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City Hall to open Monday by appointment

Dover City Hall will open for appointment-only access beginning Monday, June 8. Appointments will be accepted during regular business hours at City Hall, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Meetings this week:

School Board, June 8, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. Please note: This meeting is open to the public, but participation is encouraged by television, livestreaming and ondemand viewing. Public comments are welcome by email, in writing or by phone at 516-MEET.

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

Planning Board, June 9, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting

City Hall or by calling the main phone line at 516-6000. Appointments can also be made by email. For a list of office phone numbers and contact information, visit https://www.dover.nh.gov/contact-us/.

"We're pleased to begin the reopening of public facilities, including City Hall, by appointment," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "City facilities have remained staffed throughout the pandemic, and services and staff remained accessible online, by phone and email. Opening up City Hall to appointments is part of our transition to additional access to city facilities in the coming weeks. As we open, we will continue to provide the service our customers expect, doing so in a safe environment that protects our community and our staff."

Additional safety precautions and guidelines will be followed, including:

- All staff will wear masks. Customers are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Masks will be available to the public, if needed.
- Clear partitions have been 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 will be available throughout City Hall.
- All common surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- Building capacity will be limited.
- Entrance into the building will be from Hale Street only.

Appointment-only access to City Hall is part of a phased reopening of City Hall, which will occur over the next several weeks.

In addition to appointments, City Hall will continue to be accessible by phone, email and online. Payment for a variety of bills and services can also 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.

For more information, including a list of available services and city facility access, <u>see our online resource here</u>.

Green and White Day

on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.



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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.

(PLEASE NOTE: City Hall is closed to the public during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. City staff remain accessible by phone and email. For more information, see the City's <u>online resource for</u> <u>available services here</u>.)

> Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.







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Dover High School seniors and their families drive through the downtown this morning during Dover high School's Green and White Day. Students and families were greeted by well wishers and signs of support along the way. The event was held to celebrate the Class of 2020 during its unconventional graduation season.



Dover's "virtual" graduation to air Wednesday, June 10

A "virtual" graduation for Dover's Class of 2020, which consists of more than 300 students, will air live on Wednesday, June 10, at 7 p.m.

The ceremony, which was recorded over several days this week at Dover High School, follows a mostly traditional format, including addresses and greetings from staff and class leaders, and the presentation of diplomas.

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, school officials and the School Board approved plans for a virtual graduation that adheres to health guidelines restricting large in-person gatherings and encouraging social distancing.

The ceremony can be viewed live on June 10 at 7 p.m. on Channel 22, streaming live on the City of Dover's <u>website</u> <u>here</u>, and on the City of Dover's <u>YouTube channel here</u>.

In addition, the Dover High School Awards Night will air on Tuesday, June 9, at 7 p.m. on Channel 95 and on the City of Dover's <u>YouTube channel</u>.

Both events will be available for subsequent viewing on demand at the City's <u>website here</u> and on <u>YouTube</u>.

Police Chief issues statement on mounted patrol

At a City Council workshop this week, Police Chief William Breault discussed his decision to end mounted patrol activities, citing the changing needs of the department and community. Breault reviewed those priorities and departmental challenges in a presentation to the Council. The workshop <u>can be viewed here</u>.

Following the workshop, Chief Breault released a letter to the community explaining the decision. The letter reads as follows:

"After significant review, I have determined to end mounted patrol police activities. This difficult decision was not made in haste or taken lightly but done in the best interest of the community and department. Although the Dover Police Mounted Patrol is popular with many in the community, there are many factors that affect the ability to properly staff and maintain the unit. The decision was made based upon several factors, which include overall staffing, demands on police service, and department priorities. As I have said numerous times, I would support the mounted patrol as long as the priorities of the department were being met and staffing levels allowed. The priority of the police department is the ability to respond to calls for police service and investigate crime. The City continues to grow, and that growth results in a direct and specific increase on all city services to include an increase in police calls for assistance. The police department responded to over 30,000 calls for service in 2019, an increase of 3.5% from 2018, a 22% increase since 2010, a 50% increase since 1998 when the Mounted Patrol was started. At that time, the staffing levels of the police department were higher than they are now.

