all those enslaved were now free. It came a little over a month after the end of the American Civil War and more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. The state of New Hampshire began observing June 19 as Juneteenth after the governor signed the bill into law on June 19, 2019.

Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire states, "Juneteenth is the oldest known nationally celebrated event commemorating the end of slavery in the United States." Black Heritage Trail is hosting numerous events from June 17-19 commemorating Juneteenth, including a workshop, concert, lecture, and ancestor reverence drumming and dance. Find more information here: <https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/2021-juneteenth-celebration/>.

The complete proclamation reads as follows:

### **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS:** Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, and Dover recognizes both its historic significance and its own longstanding involvement in the cause of emancipation, with an anti-slavery movement beginning in the 1830s, thirty years before slavery's actual abolishment in the United States.; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1833, The Morning Star moved to Dover, New Hampshire, becoming the City's first anti-slavery newspaper; Dover subsequently was the first New Hampshire city to send to the state Legislature, members who espoused strong anti-slavery sentiment. And at the federal level, Dover's John Parker Hale would become the first anti-slavery Senator elected to Congress; and

**WHEREAS:** Despite a strong anti-slavery sentiment noted in Dover's history and the prominence of Dover citizens in advocating for the abolishment of slavery, census and other written records indicate that there still were persons in Dover who were subjected to being enslaved; and

**WHEREAS:** On June 26, 1857, an act entitled "An act to secure the freedom and rights of citizenship to persons in this State" was passed in New Hampshire, making it a crime to hold slaves and further stating: "That neither descent, near or remote, from a person of African blood . . . nor color of skin, shall disqualify any person from becoming a citizen of this State, or deprive such person of the full rights and privileges of a citizen thereof". In 1861, the New Hampshire Supreme Court affirmed the constitutionality of this act prohibiting slavery throughout New Hampshire; and

**WHEREAS:** After years of being one of the only remaining states that did not recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday, New Hampshire enacted legislation for an annual observance of the day as an officially recognized state holiday, which statute is now codified as RSA 4:13-aa; and

**WHEREAS:** Even though it is joyously celebrated, Juneteenth serves as a reminder of the grief and anguish our nation has experienced over the lives lost and the dreams destroyed by slavery and acts of racially motivated violence, abuses of power, and injustice; and

**WHEREAS:** We must all remember this day as a solemn reminder that words alone cannot deliver on the promises of freedom, individual rights, and equal justice for all. Although our nation has come a long way from our history of state-sanctioned slavery and segregation,

our work remains unfinished; and

**WHEREAS:** Juneteenth affords us an opportunity to acknowledge our nation's past history of enslavement and to celebrate the emancipation of those who had been enslaved here in the United States. It is an especially important day to recognize the sanctity of freedom while ensuring the equal treatment, respect, understanding and acceptance of all persons today and into our future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND THE ENTIRE DOVER CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 19, 2021 as

JUNETEENTH DAY

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## Road closures in effect during weekend events

There are two events in Dover this weekend that will affect traffic. They are as follows:

On **Saturday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, there will be a partial closure of Oak Street to allow the **Hot Rod City open house** at 99 Oak Street, the former National Guard Armory.

- This segment of Oak Street will be open to one-way traffic only from Portland toward Atlantic Avenue.
- Inbound traffic on Gulf Road will be diverted to Atlantic Avenue.

On **Sunday, June 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Broadway will be closed to all traffic between Oak Street and Hill Street to allow the 77th running of the **New Hampshire Soap Box Derby**.

- Traffic will be detoured via neighborhood streets, including Park and Hill streets. Oak Street will remain open.
- Parking will be prohibited on Broadway starting at 6 a.m.
- Residents and business owners with driveways on this section of Broadway, or on Rose Street, will not be able to access their driveways by vehicle during this time and must plan to park on nearby side streets.

