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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 12, 2021



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

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

Recycling



Historical lecture digs up 'Tales from the Dirt' on Dover's early settlers

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, continued its virtual historical lecture series this week with an online presentation detailing an important recent archeological dig at the site of the First Parish Church's 1654 Meetinghouse on Dover Point



Center hours:

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

Road.

The lecture featured Dr. Meghan Howey, UNH anthropology professor, and Diane Fiske, First Parish Church historian, who presented their research on the early colonial landscape of Dover Point. The Church Meetinghouse was erected ca. 1654, fortified 1667—1675, removed prior to the Revolutionary War, and the property was deeded back to First Parish Church in 1889. In 1983, the site was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Howey and Fiske, along with a cadre of volunteers, explored the site during the summers of 2018 and 2019. They gained valuable insight, through recovered artifacts and buried structures, into the diversity of lives and colonial experiences that were not fully captured in written documents, including information on indigenous peoples, enslaved Africans, and indentured Scots. Although historical records are important for understanding early colonialism in New Hampshire, they were written from a dominant, Euro-centric, often biased perspective. Howey and Fiske believe that the physical materials people discard and leave behind offer important evidence as to what went on that didn't make it into the history books.

The lecture can be viewed here:

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=sYQ7m2d76WiW>

For more information about Dover400, visit Dover400.org.



Advanced EMT Scott Orringer of Dover Fire and Rescue provides a shot to Dover School District bus driver Jorel Booker at the mass vaccination at Dover High School today.

Vaccination of school staff underway today

Dover Fire and Rescue, working with the Strafford County Public Health Network and the Dover School District, is administering 950 COVID-19 vaccines to all Dover School District employees today, Friday, March 12, at Dover High School. It's the first day of eligibility for teachers and others who work with students under the state's vaccine rollout plan. In addition, arrangements are being made to offer vaccinations at this clinic to all eligible staff working at private and charter schools operating in the City of Dover.

Dover Fire Chief Paul Haas said the department ordered 950 shots of the Moderna vaccine for the vaccination clinic and plans to ensure all shots are administered by the end of the day, from teachers to bus drivers to lunch and custodial staff. Another closed-pod event is planned for next month to administer the second vaccine dose.

"We want to ensure all school workers have the opportunity to be vaccinated on the first day of their eligibility," said Haas. "The vaccine effort at Dover High School will be a huge endeavor. Kudos to the School District administration team for working with us to make this happen on such short notice."

Superintendent William Harbron thanked Haas and the Fire and Rescue Department for helping to make this happen. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the Dover faculty and staff, and I am appreciative all the parties that have this possible," Harbron said. "This will help create a safer work environment for all our personnel as well as our students."

On Tuesday, March 9, a team comprised of Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Christine Boston, Haas, Division Chief Keith Irwin, Capt. Troy Brown, Woodman Elementary Principal Patrick Boodey, Dover High Principal Peter Driscoll, Director of Technology Christy Prosser, and Strafford County Public Health Network's Ashley Desrochers conducted a walk-through at Dover High School for logistics planning. In 90 minutes, the team mapped out the locations of the stations needed to pre-screen those arriving, check them in, administer the shot, and have a waiting area after the vaccine, all following COVID-19 protocols. The team worked through potential contingencies to ensure safety and efficiency for all involved.

Fire and Rescue personnel are well versed in administering COVID-19 shots. They have been working since January at a state vaccination site and have worked with regional agencies such as Strafford County Public Health Network and Community Action Partners of Strafford County to ensure that no vaccines in the area go to waste. They have also administered vaccines to front-line workers, residents at elderly housing and other vulnerable populations.

"Being able to help our community is the main reason why people become firefighters and paramedics," Haas said. "We're thrilled to be able to provide this service."



Melissa Hope of Dover High School cosmetology program receives her first vaccine shot at Dover High School mass vaccination.

School Board passes default budget to reopen negotiations with Dover Teachers Union

The School Board unanimously passed a 'default budget' for fiscal year 2022 at its meeting Monday, March 8, but stressed that budget work is ongoing.

The default budget provides \$73,075,963 for general fund operating expenses and debt service. It is a \$6,264,907 increase over the current 2021 fiscal year budget and \$5,168,041 above the tax cap. The School Board budget is due to the City Manager by March 15 to be included in the City Council's citywide budget this spring.

"This budget represents only our operating budget from last year plus our contractual increases the City Council has already approved," said Superintendent William Harbron during the budget workshop preceding the School Board's regular meeting.