Many other issues have increased the demand on police resources to include the significant substance misuse epidemic, untreated mental illness, and homelessness that have impacted Dover over the last few years. As indicated in the police department's strategic plan and based upon the ever increasing demands on police services, to properly manage the current work load, the department should have a minimum of 56 officers, four more than the currently authorized 52. To fill the vacant mounted patrol position the department would be forced to reassign an officer from the patrol bureau or a detective from the investigations bureau. Doing so would require that either of those areas of the department run without the appropriate and necessary number of staff. Adding to this problem is overall length of time that the hiring and training process of a police officer takes, so immediately replacing a retired officer is not possible. It is anticipated that at least three additional officers and as many as five will leave the department this year. Because the department does not have more staff than is needed, difficult decisions based upon priorities and not popularity need to be made.

Adding to this decision are the facts that no existing officers applied for the mounted position, we cannot put an inexperienced officer in any specialized assignment, the extensive training needed to safety work as a mounted officer, Eversource's plans to sell the stable property by 2023, the cost of the officers' salary and benefits (average of \$231,908 per year over last five years), and the overall inefficiency of policing while on horseback.

The Police Department will ensure that the remaining horse "CJ" is placed appropriately where he can enjoy retirement in good health.

One of the mounted patrol officer positions will be converted into a Downtown Liaison Officer position. This officer will provide police presence and community policing on foot or bicycle patrol in the downtown and community trail in a more efficient and effective manner than has been done on horseback.

The second mounted patrol officer position will be converted to a patrol position. This will increase patrol staffing levels which will improve citizen and community safety.

The police department remains committed to departmentwide community policing. We continue to provide city-wide community policing initiatives focusing on all parts and aspects of our great community.

I am confident that the police department will continue to provide professional, customer centric police services while treating all with the high level of compassion, dignity and respect that the men and women of the Dover Police Department are known for.

Respectfully,

Chief William Breault



Arts Commission approves new art installation at Henry Law Park

Work on a new art installation at Henry Law Park is under way this week. The project, endorsed by the Arts Commission, is located in the lower section of Henry Law Park.

The installation is the work of Marielle Carpentier of Dover, a r ecent graduate from Marywood University with a degree in art therapy and minors in psychology and 3D design.

"The Dover Arts Commission is delighted to share Marielle's vibrant artistry with our community," said Jane Hamor, chair of the Dover Arts Commission.



Marielle Carpentier

Carpentier said her installation at Henry Law Park is meant to remind everyone to celebrate even small victories.

"We often decorate trees in times of celebration; it can bring a sense of wonder and excitement," Carpentier said. "This piece, while not in a time of celebration, I hope will bring some wonder to people's walks, and maybe remind us to still celebrate the little victories. Creating beauty in times of ugliness is something we as humans do all the time. My hope is that these simple circles can remind us of that."

Carpentier will be pursuing a masters in art therapy at Lesley University this fall. A lifelong lover of art, she has found a passion for painting and sculpture, often combining the two, she works with abstraction and patternmaking to create large pieces that make a statement. Examples of her art can be found on Instagram at @angelfish.artist

The Dover Arts Commission is dedicated to creating opportunities to engage the community through public art. According to the Arts Commission, this project represents a moment for the community to experience a shared value through the eyes of an artist.

Take a virtual stroll for this month's Dover Art Walk

Dover Art Walk, held the first Friday of each month, remains digital for its next event, tonight, Friday, June 5.



June's virtual Art Walk will

feature a live Zoom party from 4-5 p.m. Support your local artists by tuning in and inspiring one another during these difficult times.

For more information, visit doverartwalk.com.