The New Hampshire Soap Box Derby is an annual event for boys and girls ages seven to 20 involving gravity-powered cars racing in side-by-side competition. Dover is the site of the 77th annual New Hampshire local championship. Top-seeded racers in each region are eligible to compete in the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. More information is available at <http://www.soapboxderby.org/new-hampshire.aspx>

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## **Reading of Declaration of Independence returns to City Hall steps this Fourth of July**

The Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence on the steps of City Hall is scheduled to return this year, continuing a two-decade-old tradition.

Actors from the Garrison Players Arts Center will transform themselves into Founding Father characters who wrote and signed the Declaration of Independence, celebrating the anniversary the Second Continental Congress declared secession from England.

Last year the event was canceled due to concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In its place, a prior year's reading of the Declaration of Independence was aired on Channel 22 and streamed online, which can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=0JmdHm4dfMkX>. It also included Dover's Don Briand reading the essay, "The Signers: Who and How," written by Glenn Grasso.

The reading is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

## **Fourth of July Fireworks to shoot from Garrison Hill**

The Fourth of July fireworks are also scheduled to return this year with a show from atop Garrison Hill Park instead of Henry Law Park.

As it has been in the past, the fireworks display will be on the night of July 4. The City is again working with Atlas Pyrovision Entertainment of Jaffrey to create the fireworks show.

Recreation Director Gary Bannon said the decision to shoot the fireworks from Garrison Hill Park this year was to allow people to disperse throughout the city to view the fireworks instead of gathering en masse at Henry Law Park.

For best fireworks viewing, Bannon said to find a location where you can clearly see Garrison Hill and the Garrison Hill Tower. There are some places, such as Henry Law Park, where the site line to the hill and tower is blocked. Garrison Hill Park will be closed to the public during the fireworks display.

There will not be any concerts or activities at Henry Law Park for the Fourth of July this year. The New Hampshire's Army National Guard "39th Army Band," a staple of local Fourth of July



festivities, is not available this year, as its members have been deployed to aid in COVID-19 vaccinations around the state, Bannon reported at a Recreational Advisory Board meeting earlier this spring.

The annual fireworks display was canceled last year due to concerns of spreading the COVID-19 coronavirus.

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## City Council votes for boards and commissions to resume normal meeting procedures

The City Council voted Wednesday to request City of Dover public bodies to return to normal meeting procedures and hold public meetings at a physical location.

The resolution the Council rescinded on Wednesday was put in place on March 25, 2020, during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic and shortly after Gov. Chris Sununu declared a state of emergency. That resolution “requested, but not required” that City of Dover’s public bodies “postpone all unnecessary public meetings until such time as there is no declared emergency.”

Gov. Chris Sununu announced Thursday that he would not renew the state of emergency he first declared on March 13, 2020, and has renewed 21 times since. The state of emergency is now set to expire at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 11.

As it was before the COVID-19 pandemic, state law continues to allow public body members to participate remotely as long as a quorum of the public body is physically present at the meeting location, though state law does allow for emergency exceptions.

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### Upcoming Meetings:

#### School Board, June 14, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

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

#### Ethics Commission, June 15, 4 p.m.

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

#### Waterfront Committee, June 15, 5:30 p.m.

## City boards provide many ways to let your voice be heard

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings. Public participation is vital for City of Dover operations and future planning.

In addition to attending public meetings in person, Dover residents, business owners and property owners may contact any public board or commission, such as the City Council or School Board, by utilizing specific email addresses or contact information that reaches all members at once. People can also call 516-MEET (6338) and leave a message that will be forwarded to the appropriate public body. To be heard ahead of a particular meeting, call or email at least two hours before the meeting begins.

As with speaking at a public hearing or Citizens’ Forum, phone messages and emails sent to all board members will be retained as part of the meeting minutes and are subject to New Hampshire’s Right to Know law, RSA 91:A.

City Council, School Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings and workshops are televised live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.

To see all of the City’s boards, commissions and committees, [click here](#).

