

## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 14, 2021



### CITY OF DOVER, NH

288 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820 603-516-6000

> City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday,

## Upcoming budget workshop looks at Community Services proposal

The City Council will continue its review of the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget during a workshop on Wednesday, May 19.

During the workshop, the City Council will hear a presentation from Director of Community Services John Storer about the proposed Community Services budget.

The Community Services component of the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget totals \$9,097,013, an increase of \$522,995, or 6.1 percent.

The Community Services budget consists of several departments, divisions and programs, including engineering, streets and sidewalks, snow removal, storm water, street lighting, facilities and grounds, government buildings, public cemeteries, and recycling and waste management. In addition, Community Services also includes the sewer and water enterprise funds.

The Community Services presentation will complete the departmental budget workshops. The City Council is expected to begin general budget deliberations and discussions at the conclusion of the presentation on May 19.

The May 19 workshop agenda can be viewed here.

Future budget workshops, public hearings, and budget adoption — all scheduled on Wednesday — include:

May 26 at 7 p.m. — Regular meeting — Public hearing on

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

- June 2 at 7 p.m. Budget review workshop budget deliberation
- June 2 immediately following the workshop Special meeting FY2022 budget adoption
- June 9 at 7 p.m. Regular meeting Fallback FY2022 budget adoption.

For more information about the budget and budget process, visit the City's online <u>Budget Revealed resource</u>.

# Dover Chamber of Commerce announces annual award winners

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce today announced the winners of its annual awards, which will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Gala on Friday, June 4 at the Regatta Banquet & Conference Center.

There will be limited seating available for the socially-distanced, in-person event. There will also be a broadcast of the ceremony in a virtual format. The award recipients are as follows:

Volunteer of the Year, sponsored by First Seacoast Bank, is Deborah Clough. Clough has been a board member of Dover Main Street for several years, serving in many different capacities. She runs the Adopt-a-Spot program, which is dedicated to maintaining a variety of public properties. She also founded the group called "Don't Trash Dover". She serves on the Dover Chamber's City Lights Committee, which puts up American Flags in the summer and holiday lights in the winter.

Nonprofit of the Year, sponsored by Newburyport Bank, is SOS Recovery Community Organization. SOS is a community-based peer recovery organization that helps people gain access to the care and resources they need to achieve their self-defined goals to find and maintain recovery. Their mission is to reduce stigma and harm associated with substance use by providing a safe space and peer-based support for people in all stages of recovery.

Citizen of the Year, sponsored by D.F. Richard Energy, is Matthew Mayberry. Mayberry, a decorated Air Force Veteran, has a history of being involved in local communities and helping others: former Dover City Councilor (three terms), where he created the Dover Arts Commission and was part of the building team for the Dover Ice Arena, North End Fire Station and Public Works Garage; Former Dover School Board Member (2009-2011); former Commissioner and Chairman of the Human Rights Commission for the State of NH; founded "Prayers for Prevention", a statewide effort involving over 200 NH churches to raise suicide awareness each year; created the Dover Food Festival in 2019; delivered more than 2,500 meals through the Strafford County Meals on Wheels program during the pandemic; created and ran "Wreaths Across NH"; and expanded "Farms to Families" from Dover to Nashua. Currently, Mayberry is volunteering his time to distribute COVID-19 vaccinations in Dover.

Business of the Year, sponsored by Cambridge Trust, is ConvenientMD Urgent Care. ConvenientMD Urgent Care is a full-service urgent care network, offering a broad scope of care. ConvenientMD Urgent Care strives to work as an alternative to the Emergency room providing equivalent services. Due to the global pandemic, they have shifted priorities to serve as many community members as possible to ensure local hospitals and emergency rooms were not overwhelmed. To date, they are one of the few providers in New England that have developed tools and services to screen, test, treat, and vaccinate for COVID-19. The Legacy Award, sponsored by Wyskiel, Boc, Tillinghast & Bolduc, P.A., will be revealed on the night of the event. This award will be given to a person who has made a tremendous impact on the City of Dover and more recently, statewide.

The Educator of the Year award, sponsored by RE/MAX On The Move, will be announced at a later date.