Spring street sweeping continues

Citywide street sweeping by Community Services crews continues this week. Street sweeping operations begin weekdays at 3:30 a.m. and continue for two consecutive eight-hour shifts throughout the day.

Work is expected to be complete prior to the end of June.

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



Take caution with spring clean-up

One of the first activities drawing us outside in the spring is tidying up the accumulation of twigs, pine needles, and decaying leaves left behind during the

winter. As this plant material decomposes, it releases nutrients, so there's no need to aim for immaculate, but important to let the sunlight





through. The bulk of the raked-up yard waste should be put in an area where it can compost away from any drainage area or water body. NEVER, rake yard waste into a storm drain, down a river bank, or adjacent to any water body. Excess nutrients in a water body lead to algae blooms that rob aquatic and marine animals of oxygen, obscure water clarity, and even decrease adjacent property values. Learn more about <u>composting here</u>.

Other temptations in the spring include fertilizing too early and mowing too short. Different formulations of fertilizer require different minimum temperatures. Hold off on applying until you are sure your soil needs it and the soil temperature is adequate. Likewise, resist the temptation to mow too low. Encourage the early season grass roots to grow deeper into the soil by keeping more of the grass blade growing above ground.

This series provides tips for growing healthy lawns and protecting water quality while we are spending more time at home. This is a perfect opportunity to adopt habits that we have put off because we didn't have as much time at home. Enjoy the season of growth while keeping yourself and others safe.

Learn more tips for water quality friendly lawn care here.

Eversource to use drones to inspect electric lines

In the coming weeks, Eversource will begin inspecting power

lines in the area by drone, technology the company says will help crews get a bird's-eye view of potential issues.

Eversource uses drones during the spring, summer and fall to help access hard-to-reach areas.

Eversource has hired Mesa Associates to perform the inspections. Certified operators will fly the drones. The drone operators will only be at most transmission structures for about five minutes and will only be inspecting lines along the right-of-way.

The use of drones helps minimize the need for low-flying helicopters sand lowers the cost of annual inspections, according to Eversource.

For more information, visit Eversource's website here.

Free Fishing Day is Saturday

Take advantage of New Hampshire's Free Fishing Day, Saturday, June 6, 2020. On Free Fishing Day, you can fish anywhere in New Hampshire - freshwater or saltwater without a fishing license. Both state residents and nonresidents may participate. Plan to enjoy the day fishing with your immediate family, but if you are fishing with friends be sure to maintain the recommended six feet of social distancing whether angling from the shore or from a boat. All other fishing regulations apply and must be followed, including season dates and bag limits.

"Free Fishing Day is a great opportunity for anglers of all skill levels to discover-or rediscover-what makes fishing in the Granite State so special, and it's a great day for families to enjoy the outdoors together," said Jason Smith, Inland Fisheries Chief for the NH Fish and Game Department. "Everyone is sure to be 'hooked' after an exciting day of fishing."

Consider including a few "fishing holes" in your plan for the day as some locations may be crowded. To maintain six feet of social distancing between anglers, it may be necessary to fish at an alternate destination.

For details on fishing rules for various waters, consult the New Hampshire Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing Digests, available at <u>www.fishnh.com/fishing/publications.html</u>.

Find lots more information about fishing in New Hampshire at <u>www.fishnh.com/fishing</u>. You can see lists of waterbodies, brochures with regional fishing destinations, public access sites where you can launch a boat or kayak, and much more.



Exercise, outdoor activity can give a boost to physical and emotional wellbeing during pandemic

As New Hampshire continues to combat COVID-19, physical exercise and time spent outdoors is key to maintaining physical and emotional well-being. Please remember to exercise appropriate physical distancing.



The governor's stay-at-home order remains in effect through June 15, but finding time to exercise and enjoy safe outdoor activities can help everyone stay well while continuing to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

In Dover, most parks and trails remain closed, except for exercise and physical activity. Residents and families are reminded to practice physical distancing with their children and follow guidelines from state and local health officials intended to curb community spread, including:

- Do not gather in groups of 10 or more.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from other people at all times.
- Avoid touching surfaces including playground equipment, benches or other sports equipment that are handled by others.
- Do not participate in activities involving physical contact or the sharing of equipment such as team and contact sports.

