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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 26, 2021



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

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Mayor Robert Carrier reads a proclamation recognizing the Dover High School Boys Hockey Team for its victory season at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 24.

## Mayor, City Council recognize Dover athletes for recent wins

The City Council recognized the recent accomplishments and victories of student athletes during its meeting this week.

Mayor Robert Carrier signed three proclamations in honor of the Dover teams and athletes. The mayor and City Council were joined by School Board Chair Amanda Russell and Superintendent of Schools William Harbron.

The first proclamation recognized the Dover Unified Soccer team

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for its championship season, including its victory over Oyster River in the finals.

The second proclamation recognized Dover High School Cheerleading for its undefeated season, and for taking first place and the grand championship at a competition in Londonderry, and being crowned the Division I Fall Spirit New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association State Champions in Concord in November. The team also racked up the highest score of the competition.

The final proclamation honored the Dover Boys Hockey Team for its 11-1 regular season, its 7-1 win over Winnacunnet in the quarter finals, 2-1 win over Oyster River in the semi-finals, and 2-1 win over Somersworth/Coe-Brown in overtime at the Dover Ice Arena, earning the team the Division II state championship. The win is the team's seventh state title in a row.

"(These teams have) brought great pride, recognition and honor to themselves, their parents and families, and the City of Dover," Carrier read from the proclamations on Wednesday, March 24.

**Mayor Robert Carrier reads a proclamation recognizing the Dover Unified Soccer Team for its season at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 24.**



**Mayor Robert Carrier reads a proclamation recognizing the Dover Varsity Cheerleading Team for its championship season at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 24.**





# HATE HAS NO HOME HERE



## City Council initiative urges community to stand up to hate, support unity

In the wake of two mass shootings in the past two weeks that killed 18 people, including six Asian women, members of the City Council, led by Michelle Muffett-Lipinski, seek to create a campaign highlighting Dover as a welcoming city where hate has no home.

Muffett-Lipinski, who represents Ward 1 on the City Council, suggested the campaign at the City Council meeting Wednesday with the idea to create signs that state "hate has no home here" as one way residents and businesses can show their support. The sign design can be downloaded from the city's website here: <https://go.usa.gov/xsu55>.

"Hate has no home here – I've heard that so many times tonight," Muffett-Lipinski said. "I think we should really champion that and take it under our wings."

On March 16, there were shootings at three locations in Atlanta, Georgia, where eight people were killed, six of whom were Asian women. A 21-year-old suspect is in custody and being charged with eight counts of murder. Six days later, 10 people were killed at a business in Boulder, Colorado, on March 22. Another 21-year-old suspect is being held and charged with 10 counts of murder.

Mayor Robert Carrier took a moment at the beginning of his Mayor's Report at the Council meeting to mourn the victims of those two incidents. "This violence that has occurred in this country is the most heart-wrenching thing," he said. "We in Dover have to look around, and we have to make sure that we don't support anything like this."

At-Large Councilor Lindsey Williams voiced similar sentiments. "I am hearing from a lot of members of our community who are feeling a really, really heavy weight over what's happened over the past couple weeks, particularly the members of [...] the Asian American and Pacific Islanders community," she said, also noting the rise in anti-Asian rhetoric and the need to everyone to speak up when confronted by hateful, incorrect rhetoric. "It has caused me to

continue to reflect on where are my blind spots, where do I need to continue to grow as well, and this role in continuing to hold up ourselves individually accountable and as groups as well.”

In recent years, the City Council has passed resolutions in support of immigrants and against racism. On Oct. 11, 2017, the City Council [passed a resolution](#) “reaffirming the City of Dover’s commitment to immigration and cultural diversity” after federal threats of deportation of long-standing members of Dover’s immigrant community. Nearly a year later, on July 11, 2018, the City Council [passed a resolution](#) for the City Manager to send a letter to Gov. Sununu demanding “the cessation of Customs and Border Protection coercive checkpoints in New Hampshire, and [...] the immediate halt to policies that separate or imprison families.”

In the wake of George Floyd’s death during an arrest in Minneapolis, Minnesota by police, the City Council [passed a resolution](#) “condemning racism and affirming City of Dover’s commitment to eliminating racial inequities.” This resolution led to the creation of the [Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion](#), which is charged with creating “action plan outlining existing and new steps to be taken to work to eliminate systemic racism in municipal operations, including boards and commissions, and foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.”