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

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

# HELP CONSERVE WATER AS DRY CONDITIONS PERSIST IN DOVER

As rainfall remains low and water usage rises, City of Dover officials continue to urge voluntary water restrictions to ensure an adequate and sustainable supply of drinking water throughout the summer.

The U.S. Drought Monitor continues to classify Dover and the region as "abnormally dry."

Below are some ways you can help conserve water.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP



Limit outdoor water use to hand watering of gardens and plantings.



Shut off automatic irrigation systems.



Cut out non-essential uses such as outdoor water use for lawn watering, car washing and pressure washing.



Conserve water by 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.

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## **Dover High School graduation scheduled for Tuesday, June 15**

Dover High School is scheduled to hold DHS' Class of 2021 graduation ceremony at Dunaway Field on Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m., with a rain date of Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Gates to Dunaway Field open at 6 p.m. Those who attend graduation must have a ticket and wear a mask. Each graduating student will be provided four tickets. Dunaway Field is located



adjacent to DHS at 25 Alumni Drive in Dover.

Graduation will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online at the City of Dover's live stream of Channel 22 at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>. Graduation will also be streamed live on the City of Dover's YouTube channel.

For more information, contact Dover High School at 516-6900.

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## **Dover High School holds awards night**

Dover High School held its annual Awards and Scholarship Ceremony on Thursday, June 10, on Dunaway Field at Dover High School.

The ceremony was broadcast live and is replaying on Channels 22 and 95. The ceremony can also be seen online here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SOF7KaQxNo&t=25s>.

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## **Dover schools seek teachers for summer program**

The Dover School District is hiring certified teachers for its Summer Learning Program. Work full days or half days, Monday through Thursday, from July 6 to August 12. Commitment to the full six weeks is preferred.

Morning will consist of academic instruction in literacy and math. Teach your favorite classes for afternoon enrichment in one-week blocks. Pay commensurate with experience.

Interested teachers should email Lucinda Shattuck at [L.Shattuck@Dover.k12.nh.us](mailto:L.Shattuck@Dover.k12.nh.us).

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## **Gov. Sununu to speak at annual Tri-Chamber State of the State Forum**

New Hampshire Gov. Christopher Sununu will be the featured speaker at the annual Tri-Chamber State of the State forum scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, from 9 to 10 a.m.

The virtual event is sponsored by Eversource and hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of

Commerce, the Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is available online at <http://www.rochesternh.org/state>.

Gov. Sununu will review the state's fiscal year 2021 accomplishments and outline his goals and priorities for fiscal year 2022, which commences July 1, 2021.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, the Falls Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce are each organized as not-for-profit associations of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working to advance the economic well-being of their members and their communities.

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## Enjoy local museums at discounted rates

Museum Passes are available to Dover Public Library cardholders. These passes provide reduced price admission to museums that are of interest to both adults and children. Visit the [Museum Pass Reservation](#) system for details on the benefits and limits of the pass for each museum. For most museums, only one pass may be issued per day.

You may reserve a pass for the museum of your choice on a particular day up to three months in advance through our [Museum Pass Reservation](#) system. For more information, contact the Dover Public Library at 516-6050.

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**Stonewall Kitchen recently donated \$1,000 to SEED. Pictured are, from left, SEED representatives Mindy Marcouillier, Markus Brave, Sue Vitko, and Natalie Koellmer, with Stonewall Kitchen representatives Michelle Poulin and Matt Robertson.**

## Stonewall Kitchen donates to SEED

Seacoast Endowment for Education in Dover (“SEED”), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools, just received a \$1,000 donation from Maine specialty food producer and retailer, Stonewall Kitchen. The donation will be used to help underwrite SEED’s 2021 spring grant period, currently underway.

SEED encourages Dover district teachers to apply for SEED funding twice a year via an online grant application. Criteria consideration begins with the number of students served, support of district and state standards, and overall project sustainability. The SEED Board reviews submissions and selects projects that most align with SEED’s mission to better prepare Dover students for post-secondary education and career challenges.