Harbron told the School Board 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 DTU agreed to come to the bargaining table, and our discussions with them are ongoing," Harbron said during the budget workshop. "We are extremely grateful that they have partnered with us in attempting to deliver a tax cap budget to the citizens of Dover."

A clause in the contract agreement between the Dover School Board and the DTU ratified by the School Board and City Council in 2019 allows the parties to reopen negotiations for cost items and specific circumstances. The district has to present a default budget to the City Council to activate this clause should the budget be rejected by the City Council.

"Approving the default budget allows the district to continue its discussions with the DTU with the hope that we can come to an agreement prior to the City Council approving the budget in May. If we do come to an agreement, we should be closer to the tax cap," Harbron said at the workshop.

Harbron said that discussions with the DTU have been positive, and the two sides are scheduled to meet again on March 25.

School Board Chair Amanda Russell reiterated the School Board and School District's commitment to find cost savings for the 2022 fiscal year budget.

"We are not done with the budget," she said. Passing the default budget now "is the best decision the Board can make at this time with all of the information we have today."

The budget workshop [can be viewed here](#).

The School Board regular meeting [can be viewed here](#).

The budget and budget documents [can be viewed here](#).



Downtown water main work begins Monday, March 22

A significant downtown water infrastructure project to replace 125-year old water pipes along Washington Street and Main Street is slated to begin Monday, March 22. The six-month project is expected to have traffic impacts, and limited durations of water shut-off as infrastructure is replaced.

The project will replace 3,000 feet of some of the oldest water distribution pipes in the downtown area with a new ductile iron pipe that will provide reliable water service for the next 100-plus years.

The City of Dover [contracted](#) with N. Granese & Sons, Inc. to complete the project. In the first part of the construction, the contractor will install isolation valves on the side streets, adjacent to Main Street and Washington Street. These streets include Central Avenue, Broadway, Chapel Street, School Street, Portland Avenue, Young Street and Henry Law Avenue. Isolation valves are necessary for the contractor to replace the water main along Washington Street and Main Street later in the project.

Installing the isolation valves will include daytime excavation to locate the existing water main and nighttime installation of the new valves. **During the nighttime valve installation, water will need to be turned off in sections to ensure safe working conditions.** Nighttime working hours are from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. The City will identify areas where water will be turned off through regular project email updates and door hangers to individual properties. Signup for project email updates by [clicking this link](#) and checking "Project updates: Washington and Main Water Improvements."

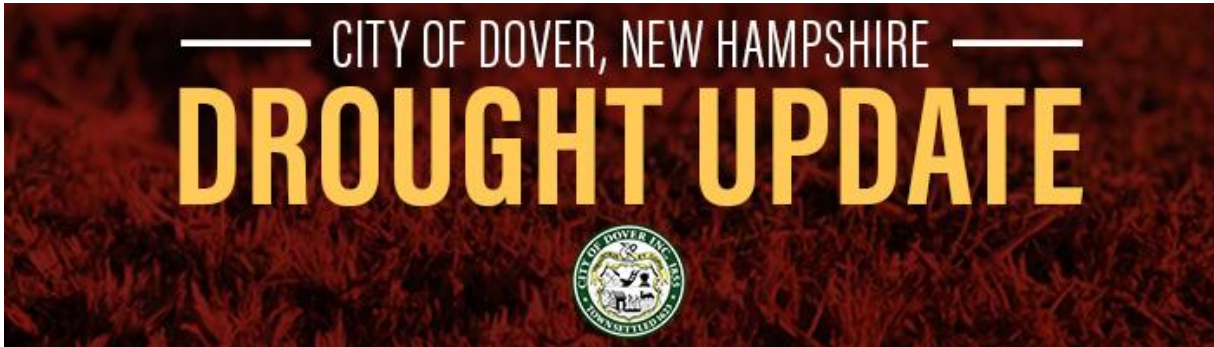
Water shut-offs are not anticipated to last longer than eight or nine hours at a time. **However, residents are encouraged to have bottled water on hand throughout the construction project in case of an emergency unplanned water shut-off.**

Once the side street isolation valves are installed, the focus will shift to installing temporary water mains throughout the project area to provide a consistent water supply to residents and

businesses.

Traffic control devices and signage will be installed at the start of the work to mitigate traffic impacts and ensure the safety of the construction crews and the traveling public. Please remain vigilant while driving and walking throughout the downtown area during construction. Congestion during peak commuting hours will likely occur, motorists may want to seek alternate routes.