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## Weather conditions lead to higher fire risk

### Dover Fire and Rescue urges residents to monitor conditions, apply for burn permits

With most snow cover melted away, dry vegetation fuel, low humidity and warmer and windy days, Dover Fire Chief Paul Haas reminds residents that conditions are ripe for fires to burn out of control.

Yesterday, March 22, the Dover firefighters provided mutual aid to Madbury and Farmington to help put out brush fires. In the last week, firefighters extinguished a grass fire in a residential neighborhood and a mulch fire in front of a Central Avenue business started by a cigarette. State law requires burn permits for any burning, including small backyard campfires. Permits allow fire officials to notify permit holders if conditions change and become too dangerous for burning.

“Please be aware how fast a fire can burn out of control in these spring conditions,” Haas said. “Make sure you have fire suppression tools ready, including a sustainable water supply, before you light a fire. You are responsible for keeping it under control.”

Haas said the spring season is ripe for fires because the vegetation that died over the winter dries out, aided by the wind, coupled with warmer days and low humidity.

**[Permits available online](#)**

Permits are easy to obtain online at [nhfirepermit.com](http://nhfirepermit.com). For those who have regular campfires, only a once-a-year seasonal permit is required. For those burning brush, a permit is good for seven days. However, all permits are subject to current burn conditions.

“Residents no longer need to come into the station to obtain a burn permit,” Haas said. “They are still able to do that if they choose to, but we think it’s more convenient for them to get the permit online at [nhfirepermit.com](http://nhfirepermit.com).”

The website, operated by the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, allows the user to select Dover from the list of towns. There is a \$3 processing cost that pays for the firm that handles the online permitting process. That fee increases to \$5.50 effective March 31, 2021.

With any burning, permission from the landowner is required.

### **Before you burn**

If a day becomes too dangerous to burn, an email will be sent to permit holders. Haas requests that all permit holders check their email (and spam folder) before starting any fire to ensure it is still safe to burn. Emails will only be sent out only if fire restrictions are implemented.

### **When you burn**

- Never leave the fire unattended.
- A water source must always be available near the fire.
- Be sure the fire is completely extinguished. A buried fire is not an extinguished fire.
- If a fire starts to burn out of your control, call 911 immediately. You can be liable for damages if a fire burns out of control.

### **Burn permit categories**

There are three types of burn permits issued for non-commercial uses in Dover and the state.

**Category I:** “It’s the smallest type of outside fire,” Haas said. State law defines it as a fire that is 24 inches in diameter or less. Unless other restrictions prohibit it, these fires can burn any time during day or night if a seasonal permit is obtained. The burn containers must be at least 25 feet from any wooden structure, such as a house, deck, fence or shed.

Haas stressed that even small fires pose a threat. “We sometimes do see people having Category I fire on the decks of their houses. That’s extremely hazardous. It’s not that we don’t recommend it, we don’t allow it. The requirements of the permit don’t allow it either.”

**Category II:** This is a campfire between 24 and 42 inches in diameter, and it’s the most commonly issued permit in Dover. With a seasonal permit, these fires can only burn between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. except if it’s raining, or snow covers the ground. A Category II fire must be at least 50 feet from a wooden structure. That may pose challenges for those living in dense neighborhoods.

“If you’re in a real close neighborhood, the distance required might not allow you to have a a Category II permit,” Haas said.

**Category III:** This type of fire is for burning brush from a yard. Category III permits are effective for seven days, depending on fire conditions. Like a Category II fire, a Category III fire must also be 50 feet from the nearest wooden structure. Burning is only permissible between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m., except if it’s raining or snow covers the ground. The maximum diameter of brush to be burned is five inches.

The permits only allow for clean wood obtained in one’s yard to be burned. That means not pressure-treated or painted, or anything that is not wood. It is against state law to burn trash, such as paper.

Why is burning for Category II and III fires only OK after 5 p.m. when it’s not raining or snow covering the ground? Haas said it’s based on two things:



- Atmospheric conditions typically settle down after 5 p.m. Winds tend to diminish in the afternoon and evening.
- It helps to eliminate false indicators from fire towers used for wildfire detection. Fire-watchers keep an eye out for columns of smoke and triangulate the location through multiple towers. Local fire towers include Blue Job Mountain in Farmington and Mount Agamenticus in York, Maine.