For more information and to purchase your tickets to the event, visit dovernh.org/awards.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic wellbeing of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit <u>dovernh.org</u>.



## **Dover Pride Clean Up Day is Saturday**

Dover Main Street will hold its annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day this Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 8 a.m. to noon. Last year's clean-up day was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Dover Pride Clean Up Day is a great opportunity to get of the house and do something for your community.

Individuals, organizations or groups wishing to volunteer for this year's event may register on the Dover Main Street website at <u>https://dovermainstreet.org/doverPride.php</u> or visit to the registration table at the Cocheco Mill courtyard on morning of the event.



Bring your home gardening tools if you can -- gloves, brooms, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows. Make sure to put your name on your tools.

Due to the continued uncertainty of the pandemic, Dover Main Street will not hold the traditional breakfast or lunch this year. Dover Main Street also recommends wearing a mask and maintaining a six-foot physical distance from others.



## **Community volunteers spruce up Cassily trail**

### Parcel is accessible from Community Trail

On Saturday, May 8, an enthusiastic group of 10 volunteers gathered for trail maintenance on the Cassily parcel off Hillside Drive. Members of the Open Lands Committee and the Community Trail Advisory Committee joined together to clear brush and fallen trees and to collect some trash and litter. The main focus was the scenic trail that runs for about one-third of a mile along the banks of the Cochecho River. This river loop trail is off the main Community Trail that runs from Whittier Street to Beckwith Park.

The City purchased this 24-acre property in 2003 from the Cassily family to permanently conserve this beautiful parcel that is a combination of open meadows and heathy forest. Not only does the Community Trail run through the parcel, but it is a great place to hike in the woods, to do some fishing in the river and to have a family picnic. This area is within easy walking distance of many residents in the Sixth Street and Whittier Street neighborhoods. If you are driving to reach this area, there is ample parking off of Hillside Drive and a three-vehicle parking area off of Whittier Street.

Get out and enjoy the open lands and trails that are open for the enjoyment of the public.

For more information about the Community Trail visit https://go.usa.gov/xHF48.

## Downtown water main work continues 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.

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.

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

To receive email updates about the project, visit <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u> and select "Project updates: Washington and Main Water Improvements."

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

City Council, May 19, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

## Zoning Board, May 20, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/go</u> <u>vernment/open-</u> <u>government/public-</u> <u>meetings/</u>.

## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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



## On the Agenda: Zoning Board

In a video released this week, Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker delves into the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Zoning Board on Tuesday, May 20.

The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at this link: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?</u> <u>hash=P7SEwrP18kAI</u>.

# 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, <u>click here</u>.

begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018.



# Dover400 lecture series continues in June with a look at Dover's railroads

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual lecture series on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. with an online presentation about the history of railroads in Dover.

This educational and entertaining webinar will include a general analysis of the railroad's history in the Dover area, including a look at the lines and facilities which helped accelerate Dover's importance as a manufacturing and residential center on the seacoast. A look at the people, machines, and processes will help outline the historical role the railroads played in this area and the ongoing vitality of the railroad to this region. Rare photos from private collections, as well as the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society's archives will help illustrate this exceptional history.

The lecturer for this event is Rick Kfoury, an author, railroad historian, and director for the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society. A recent graduate of the Keene State College history program, he has authored three books on New Hampshire's railroad history, with a fourth in pre-publication.

Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the June 8, 2021 lecture, please RSVP on <u>www.Dover400.org</u> or register directly <u>by</u> <u>clicking here</u>.

This month's lecture on the history of Dover's cotton mills was held on Tuesday, May 11. The lecture can be viewed here: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=68b7zSPfObPQ</u>.

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

Upcoming lectures in the monthly series include:

- 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.

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 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; Sam Crane; and Stephanie Bolduc.



publication of the City's Office of Planning and Community Development that offers regular updates on current projects and initiatives throughout the city, as well as updates about the work of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and other land-use boards and commissions. To sign up to receive the newsletter in your inbox, add Dover Planning Review to your current email subscription list here: http://bit.ly/dovernewsletters.