Because parks and other recreation areas remain closed, park structures and other amenities, including picnic tables, swings, and playground equipment and structures, are not being disinfected.

Some recreation areas in Dover are open to limited activity and with restrictions in place. For more information, visit the City of Dover's <u>website here</u>. In addition, the State of New Hampshire continues to provide guidelines for the phased reopening of state recreation areas and activities, including:

> Amateur and Youth Sports Beaches Day Camps Lodging State parks and campgrounds

The following recreational guidance helps to ensure the safety of all Granite Staters:

- All interior State parks are now open to New Hampshire state residents, with the exception of those located along the seacoast. Please note that as the state gradually opens park access, many park services will be limited or not available. Please plan accordingly.
- Water fountains may not be operable. Park visitors are encouraged to supply their own water as necessary.
- Food services will be limited and may not be available in all areas. Grab n' Go format is only format allowed.
- Playgrounds will remain closed at this time.
- Lifeguards may not be on duty in all areas.
- Parking may be limited or not allowed in certain areas. Please comply with posted signs.
- Social distancing must be followed by all patrons please make sure there are no group gatherings of over ten or more, that picnic tables and other gathering areas are over ten feet apart from others.
- Swimming is permitted in inland state parks so long as social distancing is practiced.
- Public beaches are open. Parking restrictions along ocean beaches remain in effect.
- Social distancing must continue to be practiced.

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Dover shows community color

Dover's "Green and White, Let's Unite!" campaign is a way for the entire community to show solidarity during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Displaying Dover's signature colors of green and white can help serve as a reminder we're all in this together.



Mayor Robert Carrier has asked the the community to join him and those already participating by showing some green and white. He said it can be anything from a green and white ribbon wrapped around a tree or hanging from a window or door, a handmade poster, or green and white hearts in a storefront window.

Share your green and white creations on social media with a hashtag of #DoverStrong.

How COVID-19 spreads

Although the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 are starting to decline locally and across the state, health officials are urging people to continue to follow guidelines intended to protect everyone and slow the spread of the virus. COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from



person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. We are still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes.

Person-to-person spread

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-toperson.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

The virus spreads easily between people

How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious, like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, which means it goes from person-toperson without stopping.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggest that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious.

The virus may be spread in other ways

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about how this virus spreads.

Spread between animals and people

- At this time, the risk of COVID-19 spreading from animals to people is considered to be low. Learn about <u>COVID-19 and pets and other animals</u>.
- It appears that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals in some situations. CDC is aware of a small number of pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, reported to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19. Learn what you should do if you have pets.

Protect yourself and others

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. You can take steps to slow the spread.

• <u>Maintain good social distance</u> (about 6 feet). This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a <u>cloth face</u> covering when around others.

Learn more about what you can do to protect yourself and others.

Source: <u>CDC</u> (Updated: June 1, 2020)



Dover CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Support) provides updated information about relief measures available to Dover taxpayers, resident, businesses and nonprofits. Some of the relief measures available now include property tax relief, financial assistance, resources for housing and food, extended payment plans for water and sewer utilities, waived fees, and much more.



The information is conveniently available at the Dover CARES online resource at www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares. The information at Dover CARES will be updated regularly as additional relief measures become available.

Additional resources about the City of Dover's COVID-19 coronavirus response, including how to access city services, can be found at www.dover.nh.gov/services/covid19.html.



City Hall drop box offers easy option to pay bills

While City Hall remains closed temporarily to public access to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, payment for a variety of bills and services can 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.

The city is preparing to open City Hall with some restrictions in the coming weeks. In the meantime, the drop box is accessible to the public for bill payments, as well as other correspondence and important documents.