### **Fire danger classifications**

Each morning, the New Hampshire Fire Warden determines the state's fire danger classification that falls into one of five categories. The day's predicted fire danger level is sent in a daily email ([sign-up here](#)) and posted to the [NHForestRangers](#) Twitter account.

**Low (Green)** - Fire starts are unlikely. Weather and fuel conditions will lead to slow fire spread, low intensity and relatively easy control with light mop-up. Controlled burns can usually be executed with reasonable safety.

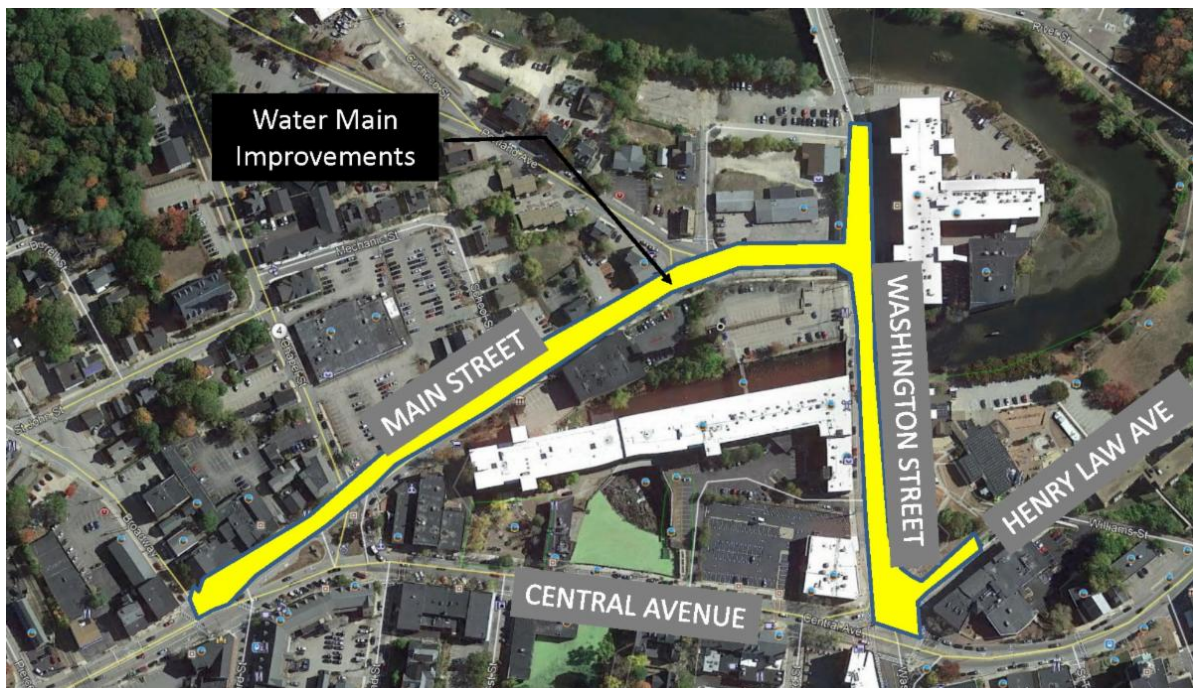
**Moderate (Blue)** - Some wildfires may be expected. Expect moderate flame length and rate of spread. Control is usually not difficult, and light to moderate mop-up can be expected. Mop-up means to ensure all embers are completely extinguished. Although controlled burning can be done without creating a hazard, routine caution should be taken.

**High (Yellow)** - Wildfires are likely. Fires in heavy, continuous fuel such as mature grassland, weed fields and forest litter will be difficult to control under windy conditions. Control through direct attack may be difficult but possible, and mop-up will be required. Outdoor burning should be restricted to late evening hours.

**Very High (Orange)** - Fires start quickly from all causes and may spread faster than suppression resources can travel. Flame lengths will be long with high intensity, making control very difficult. Both suppression and mop-up will require an extended and thorough effort. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

**Extreme (Red)** - Fires will start and spread rapidly. Every fire start has the potential to become large. Expect extreme, erratic fire behavior. No outdoor burning is allowed.

For more information, contact the Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6148.



**Downtown water main work ramps up this week**

The downtown infrastructure project to replace 125-year-old water pipes along Washington Street and Main Street continues this week. The six-month project is expected to have traffic impacts and limited durations of water shutoff as infrastructure is replaced.