Money to underwrite these proposals comes directly from business support, individual giving, and SEED’s annual fundraiser. “We depend on business support to help make our schools even better and Dover an even more attractive place to do business or raise a family,” said Kelly Glennon, Chair, SEED Fundraising Committee.

In 2017, Stonewall Kitchen opened a 75,000 square-foot distribution facility on Mast Road in Dover as part of a growth strategy to expand its workforce, production, and process efficiencies. “We are extremely grateful Stonewall Kitchen elected to invest its charitable giving funds with SEED,” continued Glennon.

During April, SEED held its annual fundraiser, Bid for a Brighter Future, an online auction where it raised more than \$21,000 to fund future grants. The most recent educator grant session yielded thirteen applications for learning proposals that included 13 applications for learning proposals that included biotechnology tools to a traveling STEM makerspace with an estimated value of \$17,500. To learn more about SEED and its mission to create a legacy for educational excellence in Dover public schools visit [www.doverseed.org](http://www.doverseed.org).

### About SEED

Formed in 2011, SEED is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to promote academic



excellence, champion technology and reward educator innovation in Dover's public schools. SEED support is not intended to replace appropriate municipal funding. SEED raises private philanthropic dollars and provides grant funds, on a competitive basis, to educators who submit formal applications. SEED's overarching goals are to create a legacy for educational excellence in Dover Public Schools and to advocate the value of education in the community. SEED welcomes donations of time, talent, and resources. To get involved, please contact [info@DoverSeed.org](mailto:info@DoverSeed.org).

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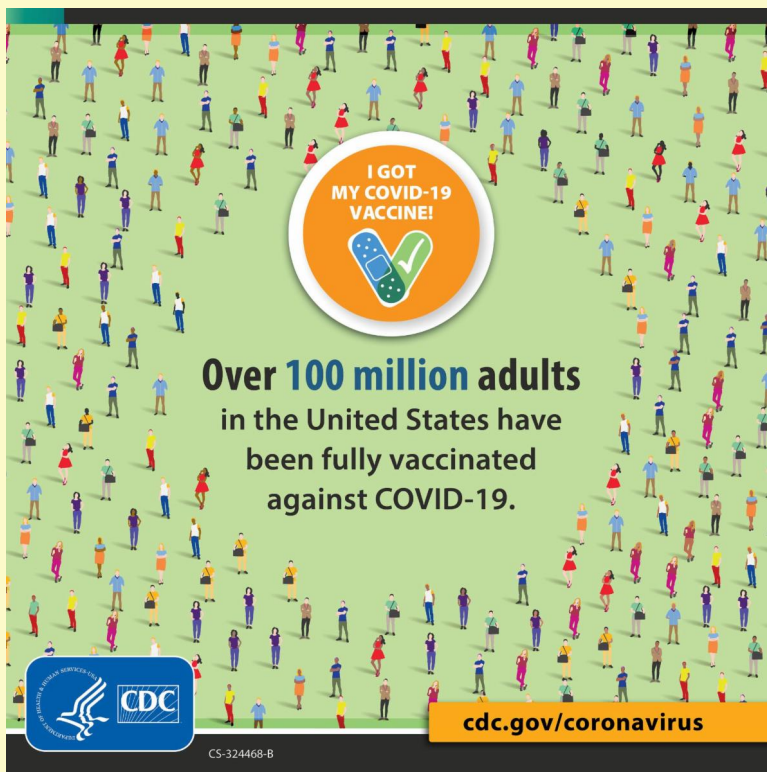


## COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends COVID-19 vaccination for everyone ages 12 and older. Learn more about what you and your child or teen can do [when you have been fully vaccinated](#). Children 12 and older are able to get the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#).

Visit [www.vaccines.nh.gov](http://www.vaccines.nh.gov) for more information.