City Hall staff remain on site and are available to answer questions by phone or email.

Inspection documents intended for the city's Inspection Services Division can be left at a separate drop box located in the lobby at the North End Fire Station, 262 Sixth St., during regular business hours.

For a complete guide on how to access city services while facilities are closed, visit the city's website here: <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/covid19services.html</u>.

Absentee ballots available to all for upcoming elections

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, new provisions intended to protect all voters are in effect for upcoming elections.



All voters can now request an absentee ballot if they do not want to travel in person to the polls. Any voter may request an absentee ballot for the September 2020 primary and November 2020 general election.

Absentee ballots <u>can be downloaded here</u> from the City of Dover's website.

Absentee ballots must be returned by mail to the City Clerk's Office at City of Dover, NH, City Clerk, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820.

A memorandum from the Secretary of State and Attorney General that explains these new provisions <u>can be viewed</u> <u>here</u>.

For more information, including questions about how to vote in upcoming elections, call the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018.



State expands COVID-19 testing

The state recently expanded testing for the COVID-19 coronavirus to household members of vulnerable populations, staff at child care centers, and employees who cannot avoid prolonged close contact with peers or the general public.



The state already provides testing to anyone with a single symptom, health care workers, and people at higher risk of contracting the virus, even without symptoms. Those at higher risk include people over 60 or with underlying health conditions, including diabetes, heart disease, severe obesity, asthma and kidney or liver disease. For more information on those most at risk, visit

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extraprecautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html.

The state's remote testing sites are located throughout the state, including test sites in Portsmouth and Rochester. To request a test, visit the state's online portal at http://ow.ly/PDa650zRtq5 or call the state Health and Human

Resources Department at 271-5980.

Social distancing can help keep employees safe at work during COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued an alert listing steps employers can follow to implement social distancing in the workplace and to help protect workers from exposure to the coronavirus.



Safety measures employers can implement include:

- Isolate any worker who begins to exhibit symptoms until they can either go home or leave to seek medical care;
- Establish flexible worksites (e.g., telecommuting) and flexible work hours (e.g., staggered shifts), if feasible;
- Stagger breaks and re-arrange seating in common break areas to maintain physical distance between workers;
- In workplaces where customers are present, mark sixfoot distances with floor tape in areas where lines form, use drive-through windows or curbside pickup, and limit the number of customers allowed at one time;
- Move or reposition workstations to create more distance, and install plexiglass partitions; and
- Encourage workers to bring any safety and health concerns to the employer's attention.

The new alert is available for download here.

The alert is the latest effort by OSHA to educate and protect America's workers and employers during the coronavirus pandemic. OSHA has also published <u>Guidance on Preparing</u> <u>Workplaces for COVID-19</u>, a document aimed at helping workers and employers learn about ways to protect themselves and their workplaces during the ongoing pandemic.

Visit OSHA's <u>coronavirus webpage</u> frequently for updates. For further information about the coronavirus, please visit the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov. The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.





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.

June 7, 1792 - The State Legislature held its first and last session in Dover this year. The Phoenix of June 7 says: "Yesterday the Hon. General Court of this State assembled in this town, when John S. Sherburne, Esq. was chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives - and they proceeded to business. This day at 11 o'clock they repaired to the Meeting house where the Rev. Mr. Morrison of Londonderry delivered an ingenious, spirited and animating discourse from Romans, chap. 13, ver. 3."

June, 1812 - The "Dover Cotton Factory," which was incorporated in June 1812, with a capital stock of \$50,000, was the first attempt at manufacturing on an extensive scale in this town. As the lower falls were owned and occupied by the Waldron family, who would not sell their saw and grist mills, the Cotton Factory had to erect its first mill at the falls, two miles up the river, at a point ever since called the Upper Factory. The first yard of cloth was woven there in 1814. It was kept in operation until about 1840.