For more information or questions about the project, please contact Assistant City Engineer Max Kenney at m.kenney@dover.nh.gov or (603) 516-1915.



Drought conditions persist; City's drinking water levels below normal

Despite snow and rain this winter, the City of Dover, much of Strafford County and 52 percent of the state, have drought conditions. With the more than 10 inches of precipitation accumulation deficit since January 2020, the City urges water users to continue to be mindful of their usage.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor March 11 weekly update, the City of Dover is classified as being "abnormally dry," two categories above the "severe drought" conditions in September. Still, the impact of abnormally dry includes stunted crop growth, delayed planting, elevated fire danger, grass lawns browning early and decline in surface water levels. The City of Dover has been in various stages of drought conditions since the June 23, 2020 Drought Monitor report. In a March 11 newsletter, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) stated groundwater levels and stream flows are below average for much of the state, including the Piscataqua watershed.

This week, the City's water consultant, Emery & Garrett Ground Water Investigations, a division of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., provided Community Services an update on surface and aquifer drinking water data. Community Services is tasked with the protection and maintenance of the City's drinking water.

Willand Pond

The water level in Willand Pond has been gradually recovering from a low point in December 2020. It is now approximately 2.5 feet above the lowest level allowed under the City's permit covering the operation of the water supply wells near the pond. While recovering, the water level remains approximately 0.5 feet below the lowest levels measured during 2015 and 2016.

Aquifers

Based on monitoring well data located in each of the City's four aquifers, the water levels at the end of February were approximately 2 feet below average for the time of year. Rainfall data from the National Weather Service since the beginning of 2020 indicate a precipitation deficit of more than 10 inches which is concerning if there is not a substantial aquifer recharge from this spring's snowmelt and rain.

Water usage and restrictions

In February, the average daily water usage was 1.8 million gallons of water per day (MGD), similar to daily water usage during the mandatory water restrictions that occurred in late summer 2020. Before restrictions were put in place, there was a historic daily water usage high of about 2.73 MGD.

There are no mandatory water restrictions in place at this time. However, Community Services Director John Storer asks water users to be mindful of their water use and to reduce usage whenever possible.

There are several ways users can help conserve water, including:

- Taking showers instead of baths, cutting back on shower times, only doing full loads of laundry, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes and washing hands.
- Replace old water fixtures and appliances that are wasting water. Top-loading washing machines built before 2003 and toilets older than 1994 are known to be the largest water-wasting culprits in the home. Showerheads older than 1994 can also waste a great deal of water, as can older bathroom sink aerators. Selecting ENERGY STAR certified machines and replacing old water fixtures with EPA WaterSense certified fixtures is an easy way to ensure you are choosing products that will save water and perform. For guidance on selecting ENERGY STAR and WaterSense certified products and more water efficiency tips, see the NHDES water efficiency fact sheets at <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/NHisForWater/>.
- Fix leaks, including running toilets. Running toilets can waste hundreds of gallons a day. Old and worn toilet flappers are often the culprit and are very easy to replace. Also, some toilet leaks can't be heard. Check for a leak by dropping food coloring (12 drops) or a leak detector dye tablet in the toilet tank. Do not flush for 15 or 20 minutes. If the dye shows up in the bowl, you know that your toilet is running.

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

Dover Fire and Rescue announces recent promotions

Dover Fire Chief Paul Haas announces the recent promotions of three members of Dover Fire and Rescue.

Haas promoted Capt. Keith Irwin to Division Chief of Emergency Medical Services, Lt. Craig Comeau to Captain, and Engineer Matt Michaud to Lieutenant.

“Planning and forward momentum have been hindered by the COVID-19 pandemic, so to see individuals like Matt, Craig and Keith maintain the initiative to continue advancing their careers is a refreshing observation,” Chief Haas said. “Their success will help to maintain the level and quality of service that the citizens of Dover have come to expect from Dover Fire & Rescue.”

In addition to their achievements in rank, all three have previously undergone the rigorous study requirements to achieve a paramedic certification, which Chief Haas said “exemplifies their commitment to continuing education, and their desire to provide the highest level of care and service to our community.”

Division Chief Keith Irwin was hired as a firefighter in May 1998. Irwin has also served the department as a paramedic/engineer and lieutenant. In 2019, he was promoted to captain.

Capt. Craig Comeau was hired as a firefighter in July of 2003 and later served as a paramedic/engineer and lieutenant before his recent promotion to captain.

Lt. Matt Michaud was hired as a firefighter in January of 2009. Before

his promotion to lieutenant, Michaud served as a paramedic/engineer for the department.