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More than 100 million adults in the United States have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and



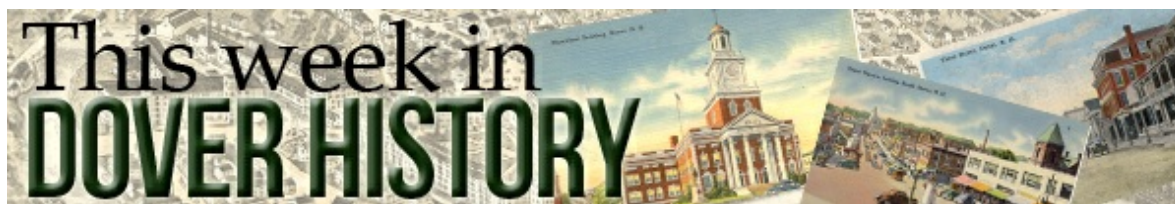
## Myths and facts about COVID-19 vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Accurate vaccine information is critical and can help stop common myths and rumors. It can be difficult to know which sources of information you can trust. Before considering vaccine information on the Internet, check that the information comes from a

resuming activities they did before the pandemic. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Get vaccinated as soon as you can.  
More: <https://bit.ly/2RZT4HL>.

credible source and is updated on a regular basis.

For more information, [visit the CDC](#).



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](#).

**June 17, 1657** — It was ordered that whoever should kill a wolf or wolves, whether English or Indian, within the town should have for so doing four pounds for every wolf killed, the head to be brought to the meeting house on Dover Neck or delivered to the constable and be by him publicly declared.

**June 15, 1779** — Voted that Mr. John Hanson, Col. Joshua Wingate and Major Caleb Hodgdon be a committee to hire six men as soldiers to go to Rhode Island to reinforce General Sullivan's Division.

**June 16, 1852** — Candace Waldron, born a slave in the family of Thomas W. Waldron in 1781, died at 71 years old.

**June 16, 1862** — A heavy frost destroyed crops, including corn, in Dover and the region.

**June 14, 1856** — A silver salver was presented to Hon. John P. Hale by citizens of Dover, as "a token of their approbation of his fidelity to Human Rights."

**June 13, 1921** — The Board of Assessors announced the total inventory valuation of Dover for 1921 as \$13,677,024. This included mills and machinery at \$1,121,621, and 580 horses, 4 oxen, 889 cows, 92 sheep, 55 hogs, 3,913 fowl, 71 vehicles and 4 boats.



## Dover400 lecture on Dover's railroads now available online

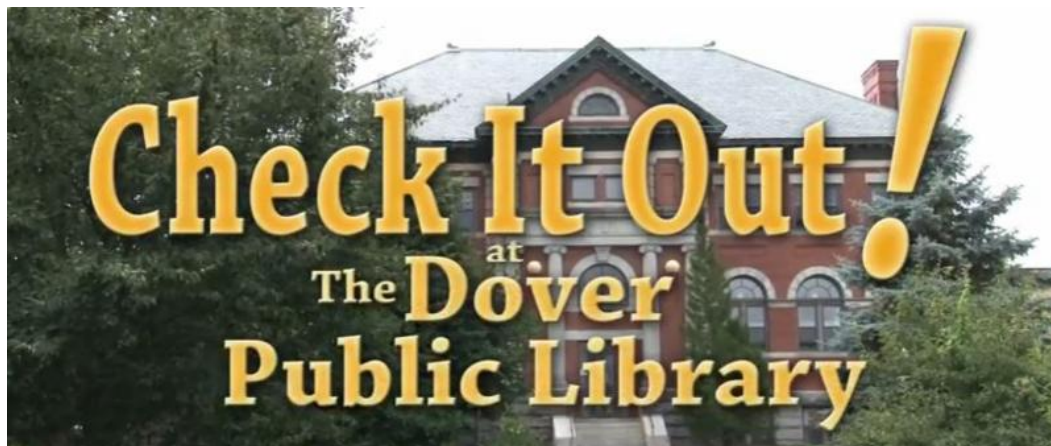
Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, held the latest in its virtual lecture series on Tuesday, June 8, with an [online presentation](#) about the history of railroads in Dover.