This 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. This work will include street excavation, lane closures, and evening water shutoffs in the downtown area. See the map above for the project area, or [click here](#) for the project page for project maps.

The City encourages pedestrians and motorists to be vigilant while moving throughout the downtown area and look for signs providing information about the project and sections of streets and sidewalks closed for construction. Uneven road conditions and sidewalks are likely to occur, so please use caution driving, riding bikes and walking in the area.

### **Latest updates**

**Week of March 29:** Construction work on water valve installation is scheduled to begin this Monday, March 29, with the contractor excavating small pits to the water mains on School Street, Chapel Street and Young Street. Additional pits will be excavated on Central Avenue, Henry Law Avenue, Portland Avenue and Broadway from Tuesday through Thursday. These Pits will be closed overnight for safety and to allow uninterrupted traffic flow. **There are no planned water shutoffs until the week of April 5.** More details will be published next week so residents and businesses can plan accordingly.

The contractor plans daytime work from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., with overnight work from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Overnight work is when the contractor would shut off water to install isolation valves. Water shutoffs are anticipated to last a maximum of eight to nine hours when they occur. However, **residents are encouraged to have bottled water on hand throughout the construction project in case of an emergency unplanned water shutoff.**

The City will notify areas where water will be turned off through these regular project email updates, the [dedicated project page](#), and door hangers to individual properties. The installation of isolation valves is anticipated to last two to three weeks.

The contractor will first install isolation valves on 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. The valves allow for the installation of the temporary water line that will provide a constant source of drinking water as the water main is replaced.

To receive email updates about the project, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select "Project updates: Washington and Main Water Improvements."

### **Contact City about specific water shutoff concerns**

The City aims to keep water shutoffs to a minimum and is cognizant of its inconveniences. While shutoffs are scheduled for weekday overnights from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., there may be options to postpone a shutoff until later in the night or to specific nights of the week to lessen impacts. Contact City of Dover Assistant City Engineer Max Kenney at [m.kenney@dover.nh.gov](mailto:m.kenney@dover.nh.gov) or 516-1915 to discuss options.

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#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Electrical Vehicle  
Charging Committee,  
March 31, 3 p.m.**

The Planning Board's

Electric Vehicle Charging Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, beginning at 3 p.m. in the Planning Department at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

**Planning Technical Review, April 1, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2021, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

**Library Board of Trustees, April 1, 4 p.m.**

The Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2021, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Public Library. 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/>.



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

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings 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 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.

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## City Hall drop box offers contactless, quick way to pay bills

Did you know that the City Hall drop box provides an easy option to pay bills? The drop box is located inside the Locust Street Customer Service Center entrance at City Hall and is accessible during regular business hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Tri-Chambers present SBA COVID recovery webinar

The Greater Dover, Greater Rochester, and Falls chambers of commerce will present an online webinar on the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) COVID Recovery programs on Monday, March 29 at 10 a.m. The webinar will cover the Paycheck Protection Program (First and Second Draw), Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Advances, and Shuttered Venue Operator Grants.

The presenters will be SBA Deputy District Director Rachael Roderick and SBA Economic Development and Veteran Business Development Specialist Miguel Morales. Following the presentation, SBA staff members will be available to answer questions.

The webinar is free to attend but pre-registration is required. For more information and to register visit [dovernh.org/SBA](https://dovernh.org/SBA).

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

## Vaccine registration, distribution continues

### Timeline to move up for all ages

New Hampshire's vaccination effort remains ahead of schedule at state-managed fixed sites for Phase 2A, which began March 18.

Thousands of individuals eligible under Phase 2A have been vaccinated through closed clinics.

The fastest way to schedule an appointment is through [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov).

## Statewide mask mandate

A statewide mask mandate remains in effect through Friday, April 16, 2021. The order, which was set to expire today, March 26, was extended by Gov. Sununu this week.

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

All staff working in New Hampshire in the following settings are eligible for vaccination under Phase 2A:

- 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
- Licensed youth camps

Updated FAQ documents, tip sheets, and video resources will be available at [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov).

The population size for Phase 2A is estimated to be 55,000 eligible individuals.

Registration for individuals between 50 and 64 years of age will begin on Monday, March 22 at 8 a.m. under Phase 2B, with appointments beginning on Thursday, March 25.