## Placement of flowers and flags at Pine Hill Cemetery

Flowers may be placed on lots at Pine Hill Cemetery seven days before May 30 and must be removed no later than seven days after May 30, 2021. No flowers may be planted in the ground. No glass or breakable containers will be permitted on the lot. Only lots that have monuments with extended bases or cement pads on the side of the monument will be allowed to display flowers after June 6. American flags and service flags are also allowed.

Items that do not conform with the above rules and regulations (such as solar lights, remembrance lights, wooden signs, shepherds hooks and personal items) should be removed by May 19. Personal items not removed by May 19 may be damaged during mowing and trimming operations.

For more information, contact the Cemetery office at 603-516-6480.





# **Everything you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccines**

In a video released recently, local and regional health officials and community leaders discuss the vaccinations available for the COVID-19 coronavirus.

In addition to explaining how the vaccines work, the vaccination effort so far, and how vaccines help everyone, many common myths are also addressed.

The video can be viewed here: bit.ly/dovervaccine.

The video includes an index of topics for easy access.

# Vaccine clinic for the deaf and hard of hearing

### Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine now available for those 12 to 15 years old

On Wednesday May 12, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to recommend use of the Pfizer/BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine in people 12-15 years of age. This follows the Food and **Drug Administration's** decision to authorize emergency use of this vaccine in people 12 years of age and older on Monday, May 10. Providers may begin vaccinating them right away.

Though most children with COVID-19 have mild or no symptoms, some children can get severely ill and require hospitalization. There have also been rare, tragic cases of children dying from COVID-19 and its effects, There will be a special vaccination clinic for people who are deaf or hard of hearing on Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Elliot Health Systems located at 275 Mammoth Road in Manchester. ASL interpreters will be provided.

Register by VideoPhone at (603) 546-7882; Voice at (603) 271-9097; or email at <u>equityvaccine@dhhs.nh.gov</u>.

### **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 <u>bit.ly/doverdownload</u> and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.

For more information, visit the City's COVID-19 <u>online</u> resource here.

including multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, or MIS-C.

There are many school districts throughout the state hosting clinics before the end of May so that students are fully vaccinated before summer break. In the City of Dover, Dover Fire and Rescue will hold a clinic on Tuesday May 18 at Dover High School. If your child is unable to attend the school clinic, parents are encouraged to register their child through NH's online registration system at vaccines.nh.org.



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, <u>located here</u>.

**May 22, 1669** — For the accommodation of the ministry on Dover Neck the town voted to set apart 40 pounds of mill rents and a penny rate in provisions upon the estates of all the inhabitants, excepting Oyster River, the vote to stand for one year, the penny rate to be paid in October or November, or "a free contribution what every man will free give." At the same time it was voted to build a Minister's house upon Dover Neck, 44 feet in length, 20 feet wide, 14 feet between joist and joist, with a stack of brick chimnies and a cellar 16 feet square; the house to be built "at the charge of the whole town in general."

**May 20, 1723** — Ordered that two schoolmasters be procured for the ensuing year and that their salary exceed not 30 pounds apiece, to attend the directions of the selectmen for the service of the town in equal proportions. At the same time Mr. Sullivan accepts to serve the town as schoolmaster three months certain, beginning his services the 21st day of May; promising the selectmen if he left sooner he would give them a month's notice to provide themselves with another, and the selectmen were also to give him a month's notice if they disliked him.

**May 15, 1732** — The Assembly voted that Oyster River in Dover be a Parish by the name of Durham, and the act was approved by Gov. Belcher on this day.

**May 17, 1805** — The Dover Turnpike road from Dover to South Berwick was opened this year. In the Sun, of this date, John Wheeler, Treasurer, gives notice to stockholders that the Directors have ordered the fourth assessment to be paid, and Stephen Sawyer advertises for "30 or 40 stout able bodied young men" to work on the road.

**May 19, 1851** — The barn of Mr. John Guppy is destroyed by an incendiary fire, and with it two horses, four oxen, three cows, and a large quantity of hay.

## Dover400 historical lecture 'The Cotton Mills of Dover' available to view online

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, continued its virtual lecture series this week with an online presentation about the history of the Cocheco Mills in downtown Dover.