The lecturer, Rick Kfoury, covers a general analysis of the railroad's history in the Dover area, including a look at the lines and facilities which helped accelerate Dover's importance as a manufacturing and residential center on the seacoast. His presentation also includes rare photos from private collections, as well as the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society's archives. Kfoury is an author, railroad historian, and director for the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society. A recent graduate of the Keene State College history program, he has authored three books on New Hampshire's railroad history, with a fourth in pre-publication.

The presentation can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=NxDtJSAA7Pst>.

All earlier lectures in the series can be viewed online. They cover early Dover history from the 17th to 19th centuries and can be found here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400>.

For more information about Dover400, visit [dover400.org](http://dover400.org).

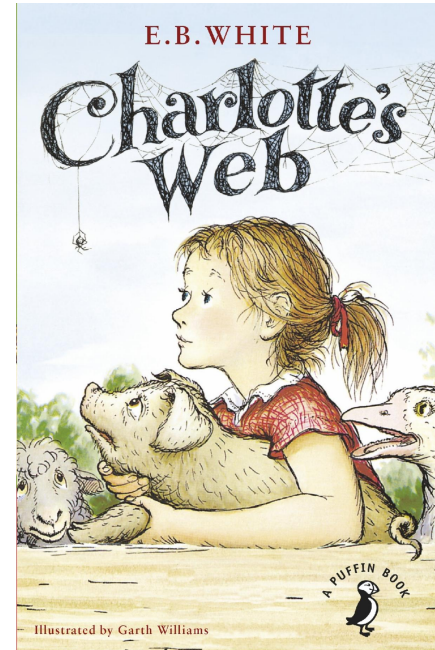




# Summer Reading 2021 at the Dover Public Library

Summer reading is back in full swing for 2021. The theme this year is "Tails and Tales" and the library will have programs, both in-person and virtual, for patrons of all ages. Register for the program beginning on Monday, June 28 at 11 a.m. Keep track of your reading for a chance to win prizes.

In honor of the animal theme, the library will sponsor a Community Read of the beloved children's classic *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. Many downtown locations – Metrospa, Adelle's Coffeehouse, Chapel & Main, and more (check the [Library website](#) for updates) will distribute free copies to encourage everyone to read, or re-read, the book. The library will also have several copies to check out and offer many programs throughout the summer based on the story. Melissa Sweet, author of "Some Writer!", a children's biography of E.B. White, will do a virtual presentation on Tuesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. Come to a farm-themed family story time at Tendercrop Farm on Monday, July 12 at 10 a.m. and meet the animals. Martha White, granddaughter of E.B. White, will do a virtual chat on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m., and the final event will be a free showing of the 1973 animated version of "Charlotte's Web" at the Strand Theater in Dover on Sunday, Aug. 8 at 3 p.m.



Teens and adults are invited to forage for wild plants on the Dover Community Trail on Tuesday, June 29 at 2 p.m. High Flying Dogs, a high-energy, interactive show for all ages, will take place at Henry Law Park on Wednesday, June 30 at 2 p.m. Want to play laser tag in the Library after hours? Teens can register for a spot on Friday, July 9 and kids in grades one through five can sign-up for Saturday, July 10. Meet Officer Benvenuti and K9 Cora of New Hampshire Fish and Game on Monday, July 19 at 2 p.m. Squam Lake Natural Science Center will present "No Two Tails Alike" a live animal show on Friday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. This is a small sampling of the many events taking place at the library this summer. Outdoor movies, story times, book groups, and crafts will all be part of the fun.

To see a full listing of all the events or to register for any of the programs please visit [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call 516-6052. All programs are free and open to the public.