Division Chief Keith Irwin



Capt. Craig Comeau



Lt. Matt Michaud

Upcoming Meetings:

Pool Advisory Committee, March 15, 7 p.m.

The Pool Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the McConnell Center cafeteria. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Parking Commission, March 16, 8:30 a.m.

The Parking Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Arena Commission, March 16, 7 p.m.



City boards provide many ways to let your voice be heard, from home

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings without attending in person. Public participation is vital for City of Dover operations and future planning.

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

The Arena Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Dover Arena. 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/>.

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.

Upcoming American Red Cross blood drives

Every day thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant. More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and regular medical treatments. Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Red Cross requests donors to schedule an appointment instead of dropping in.



All Red Cross blood drives follow the highest standards of safety and infection control with additional COVID-19 implemented precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff. The Red Cross tests blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies, provided to the donor when available. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Blood donation opportunities in Dover, March 15-31

- Wednesday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 25 Chestnut St.
 - Friday, March 19, from 12 to 6 p.m., at Bill Dube Ford/Toyota, 40 Dover Point Road
 - Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Praxeum, 97 Piscataqua Road
 - Tuesday, March 23, from 12 to 5 p.m., at the Dover Moose Hall, 45 Chestnut St.
 - Wednesday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 25 Chestnut St.
 - Monday, March 29, from 12 to 5 p.m., at Dover Baptist Church, 151 Washington St.
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DID YOU KNOW



It's time to renew dog licenses. Did you know you can renew online? Make sure you have your current dog license number and proof of rabies information available. Dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee. <http://ow.ly/IHBP50kaC5e>



New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program launches Monday

A new federally funded New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP) will launch Monday, March 15 to provide assistance to eligible residents of New Hampshire who cannot pay their rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. NHERAP will be administered by New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), in collaboration with the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR).



NEW HAMPSHIRE
**Emergency
Rental Assistance
Program**

To be eligible for rental or utility assistance, at least one person in the household must have qualified for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, had significant costs, OR had other financial hardship due to COVID-19. The household must be at risk for homelessness or housing instability, and meet certain income requirements.

NHERAP funds can cover current and past due rent, as well as utility and home energy costs for eligible households. This assistance is available retroactive to April 1, 2020 through the date of application, and the applicant may also receive up assistance for these same expenses going forward. Households may receive assistance for a total of 12 months.

Payments will be provided directly to the landlord or utility provider on behalf of the household. Landlords, with the tenant's permission, may apply for assistance on behalf of their tenant.

To be eligible, at least one person in the household must qualify for unemployment benefits, had their income reduced, had significant costs, or had other financial hardship due to COVID-19. The household must also be at risk for homelessness and meet certain income requirements.

The program is federally funded and must follow federal law. This program is only for eligible renters and landlords, not homeowners, per federal rules.

Full program guidelines and the NHERAP application information will be available by March 15, 2021 at www.NHHFA.org/emergency-rental-assistance. GOFERR, NHHFA, and the CAPs are committed to a simple and streamlined application and funding process.

Details about the program are available at www.NHHFA.org/emergency-rental-assistance.

State, local vaccinations continue



PHASE 2a

K-12 School, Childcare, and Youth Camp Staff

WHO

All staff working in New Hampshire:

- K-12 schools
- Licensed child care settings
- License-exempt settings enrolled with the NH DHHS - Bureau of Child Development
- Municipal or other recreation programs providing before and/or after school, vacation, or summer youth programming
- Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- Youth camps



HOW

There are two paths for Phase 2a vaccinations:

1. At a regional clinic managed by your organization and Regional Public Health Network
2. At a state or hospital run public clinic

WHEN

Important Date for Regional Clinics:

- **March 12th:** Regional vaccination clinics can begin, subject to regional scheduling. Look for more information from your employer

Important Dates for State/Hospital Clinics:

- **March 17th:** Registration opens for Phase 2a vaccination at state or hospital run public clinics
- **March 22nd:** Vaccination appointments start for Phase 2a at state or hospital run public clinics

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING

At the time of vaccination, all Phase 2a vaccine recipients must bring:

- A driver license or non-driver ID card

And one of the following:

- A payroll check, payroll document, or employment contract showing your employment at a school, childcare facility, or youth camp, dated within the last 60 days.
- A letter on school, childcare facility, or youth camp letterhead stating that you meet Phase 2a eligibility.
- A photo identification card issued by a school, childcare facility, or youth camp



NH DIVISION OF
Public Health Services
Department of Health and Human Services



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Registration open, state now vaccinating Phase 2A

Registration is now open for Phase 2a and includes K-12 school, childcare, and youth camp staff. K-12 schools include public district, charter, private, and other non-public schools. Consistent with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, NH defines school staff as workers receiving compensation as classroom teachers, librarians, administrators, office staff, para educators, custodial staff, other education support

Statewide mask mandate

A statewide mask mandate remains in effect through March 26, 2021.