The presentation is now online and can be viewed here: <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?</u> <u>hash=68b7zSPfObPQ</u>.

The presentation lecturer was Cathy Beaudoin. Cathy was Library Director at the Dover Public Library from 1999—2020 and has been a Dover history researcher since 1975. She is the coauthor, with Robert Whitehouse, of "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" and has developed and written many historical reenactment events and neighborhood walking tour brochures. Now retired, she is a member of the Dover 400th Committee, the Cemetery Board, and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Woodman Museum.

Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public.



# Nutrition myth busting and healthy food alternatives virtual class at Dover Public Library

Keto, paleo, intermittent fasting... Have you tried all the popular fad diets with little success? Is your head spinning trying to figure out which is right for you?

Let's bust some nutrition myths. Learn about popular fad diets, whether or not they're truly good for your body, and alternative healthy eating habits in Nutrition Myth Busting & Healthy Food Alternatives: a free online nutrition class hosted by the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The class will be led by Brittany Wujek and Lily Vincoor, recent nutrition dietetics graduates from the University of New Hampshire. They will provide evidence-based evaluations on popular diet trends and provide tips on how to incorporate healthy eating into your daily lifestyle. Attendees are invited to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

This program 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/events or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

## The Week at the Library

### May VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Healthyish* by Lindsay Maitland Hunt. Throughout the month of May, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### Sunday, May 16, 2 to 4 p.m. VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen A Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. Registration required

#### Monday, May 17, 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 *The Den* by Abi Maxwell. 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.

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#### Tuesday, May 18, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime on the Lawn

Families are invited to join us for storytime on the front lawn. 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.

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Let's bust some nutrition myths! Learn about popular fad diets, whether or not they're truly good for your body, and alternative healthy eating habits. The talk will be given by Brittany Wujek and Lily Vinocoor, recent nutrition dietetics graduates from the University of New Hampshire. Registration required.

#### Wednesday, May 19, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. In-Person 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, May 19, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Big Kid Storytime on the Front Lawn Kids in grades K-3 are invited to join us for a special new storytime! We will be exploring longer picture books with richer content. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Lecture Hall.

Wednesday, May 19, 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 *What Big Teeth* by Rose Szabo. Copies of the book are available at the main circulation desk. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks! You may also participate virtually by registering online.

Thursday, May 20, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime on the Lawn Families are invited to join us for storytime on the front lawn. 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, May 21, 10 to 10:30 a.m. VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose Join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes, stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always

#### Tuesday, May 18, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: 18+ 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 skill levels are welcome to play. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library. 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.

### Friday, May 21, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Read WITH a Librarian

Children can practice their reading skills with or be read to by a librarian. New readers will gain confidence and all children will experience the joy of sharing books. Drop-in to the Children's Room anytime between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.



## Community garden sign-ups now open

Those interested in becoming members of two new community gardens in Dover can now sign up to reserve a plot online at <u>dovergarden.com</u>.

The two community gardens are being organized by a

grassroots, all-volunteer group. The community gardens are located at Garrison Hill Park and on county farmland adjacent to Strafford County's William A. Grimes Justice and Administration Building.

New members are required to complete the paperwork online and to pay an annual fee that helps cover some of the costs of the operation of the gardens. Those without a credit or debit card to complete the online payment are asked to contact <u>admin@dovergarden.com</u>. Those unable to afford the yearly fee can request financial assistance.

The Conservation Commission and the City Council approved the use of the space at Garrison Hill Park in April. The Conservation Commission approved expending a maximum of \$14,000 from the Conservation Fund to seed the project startup.

Part of the money would include funding any needed utility work, building a fence around the garden, erecting a shed and purchasing tools and garden supplies.

For more information about the community garden and how to get involved, visit <u>dovergarden.com</u>.



Dover Community Garden



# 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 <u>Waste Management's curbside pickup here</u>.

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 <u>Recycling 101 webpage</u>.

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' <u>Bag and Tag webpage</u> 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 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
- Superintendent of Public Works
- Clerk Typist I
- Heavy equipment mechanic / automotive technician
- Summer day camp counselor
- Lifeguard
- Seasonal maintenance worker
- Truck drivers

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

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