## Friends of the Dover Public Library host outside book sale

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will hold an outdoor book sale on Friday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The rain date weekend is June 25 and 26. There will be hundreds of books and DVDs for sale on the front lawn of the Library, including fiction, non-fiction, biographies, DVDs, CDs, kids' books, cookbooks and more.

Prices range from \$1 to \$3, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library to support programs and museum passes.

## Dover Public Library to host teen writing workshops

The Dover Public Library is inviting our local teen writers to hone their skills and have fun with five teen writing workshops. Starting June 17, each weekly workshop will explore a different element of great writing, including how to thread a plot, create conflict, make unique characters and worlds, and more. Through storytelling games, writing prompts, and collabs between writers, this is the perfect opportunity for young creatives to get their imaginations racing.

The teen writing workshops will be held in the Lecture Hall from 3 to 5 p.m. each Thursday from June 17 to July 15. The workshops are open to writers ages 13 to 18. No registration is

required. Writers of all genres and all mediums are welcome.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the library at 603-516-6050 or email Aidan at [a.sonia-bolduc@dover.nh.gov](mailto:a.sonia-bolduc@dover.nh.gov).

## The Week at the Library

### **June VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Dinner Illustrated* by America's Test Kitchen.

Throughout the month of May, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month.

Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### **Sunday, June 13, 2 to 4 p.m.**

#### **Virtual Dungeons & Dragons: Teen A**

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

### **Monday, June 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

#### **VIRTUAL Trace Your French-Canadian Family History**

local resident Denis Grenier will discuss the process he went through to create a 10 generation chart of his family in a virtual presentation. Using his extensive knowledge of personal genealogy and Canadian history, he will offer tips and advice for anyone looking to trace their French Canadian family history.

### **Tuesday, June 15, 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. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other

attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

### **Wednesday, June 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

#### **Adult Knitting Group on Front Lawn**

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us on the Library's front lawn with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. All levels are welcome.

### **Wednesday, June 16, 6 to 7 p.m.**

#### **Pizza and Pages in the Lecture Hall**

Pizza & Pages is a book group for kids in grades 7 and up. At each meeting the group picks the books for the next session. This month, we will be discussing *A Curse So Dark & Lonely* by Brigid Kemmerer. Copies of the book are available at the main circulation desk. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks! Participate virtually by registering online.

### **Thursday, June 17, 3 to 5 p.m.**

#### **Teen Writers Workshop: Finding your Story in Lecture Hall**

DPL is hosting 5 afternoons of creative writing activities, each week focusing on a different pillar of great storytelling. Come play writing games to jog your creativity, work on your projects, and join other storytellers as we improve our skills together. Topics will include how to weave a plot, create mold-breaking worlds and characters, explore all of the ways to bring conflict into your stories, and more. All genres and mediums of writing welcome!

### **Friday, June 18, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

### **Saturday, June 19, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

#### **The Friends of Dover Public Library Outside Book Sale on Front Lawn**

Hundreds of books and DVDs for sale on the front lawn of the Library. Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, DVDs, CDs, kids' books, cookbooks and more. Prices range from \$1 to \$3, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library to support programs and museum passes.



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## Garrison Players present 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

The Garrison Players will present "Arsenic and Old Lace," directed by Carol McDonald and featuring a cast of 14 talented actors. The play incorporates a clever combination of the farcical and the macabre.

Mortimer Brewster is living a happy life: he has a steady job at a prominent New York newspaper, he's just become engaged, and visits his sweet spinster aunts to announce the engagement. Mortimer always knew that his family had a bit of a mad gene—his brother believes himself to be Teddy Roosevelt, and his great-grandfather used to scalp Indians for pleasure—but his world is turned upside down when he realizes that his dear aunts have been poisoning lonely old men for years! When Mortimer's maniacal brother, Jonathan, (who strangely now resembles Boris Karloff) returns on the night that the aunts were planning to bury the newest victim, Mortimer must rally to help his aunts and protect his fiancé -- all while trying to keep his own sanity.