Per the order, everyone over the age of 5 in New Hampshire must wear mask

professionals, food services personnel, bus drivers and bus monitors. School nurses are also school staff, but were eligible for vaccination in Phase 1a. Staff considered appropriate for vaccination may be full or part time (including substitute teachers). Student teachers are also eligible if they are at the school to meet requirements of their academic program.

If you are not part of a school district vaccination clinic, it is recommended that you register online at: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/> or call 211.

Registration for Phase 2b is expected to begin on March 22 and includes people 50-64 years old.

Have you been fully vaccinated?

People are considered fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If it has been less than two weeks since your shot, or if you still need to get your second dose, you are NOT fully protected. Keep taking all prevention steps until you are fully vaccinated.

What's Changed?

When you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
 - However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

What hasn't changed:

- You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Take these precautions whenever you are:
 - In public
 - Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
 - Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at

or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, when unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their own households.

The entire order, including exceptions and exclusions, [can be viewed here](#).

COVID-19 updates

Want to receive the latest information about the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and how it affects your community? Sign up for the City of Dover's email updates and you'll receive helpful information from local and state health officials about the pandemic, including how you can protect yourself and others, how to safely enjoy the holidays, what to consider before traveling, and much more.

To start receiving the email updates, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.

For more information, visit the City's COVID-19 [online resource here](#).



increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk

- You should still avoid medium or large-sized gatherings.
- You should still delay domestic and international travel. If you do travel, you'll still need to follow CDC requirements and recommendations.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace.

What you should know about COVID-19

COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. [Guidance for self-quarantine is available here.](#)

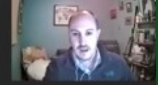
Whether or not you are experiencing symptoms, multiple testing options throughout the State are available to potentially exposed individuals. For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing. Other options can be found here: www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm.

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities, so all people need to protect themselves and help prevent further community spread, by:

- [Stay at least 6 feet away from others](#), whenever possible. This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- [Cover your mouth and nose with a mask](#) when around others. This helps reduce the risk of spread both by close contact and by airborne transmission.
- [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.
- [Avoid crowded indoor spaces](#) and [ensure indoor spaces are properly ventilated](#) by bringing in outdoor air as much as possible. In general, being outdoors and in spaces with good ventilation reduces the risk of exposure to infectious respiratory droplets.
- [Stay home and isolate](#) from others when sick.
- [Routinely clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19/.

Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services



Project Overview

CBD Street Tree Plan was developed as part of a coastal resilience project funded by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program.

The overall goal of the project includes strengthening the City of Dover's resilience to climate change by improving the City's urban landscape through various mechanisms and providing education on innovative approaches to stormwater design.



Presentation underlines role of street trees in city's urban core

Liz Durfee of EF Design & Planning and Kyle Pimental of Strafford Regional Planning Commission recently gave a presentation on the City of Dover's Central Business District Street Tree Inventory Plan. The plan was developed as part of a coastal resilience project funded by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Coastal Program and is part of the overall project goal of strengthening the City's adaptation to climate change by improving the City's urban landscape.

The City's Climate Adaptation Chapter of the Master Plan was adopted in 2018 and may be [found online here](#). The Chapter addresses goals specifically related to extreme heat and increased storm water run off from extreme precipitation. The application to the coastal resilience project contained several components, the first of which was the Urban Street Tree Plan that includes revisions to the city's existing Complete Streets Policy and provides additional education and outreach on green infrastructure installations.

Street trees play a critical role in urban environments and provide ecological, social and economic benefits. Trees are valuable for aiding in stormwater management, cooling urban environments through shade, providing habitats for birds, wildlife and insects, and creating a sense of place in the downtown. The street inventory took place during the summer of 2020. Volunteers surveyed 378 sites and found 58 percent to be in good condition, 26 percent to be in fair condition, and 12 percent in poor or dying condition.

Based on the survey findings, recommendations to the City include:

- Replace trees in empty tree pits;
- Remove stumps and replace trees in existing tree pits;
- Remove dead or dying trees and replace;
- Remove ash trees and treat remaining ash with insecticide;
- Establish new tree pits in areas of low street tree density; and
- Replace or maintain trees in poor condition.