Beginning next week, all New Hampshire residents age 16 and older will be able to sign up to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, according to Gov. Chris Sununu, who made the announcement this week.

New Hampshire residents ages 40 to 49 can start to register on Monday, March 29. Residents ages 30 to 39 can sign up Wednesday, March 31, and everyone 16 and up can register Friday, April 2.

## State to host second mass vaccination site this weekend

The State of New Hampshire will host a by appointment only mass vaccination site this Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28 at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. This mass vaccination site is not open to walk-in appointments. Appointments remain available for eligible individuals to schedule in VINI.

In total, the state hopes to vaccinate 8,000 individuals at this Speedway this weekend.

The site will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday. Appointments remain available for eligible individuals to schedule by registering at [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov), or scheduling through their VINI account. Individuals with later appointments can also reschedule for an appointment at the Super Site on Saturday or Sunday in their VINI account. Those who do not live close to the Speedway may still select the location for an appointment, but may need to expand their mile radius when looking for nearby appointments.

Only individuals who have a confirmed appointment with the State of New Hampshire will be able to receive the vaccine. Individuals who do not have a confirmed appointment time should not show up to the Speedway.

Note: At this time, the Pfizer vaccine will be the only

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](#).

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## 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](https://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](#).



## 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](https://business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing). Other options can be found here: [www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm](https://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/](https://www.nh.gov/covid19/).

*Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services*

## Dover400 historical lecture series continues April 13 with presentation on Jeremy Belknap

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual historical lecture series on April 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. with an online presentation about life in Dover during the 18th century through the eyes and words of one of its most prominent citizens, Rev. Jeremy Belknap.

Rev. Belknap (1744-1798) traveled widely across the New Hampshire and began accumulating notes on the state's history. In 1784, he published the first volume of the "History of New Hampshire" but would take until 1792 to complete volume two. The "History" added two radical



innovations for historians: 1.) besides just narrating events, he tried to clearly separate true facts from analysis and opinion; and 2.) he provided many annotations (footnotes) to show the source and location of records that he had inspected. Thus, Belknap was the first journalist to shun what we today would call fake news. His reputation grew over the years until, after his death, Alexis de Tocqueville named him as America's best native historian. The "History of New Hampshire" is still in print today.

The presenter, Dr. Jordan AP Fansler, will examine the life and works of Jeremy Belknap who served two decades as pastor of Dover's First Parish Church from 1767-1787. As a renowned minister, noted historian, Army Chaplain, and dedicated archivist, Jeremy Belknap's life allows us to consider many aspects of this tumultuous Revolutionary period including local attitudes toward religion, government, scholarship, and society.

Dr. Jordan AP Fansler, MSc has lived in Dover for more than 10 years while researching and exploring New England's history. Through his scholarly career at Temple University, the University of Edinburgh, and the University of New Hampshire, he has examined the interplay between the local and the national or transnational, particularly in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. He's currently an instructor and Coordinator for History and Political Science at Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth, and a member of the Great Bay Archaeological Survey team.

Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the April 13, 2021 lecture, please RSVP on [www.Dover400.org](http://www.Dover400.org) or register directly at <https://ringcentr.al/3u4nnuX>.

Upcoming lectures in the monthly series include:

- History of the Cocheco Cotton Mills
- Dover railroad history
- Dover regiments in the Civil War
- Dover booms as a 19th-century shipping port
- Treasures of the Woodman Museum
- Downtown Dover during the early 20th Century
- Dover's service in the two World Wars

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

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

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



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 28, 1724** — At a meeting of the selectmen this day, they finding nothing upon record of a highway ever laid out from Cochecho to Dover, which they think necessary to be done, and accordingly order that the said highway shall begin at the country road that comes over Bellamy Bank river on the western side of the meeting house at Cochecho, and from thence Dover Neck down to the spring near Capt. Millet's house, and from thence between the land of Capt. Millet and the land of Capt. John Tuttle late deceased, down to Hilton's Point, as it has hitherto been in use, keeping the breadth of four rods throughout the same and something more where the badness of the way requires it.