June 5, 1822 - On petition of the officers of the 2d Regiment, the Regiment was divided by the Legislature, and a new

Regiment, the 39th, constituted, composed of soldiers in Rochester, Farmington, etc., leaving to the 2d the towns of Dover and Somersworth only. As an argument in favor of the division it was represented that those towns alone had 631 enrolled men, and that as Rochester was the territorial center where the regiment usually mustered, it was a great hardship to compel the largest portion of the men to go from ten to twelve miles to attend it, occupying the best part of three days, during which they were allowed by their respective towns "beef and bread enough for one dinner only and a drink of rum."

June 8, 1828 - A party of seven men and boys sailing down the river on a pleasure excursion, on Sunday, the boat when near Dover Point was upset and Henry Demeritt aged 25, and Ebenezer Paul, 14, were drowned. Demeritt was a good swimmer and lost his life by endeavoring to save Paul, who could not swim.



June 6, 1927 - A crew of 30 men is completing work on the high school annex (now the McConnell Center). It will contain modern classrooms, a gymnasium and auditorium, and in the basement, facilities for woodworking, a machine shop, and electrical departments of the manual arts.



Summer reading at the Dover Public Library

Green and White, Reading Unites! will begin on Monday, June 8 and continue to Friday, July 31. In an effort to bring the community together during this challenging time, we will set one goal for readers of all ages. Can kids, teens, and adults altogether read 3,000 books during the eight-week summer reading program? Watch the progress on the book tracker on the front lawn of the library. At the end of the program when the goal is met (we know you can do it!) everyone who participated will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win one of many gift cards. All prizes will be from Dover businesses in order to support our city.

Our summer reading program for 2020 will look different from past years, but will still include books, crafts, activities, and prizes. Each week during the program, families can take home a "Summer Fun Bag" which will include a craft, a STEM activity, and some small toys. The first bag will also include a "Writing Box" for families to use throughout the program. Each week a new "Write About It" challenge will be offered. There will be virtual storytimes, book groups, and other online activities to engage patrons of all ages.

To join in the challenge, go to our website <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> and register for the program. After June 8 you can start logging the books you read.

Check our online calendar for all of our virtual programs.

For more information, email <u>p.falconer@dover.nh.gov</u> or call 603-516-6052.

Library open for limited access to computers and copiers

The Library is open for limited computer and copier use only, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ten library patrons at a time will be allowed into the building, with a one-hour use limit. Appointments can be made at <u>https://www.picktime.com/c6f24583-41a2-49aa-b2e9-</u> <u>c485a244dc0e</u>. Computers will also available for walk-ins. Please enter through the front door of the Library and proceed to the adult circulation desk. Patrons are required to wear masks, which will be provided, if necessary. Strict social distancing rules will be in place.

The Library is still offering a Book Pick-up Service for those wishing to check out materials. The Book Pick-up Service is available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Patrons who wish to pick up books on hold need to make a reservation via https://forms.gle/jFUHojpeT8cuADS47, through email at libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov, or by calling 516-6050 (staff are answering phones Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

The deadline for picking up books is as follows:

- To pick up items on Monday, make your reservation by Friday at 10 a.m.
- To pick up items on Wednesday, make your reservation by Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- To pick up items on Friday, make your reservation by Thursday at 10 a.m.

There is a limit of 60 reservations per shift to avoid crowding. Please follow social distancing rules, and patiently wait behind the taped line if there is someone already at the table. We kindly ask that you wear a mask when picking up your books.

To pick up your books, go to the Children's Room entrance, where there are tables under the portico. Holds for each patron will be wrapped in paper with the first three letters of your last name, and first initial, written on the paper. They are arranged alphabetically, and the items will already be checked out to you. Just grab and go.

Please be patient with us as we explore how to best support our patrons during turbulent times. The Library welcomes comments and suggestions at <u>libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov</u>.