The presentation can be viewed here: <http://ow.ly/9Ta150Dzvbs>

This week in DOVER HISTORY

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](#).

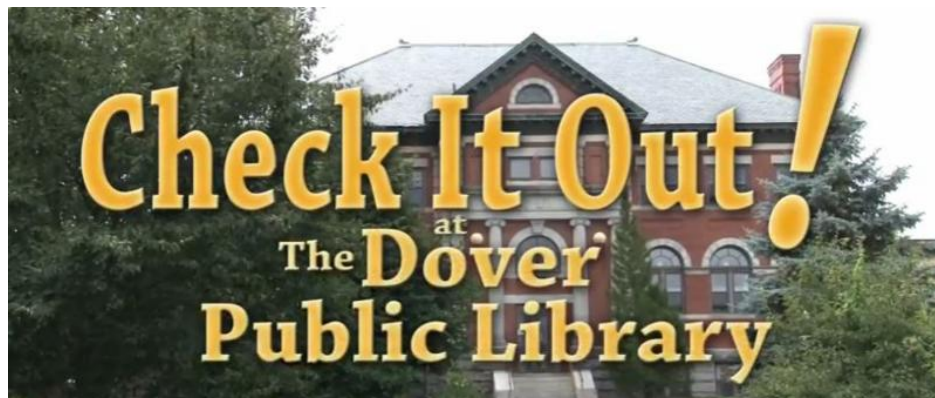
March 12, 1630 — Edward Hilton, having obtained a grant of the patent in his own name (March 12, 1630), acted as his own agent until he disposed of a portion of his interest to others, when Captain Thomas Wiggin was appointed, Mr. Hilton being made one of the commissioners for the affairs of New England by the Lords of the Council, and as such was attorney for the delivery of possession of Saco and Biddeford to Richard Vines. This grant from the Council conveyed to Edward Hilton and his associates all that part of the river Piscataqua called by the natives Wecanacohunt, and by the settlers Hilton's point, with the south side of said river up to the falls of Squamscot, and three miles into the main land for breadth. This grant now contains within its limits Dover, Durham, Stratham, and parts of Newington and Greenland.

March 13, 1684 — The Governor and Council ordered, "that the meeting house at Dover be immediately fortified, and a line drawn about it, which meeting house shall be the main garrison for defending the inhabitants against the attacks of the enemy; also that the house, formerly called the watch house, be a byguard; likewise, that the houses of Peter Coffin, Esq. and Richard Otis, be by-garrisons for Cochecho, for securing the inhabitants that dwell thereabout."

March 18, 1690 — Salmon Falls was surprised by French and Native American soldiers and destroyed by fire; 27 persons slain, and 52 carried captive. The party which came from Trois Rivieres, was under the command of Sieur Hertel, an officer of great repute in Canada, and consisted of 52 men of whom 25 were Indians under Hoophood, a noted warrior.

March 17, 1830 — A Boston paper gives notice that "the last weekly Dover Packet from New Hampshire, brought nearly as many cotton and woolen goods to this market as were brought by the packet ship Dover, and more than were brought by the packet New England, from Liverpool. Cotton goods which were once purchased in England for 38 cents, and thought remarkably cheap, were not better cottons than can now be purchased here at 20 cents."

March 15, 1831 — A large seal, six feet eight inches in length, and weighing nearly 400 pounds, taken in the Cochecho, a few miles below the town.



The Week at the Library

March VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Plenty* by Yotam Ottolenghi. Throughout the month of March, 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, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, March 15 - Wednesday, April 21 19th Annual Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 19th Annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12 and adults ages 18 and older. Poems will be judged on originality, style and creativity. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 21. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library, any Dover school library, or at our website at library.dover.nh.gov. For more information about the contest please contact Emily Fortin at 516-6082.

Monday, March 15, 3 to 4 p.m. VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday Afternoon Book Group

Join us VIRTUALLY via RING CENTRAL or in-person at the Library to discuss *In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register for this event if you plan to attend virtually. Log in information for Ring Central will be sent to registrants via e-mail 60 minutes before book club begins.

**Monday, March 15, 6 to 8 p.m.
VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen B**
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! This brand new Monday night group will be starting on the arctic survival quest Rime of the Frostmaiden! A perfect starting point for players new and old, adventurers will have to brave the elements and face the dangerous polar monsters of Icewind Dale to protect what few settlements cling to the ice. Registration required.