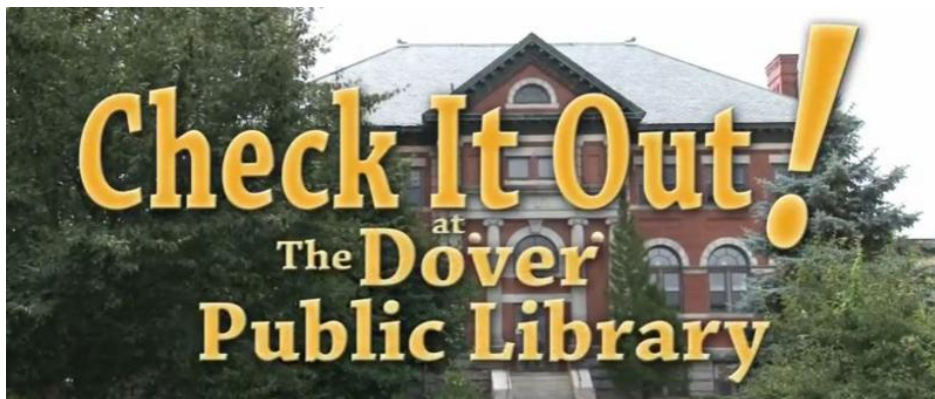
**March 26, 1726** — On the petition of Nicholas Hartford, who "humbly sheweth" that his grant of liberty to keep a ferry over the fore river from Dover Neck to Kittery, made in 1717, had been of little profit at present nor likely to be for many years, and as he had been at great charge in building conveniences, and had no assurance of said ferry any longer than his own life, the said ferry was confirmed to him and his heirs.

**March 30, 1761** — At a public town meeting it was voted to petition the General Court for a law to empower the First Parish to transact their affairs exclusive of the other town business.

**March 26, 1770** — It was voted to build a Town House and a committee was appointed for that purpose, who were to do it in the best and cheapest manner.

**March 28, 1847** — A public meeting is held in Dover for the relief of the people of Ireland, who were suffering from the famine occasioned by the potato rot. A committee appointed for the purpose raised by subscription about \$2,500, besides a considerable amount of provisions and clothing.

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## Learn how to start downsizing and decluttering

Look around. Has the past year made you realize that maybe you have too much stuff? Are you looking to tidy up, but don't know where to start?

Join Dover Public Library and AARP NH on Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. for a free live virtual program on Downsizing and Decluttering.

With so many of us spending lots of time at home, this is a great time to start sorting through old items. The presentation will help participants understand why stuff is important to people and provide some practical, easy-to-follow downsizing and decluttering tips that will get your home, office, or vehicle organized in no time.

While hosted by AARP, this program provides information for all ages and is not strictly geared towards seniors. Anyone who has interest in learning to declutter their life is welcome to attend.

Downsizing and Decluttering will be held live online through Ring Central and registration is

required to access the login information. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, visit [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

## 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@doover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@doover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

### **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](http://library.dover.nh.gov). For more information about the contest please contact Emily Fortin at 516-6082.

### **Monday, March 29, 6 to 8 p.m.**

#### **What's it Worth Antique and Collectible Appraisal with Mike Ivankovich**

Join professional appraiser Mike Ivankovich virtually from the safety of your own home for this online virtual appraisal event of antiques and collectibles. Throughout the program Mike will talk about buying and selling tips and strategies and will give an overview of value for antiques and collectibles. rop in and play. Registration required.

### **Monday, March 29, 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

group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

### **Wednesday, March 31, 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 31, 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 31, 6 to 8 p.m. Online Organic Gardening III**

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

### **Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Adult Book Club in the Lecture Hall**

Join this adult book club and discuss *To Be*



ice. Registration required.

**Tuesday, March 30, 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 30, 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

*Honest* by Michael Leviton. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla Digital. Social distancing protocols will be followed and attendees are asked to wear a mask. All are welcome!

**Thursday, April 1, 10 to 11 a.m.**  
**Morning Book Group in Lecture Hall**

Join us for a monthly book group the first Thursday of each month. This month, discussion will be on the book *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving.

**Thursday, April 1, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Teen Trivia Night: Retro Movies**

Teens are invited to test their knowledge of movies from the 1980s and earlier with a round of virtual Kahoot Trivia! Registration is required. RingCentral meeting links will be sent 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.