According to the opening night review in the New York Times, published on Jan. 11, 1941, the play was "so funny that none of us will ever forget it."

Performances can be seen live at the theater and online via Broadway on Demand. Show dates are June 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8 p.m. and June 13, 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for both versions at [www.garrisonplayers.org](http://www.garrisonplayers.org). Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. The online presentation is \$20 (plus a \$3.95 fee). Please visit the Garrison Players website for social distancing requirements and refund policy.

Garrison Players Arts Center (GPAC) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theatre group dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the area by presenting high-quality theatrical performances geared for family audiences. Established in 1953, the players encourage people of all ages to enjoy and participate in the many facets of the performing arts, and to help maintain the Garrison Players Arts Center. For more information about auditions, shows or GPAC, visit the website at [www.garrisonplayers.org](http://www.garrisonplayers.org).

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## City of Dover offers local business assistance program for coronavirus impacts

The City of Dover announces a new round of "Dover CARES" grant funding targeted to microenterprise and small businesses. The grants are made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,

and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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

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

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

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



## and **Small Business Assistance Grant**.

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

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

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

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

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

The review consists of:

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

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

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

Both applications are also available at the Office of Economic Development located within Dover City Hall. Mail completed applications to the Office of Economic Development, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820 or email them to Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at [r.amy@dover.nh.gov](mailto: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](mailto:r.amy@dover.nh.gov).

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**THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
WELCOMES:**



At a recent ribbon-cutting for new Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce member HealthMarkets Insurance werre, from left, Chris Storms (HealthMarkets Insurance), Scott Loignon (WIN Home Inspection), Paula Storms (HealthMarkets Insurance), Stephanie Loignon (WIN Home Inspection), Ron Plocinski (HealthMarkets Insurance), Melissa Lesniak (Keller Williams Coastal Realty), Morgan Faustino (GDCC), Sam Plocinski, Melissa Plocinski (HealthMarkets Insurance), Nathaniel Plocinski, Ann Vennard (Cornerstone VNA), Abby Sykas Karoutas (Wyskiel, Boc, Tillinghast & Bolduc, P.A.).

## HealthMarkets Insurance joins Dover Chamber

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce welcomed HealthMarkets Insurance as a valued member with a ribbon cutting ceremony at their 24 Chestnut Street location this week.

Ron Plocinski, the agent at HealthMarkets, has a proven track record of helping people and making sure they receive a valuable experience. Ron has over thirty years of customer service experience along with nearly 25 years of experience working with nonprofits that benefit communities.

HealthMarkets Insurance offers personalized service to residents of Dover and all of New Hampshire, Maine as well as most of New England and even Georgia. The services offered are individual and family health insurance, Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplement, Medicare prescription drug plans, small business health insurance, life insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, critical illness insurance, disability insurance, accident insurance, long-term care insurance, and wellness products.

“With me as your agent, you’re always in the driver seat,” says Plocinski. “I promise to help you navigate through the winding roads of life’s journey. I am a licensed and trained insurance agent with experience working with individuals, families and small businesses.”

Choosing insurance plans can be difficult. That’s why HealthMarkets Insurance makes it easy. They’ll make the calls, compare the plans and prices, and find you the insurance plan that fits your needs. The assistance from HealthMarkets Insurance is available at no cost to you. You can call at 207-337-8340 or visit [healthmarkets.com/local-health-insurance-agent/rplocinski/](https://healthmarkets.com/local-health-insurance-agent/rplocinski/) for more information.

# HATE HAS NO HOME IN DOVER



## 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.

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## **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**
- **Assistant City Engineer**
- **Clerk Typist I**
- **Summer day camp counselor**
- **Truck drivers**
- **Senior Center desk attendant**
- **Arena maintenance / resurfacers**

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