Monday, March 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday Evening Book Group

Join us VIRTUALLY via RING CENTRAL or in-person at the Library to discuss *In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register for this event if you

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, March 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Read WITH a Librarian

Sign up to have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and reading ability your child might want to only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! Once you register we will be in touch with you by Tuesday evening to schedule a time that works best for your schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

Wednesday, March 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group in the Lecture Hall

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather in the Lecture Hall with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules

Wednesday, March 17, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Online Storytime

Check out a new session of Miss Tina's storytime. This storytime and all previous recordings may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp>

**Wednesday, March 17, 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 *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black. Copies of the book are available in the Library as well as on NH Overdrive. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks! You may also participate virtually by registering online

**Wednesday, March 17, 6 to 8 p.m.
Online Organic Gardening I**
Learn about organic gardening from the comfort of your own home in this comprehensive three-part course on consecutive Wednesday nights, March 17, 24 and 31, from 6-8 p.m. online. The course will included practical tips on how to create a new garden, soil preparation, seed starting, planting techniques, cultural techniques during the growing season (such as watering, fertilizing, and pest and weed control), how plants and soil interact, succession planting, planting multiple crops in the same space at the same time, how to

plan to attend virtually. Log in information for Ring Central will be sent to registrants via e-mail 60 minutes before book club begins.

Tuesday, March 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall

Families are invited to join us for storytime in the Lecture Hall. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes.

A craft will be available to take home.

Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

Tuesday, March 16, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and older in the 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

compost, crop rotation, cover cropping, and mycorrhizobials. Registration required.

Thursday, March 18, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall

Families are invited to join us for storytime in the Lecture Hall. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes.

A craft will be available to take home.

Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

Friday, March 19, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose

Mother Goose On the Loose is back! Please join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes, stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always welcome. You will be required to submit your library card information upon registering as this program is for patrons of DPL only. Once you are approved, you will be provided with a secure link to our virtual session via Ring Central.



Strafford Regional Planning Commission wants residents' input on communities for Healthy Aging Transitions Project

[Strafford Regional Planning Commission \(SRPC\)](#) is partnering with [Strafford County Public Health Network](#) on a new project called [Communities for Healthy Aging Transitions \(CHAT\)](#). This project

seeks to identify strengths towards and opportunities for each community in the region providing an inclusive, welcoming, supportive, and healthy environment for people of all ages.

To accomplish this, many different outreach approaches have been prepared including [a survey that was launched on Feb. 12](#). The survey will allow the CHAT team to hear from the people that know their communities best, those who live and work there.

In addition to the survey, the CHAT team is also preparing to launch a postcard art activity. This is a more creative method to gather input via printed postcards which will be delivered and handed out across the region. If you have a group interested in completing the activity SRPC staff can coordinate delivery of copies, and can even provide pre-postaged versions to be mailed back. The postcard template is also available [online](#) for digital submissions, or to print. Digital submissions can be emailed to srpc@strafford.org.

The CHAT team is also scheduling community Zoom forums in the region, so stay tuned to the [event section on their homepage](#) or the [CHAT project page](#).



Learn more about the project in [SRPC's introductory video \[5 min\]](#). SRPC looks forward to CHATting with you.

Virtual community forum seeks feedback from residents about community values, opportunities

Join Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) as they partner with the City of Dover on a community Zoom forum to gather feedback on their [Communities for Healthy Aging Transitions \(CHAT\) project](#). This project seeks to identify strengths towards and opportunities for each regional community providing an inclusive, welcoming, supportive, and healthy environment for people of all ages.

To accomplish this SRPC wants to hear from the people that know Dover best, those who live and work in town. Using virtual public engagement tools like Zoom's breakout rooms and live interactive polling, SRPC will lead a discussion to best understand what Dover residents value about their community, and opportunities for making it even better. The feedback gathered will complement extensive input already gathered by the City as part of its designation as an AARP age-friendly community.

Please join this interactive opportunity for providing input on Thursday, March 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The best part – you don't even have to leave your house-and you can still participate and share your thoughts.

SRPC looks forward to CHATting with you. Register [online](#), and contact communications and outreach planner Shayna Sylvia at ssylvia@strafford.org with any questions.

Can't wait to share your thoughts or won't be able to make the session? Take the online [CHAT survey](#).

Host family still needed to help student attend Dover High School

Dover High School has an opening for an exchange student this coming school year. Kamila is from Poland and loves dance and theatre, enjoys cooking, skiing, kayaking, swimming and jogging. She will be a junior this fall and speaks excellent English.