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## NHDOT announces changes to toll collection hours

### Hours shift in response to traffic volumes

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has been monitoring traffic volumes since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and announces the following change to toll collection operations, which are expected to continue for the foreseeable future:

- Beginning on Friday, April, 9 at 6 a.m. the Toll Plaza Cash Lanes will be staffed from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. only.
- Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., customers will be able to pay the toll fare by cash in an attended cash lane, or by E-ZPass in a dedicated E-ZPass lane.

During the overnight hours of 10: p.m. to 6 a.m., toll plazas will operate as All Electronic Tolling (AET). There will be no cash collection during these hours. To avoid receiving an invoice, customers can use the "7-Day to Pay" option through [www.ezpassnh.com/postpay-trip](http://www.ezpassnh.com/postpay-trip) or contact Customer Service Center as listed below.

Customers with any questions regarding E-ZPass transactions or invoices may contact the E-ZPass Call Center at Toll Free Number: (877) 643-9727 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Invoices can also be paid in-person at the E-ZPass Walk-In Centers (WIC) located in Concord and Portsmouth. These locations are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Address information can be found at [www.ezpassnh.com/page/service-center-locations](http://www.ezpassnh.com/page/service-center-locations).

Customers can also open up a New Hampshire E-ZPass account and received a 30 percent discount for passenger vehicles on each transaction. Sign up for an E-ZPass account online at [www.ezpassnh.com](http://www.ezpassnh.com), by calling (877) 643-9727 or at one of the NH E-ZPass Walk in Centers.

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## Wildcat Transit to hold public hearings during review of service



Wildcat Transit is reviewing the service for academic year 2021-22.

Two virtual public hearings are scheduled to receive feedback on the anticipated service levels.

The first hearing will be held via Zoom on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 12 p.m. To attend the hearing, visit <https://unh.zoom.us/j/98862891674?from=addon> or call 1-312-626-6799. The meeting ID is: 988 6289 1674.

The second hearing will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. To attend the hearing, visit <https://unh.zoom.us/j/93065564197?from=addon> or call 1-312-626-6799. The meeting ID is: 930 6556 4197.

If you cannot attend but wish to offer comment, send an email to Beverly Cray, Manager at [Beverly.cray@unh.edu](mailto:Beverly.cray@unh.edu) no later than May 5, 2021.

Anyone requiring special accommodations must notify Beverly at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Due to continued low ridership, service to Newmarket will permanently end at the conclusion of the spring semester in May 2022.

For more information, visit [www.unh.edu/transportation](http://www.unh.edu/transportation).

### Anticipated 2021-22 Service Levels

| Route                     | # of Runs Daily      |          |                 |                              |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------------|
|                           | Full Service Weekday | Weekend  | Reduced Service |                              |
| <b>3A / 3B Dover</b>      | <b>16</b>            | <b>6</b> | <b>6</b>        | No Sunday Service            |
| <b>4A / 4B Portsmouth</b> | <b>13</b>            | <b>7</b> | <b>6</b>        |                              |
| <b>5 Newmarket</b>        | <b>3</b>             | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b>        | Rte 5 service ends 5-18-2022 |

### 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](http://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@dovernh.org](mailto:events@dovernh.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@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org), or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

## A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

### Don't let your recycling be rejected

Is your trash or recycling not getting picked up? It may be because it does not conform to the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste rules.

Dover's Community Services Director John Storer requests that curbside customers ensure the items placed in recycling containers are recyclable consistent with local guidelines and that bulky items are correctly tagged.



### What's acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover?

- **Plastic:** #1, #2 and #5, provided the items are bottles, tubs and jugs. Rinse and dry. Bottle caps can be recycled if removed, washed, and placed back on the bottle. Loose caps, which fall through processing screens, cannot be recycled.
- **Glass:** only bottles and jars. Rinse and dry.
- **Cardboard, cartons and paper:** Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten all boxes, then place them into recycling bins, paper bags, or bundle and tie. When flattened, cardboard dimensions must not exceed two feet by two feet. Pizza boxes with grease must be thrown away as the oil contaminates the other recyclables.
- **No styrofoam is accepted**, even with a recycling symbol on the packing.
- **No plastic bags** are accepted.

Plastics that are not accepted include plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, plastic wrap, tarps and colored cups. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker. See full details of [Waste Management's curbside pickup here](#).

“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.

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### **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](#).

Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by

### **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**
- **Truck drivers**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Custodian, McConnell Center**

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

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### **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,

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.

online and on demand.

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

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