This Week (Virtually) at the Library

Monday, June 8, All Day Kids Book Club on the DPL YouTube Channel

Kids in grades 4-7 are invited to participate in our summer book club featuring "*The Girl Who Drank the Moon*" by Kelly Barnhill. Watch the introductory video as Miss Jojo explains how the program will work. The book is available to download for free on hoopla: <u>https://www.hoopladigital.com/</u>

Everyday, June 8 through July 27, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Read to a Librarian

You can choose what works best for your child, phone or computer and schedule reading time for your child to keep practicing their reading skills this summer! You can pick from any title we have on Hoopla so a librarian can read along with them easily. **Please register for this program and you will get a specific time slot.**

Wednesday, June 10, All Day Online Family Storytime on the DPL YouTube Channel Listen to Miss Tina read stories and sing songs. Watch all our

recorded story times here:

http://library.dover.nh.gov/kids/listen-to-a-story.html

<u>Thursday, June 11, All Day</u> 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 log-in information.**

Friday, June 12, 10 to 10:30 a.m. VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose

Parents/caregivers are invited to join with their babies for a 1/2 hour early learning program specifically designed for children from birth to 24 months. Mother Goose on the Loose uses books, rhymes, songs, musical instruments, finger plays, flannel board characters, puppets and other props to

help parents/caregivers develop the child's early literacy skills in a fun and joyful environment. Please register for this program and you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the event with the log-in 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? <u>Sign up</u> <u>now</u> 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,<u>click here</u>. 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:

- Media Services Technician
- Truck driver, Utilities
- Seasonal maintenance worker
- Summer day camp counselor

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

Public comment period open for Bellamy River recharge facility The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services announced that a public comment period for a proposed artificial recharge facility located in the Pudding Hill aquifer along the Bellamy River in Dover is now open.

The NHDES draft Water Quality Certification for the proposed facility is available for <u>public review and comment here</u>.

The draft certification states that based on the facts, findings and conditions in the certification, NHDES has determined that there is reasonable assurance that the proposed activity will not violate state surface water quality standards.

The artificial recharge facility will withdraw water from the Bellamy River and discharge it to two infiltration basins. Groundwater recharge is needed to increase the sustainable yield of two of the City's water supply production wells (Ireland and DP #1) and to help manage groundwater quality within the Pudding Hill Aquifer.

Public comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on June 15, 2020. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments may be sent by postal mail, or email (email is preferred due to COVID-19 restrictions). Please include the project name/certification number, your name, and organization; mailing address, email address and telephone number with your submittal.

If submitting by mail, address to:

401 Certification Program (Attention: Gregg Comstock) NHDES Watershed Management Bureau P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03301-0095

If submitting by email, address to: <u>gregg.comstock@des.nh.gov</u>. (If possible, please use email due to COVID-19 restrictions)

For more information about the draft certification or if you have difficulties accessing a copy, please contact Gregg Comstock, Supervisor of the NHDES Water Quality Planning Section via email at gregg.comstock@des.nh.gov.

The public notice issued by NHDES can be viewed here.



Know what's "In the Bin": How to keep your your recycling clear of contamination

The City of Dover would like to remind residents that only the items listed below should go in your household recycling bin:

- Metal: Food and beverage cans.
- Glass: Bottles and jars.
- Plastic: Bottles, jars, jugs and tubs.
- Paper and Cardboard: Mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and boxes.

When we recycle properly, materials can get to their next best use, which helps protect the environment by conserving natural resources, saving energy and reducing 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 sends it to a landfill. It's important to know when an item is not recyclable and to place it in the trash. Follow these simple recycling guidelines:

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

Not sure if an item is recyclable? When in doubt, visit <u>https://www.recyclesmartma.org/</u>. Enter the item name and

click search.

Knowing what's "In the Bin" can help avoid contaminated loads of recycling, which are being rejected at processing centers and disposed as trash. These contaminated loads of recycling result in additional charges to the city.

For more information, please contact the Recycling Center at 603-516-6450 or refer to the <u>Talking Trash brochure</u>.

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