Students stay with their host families for the school year, have their own spending money and insurance, follow family rules, do chores, and participate in school and family activities.

She would be happy to attend Dover High School this coming school year. Please contact Ginger Smith at 603-397-2494 (text or call) or email grandmaginger15@gmail.com soon if interested.

American Red Cross lifeguard training and recertification course offered at Dover Indoor Pool

An American Red Cross lifeguard training and recertification course will be held at the Dover Indoor Pool April 26-29, 2021. Participants will learn the skills needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. The course includes the latest science in first aid, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, emergency cardiac care, as well as the latest lifeguarding rescue skills and safety protocols. Students must be at least 15 years old by the last day of the class.

The following prerequisites must be fulfilled:

- Swim 300 yards continuously

- Tread water for 2 minutes
- Starting in the water, the participant must be able to swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object and exit water without using a ladder or steps within 1 minute, 40 seconds

No refunds will be given for failure to pass prerequisite requirements. All course dates must be attended in order to pass the course.

The course will be offered:

- Monday, April 26: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 27: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 28: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, April 29: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Re-certification held on Thursday, April 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost for the full course is \$200. Cost for re-certification is \$40.

Any COVID related cancelations will be carried over to the next scheduled course. No refunds will be given.

For more information or to sign up, contact Erika Friedman at (603) 516-6427 or e.friedman@dovern.nh.gov.

Dover Chamber accepting nominations for 2021 Annual Awards Gala

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards Gala, in which awards will be given out to the citizen, volunteer, educator, business and non-profit of the year. The Chamber also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.

These awards provide an opportunity for member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Gala, held on Friday, June 4, 2021. The format of the event is to be determined.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to think about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit award nominations, visit www.dovernh.org/awards. Nominations for business, volunteer, non-profit, and citizen of the year are due April 9 by 4 p.m. Nominations for educator of the year and student scholarship applications are due May 3 by 4 p.m.

“Our volunteers, advocates, dedicated residents, and businesses are true assets of our community,” says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. “If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination.”

The Annual Awards Gala serves as a sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorships in connection with the Annual Awards Gala, email Community Events Manager Morgan Faustino at events@dovern.nh.org.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information on programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovern.nh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.

Host families needed to help students attend Dover High School

Dover High School has two openings for exchange students this coming school year. The following exchange students are seeking host families:

Carmen is from Germany and plays ice hockey, skates, plays basketball, and plays an instrument for band. She will be a junior and speaks excellent English.

Marilia is from Ukraine and participates in student government, likes to volunteer, and is interested in the United Nations club and student newspaper. She loves history, volleyball, swimming, and photography. She will be a senior and speaks excellent English.

Students stay with their host families for the school year, have their own spending money and insurance, follow family rules, do chores, and participate in school and family activities.

For more information, contact Ginger Smith at 603-397-2494 (text or call) or email grandmaginger15@gmail.com.

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](#).

"The state of single-stream recycling has changed on a global basis," Storer said. "There is a dwindling market for single-stream recycling, so in order to keep to keep recycling fiscally viable, we need cooperation from residents in what gets placed for collection."

On July 1, 2020, Waste Management took over as the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste vendor. The City Council approved the new five-year contract in February, following a five-year contract with Pinard Waste Services. Recycling accounts for \$600,000 of the \$1 million increase in waste collection costs due to changes in the recycling market and challenges

dealing with contaminated recycling.

Nationwide, Waste Management estimates that 25 percent of items placed in recycling bins are actually trash. This 25 percent of trash can contaminate the good recycling commingled with it.

“Recycling contamination happens when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables,” says Waste Management in their [Recycling 101 webpage](#).

For example, food or liquid placed recycling that saturates paper and cardboard can contaminate it. “Once contaminated, these recyclables can no longer be recycled. They become trash.”

Bulky trash items

For large, non-metal trash items, such as beds, couches, toilets, sinks, carpets, and furniture, residents must purchase a “Bulky Item Tag” for each bulky trash item to be picked up. A bulky item tag costs \$10 and is available at most places where Dover trash bags can be purchased. See the Community Services’ [Bag and Tag webpage](#) for a list of locations.

Please note, televisions, computer monitors, microwaves and other metal objects are not accepted for bulky item pickup.

Items left on the curb without a tag may be turned over to the City’s health officer to see whether the items can be traced to a property.

All recycling and trash, including bulky tag items, should still be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.

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

City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

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

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

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

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

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#).

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**
- **Summer day camp counselor**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Seasonal maintenance worker**

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

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

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

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