

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



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City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

> Tuesday, Thursday,



City Council to hold public hearings on DES grant and budget transfers

The City Council has its second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m.

On the agenda are three public hearings. One is on the acceptance of a \$50,000 New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services grant, funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act. If accepted, the City of Dover would utilize the funding to create a strategic plan for needed upgrades and maintenance of the Hughes and Bouchard Wells and the French Cross Road Water Treatment Plant.

The second public hearing is on the dissolution of past capital project funds and transferring any remaining money into the general fund. There is a total of \$2,186,051 from the capital project funds of FY2004, FY2005, FY2008, FY2011, and

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. FY2013. Capital project funds are created to account for the appropriations adopted annually as part of the Capital Improvements Program. The capital project funds in the resolution, which requires a two-thirds council vote to pass, are ready to be closed out as the projects have been completed.

The third public hearing is on a resolution to transfer FY2022 unassigned fund balances of the general fund to specific special revenue and capital project funds to address deficits. The resolution, which requires a two-third council vote to pass, would transfer \$2,629,430 from the general fund to address these account shortfalls. The Council's vote on this resolution will occur at its June 8 meeting.

Also on the agenda is a resolution to authorize payment to the Horsley Witten Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$349,409 for adjustments and new tasks that include support in monitoring the wetland mitigation elements of the project and oversight for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and lead remediation related to the waterfront development project. The Horsley Witten Group is a city consultant for the waterfront project.

Agenda items also include authorizing the purchase of rock salt for next winter and an updated station agreement between the city, Amtrak and the New England Passenger Rail Authority. <u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda and materials.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on Channel 22 and at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

School Board meets Monday for joint session with Nottingham and Barrington, followed by special meeting

The Dover School Board will meet with the Barrington and Nottingham school boards on Monday, May 23, at 6 p.m. Immediately following the joint meeting, the Dover School Board will hold a special meeting.

The joint meeting will review general topics the three boards discuss throughout the year. The special meeting will provide the School Board with an update on the conditions of its accounts and to vote on a resolution to transfer funds to the school technology and student support services capital reserve funds. <u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda.

The special session will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <u>https://dovenh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

Hot, humid weather expected this weekend

Officials are urging people to stay safe as hot and humid weather moves in this weekend, bringing temperatures and a heat index expected to exceed 90 degrees.

In addition, there is a potential for severe thunderstorms Saturday afternoon and evening, and again on Sunday.

The combination of hot temperatures and high humidity can cause heat illnesses.

As the hot and humid weather continues, Fire Chief Michael McShane urges residents to check on elderly neighbors, stay indoors if possible during the hottest part of the day, wear lightcolored clothing while outside, and stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids throughout the day. The combination of heat and high humidity can put people at risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

People who work or exercise outside or in hot environments, and children attending summer camps or outdoor sports practices should take extra precautions.

To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency: call 911.

Care of pets is also important throughout this weather. Make sure pets have plenty of water to drink and are not left unattended in vehicles, where the temperature can reach 120 degrees quickly.

Residents looking to cool off from the hot and humid weather can visit public facilities open this weekend during regular hours. For more information about cooling centers, visit <u>https://go.usa.gov/xuhWA</u>. The Henry Law Park Adventure Playground splash pad will also be open this weekend, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. each day.

For an up-to-date forecast, visit the National Weather Service's information for Dover at <u>http://go.usa.gov/xPGSn</u>.

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 603-516-6148.



NH Supreme Court declines review of city's redistricting petition

Legal challenges through superior court under consideration

This week, the New Hampshire Supreme Court denied the City of Dover's petition for the court to take original jurisdiction of the city's request for the Supreme Court to directly review the constitutionality of redistricting legislation signed into law earlier this year.

The legislation, House Bill 50, groups Dover's Ward 4 residents into two districts combined with other towns, despite requirements in the New Hampshire Constitution that require a dedicated district for wards with sufficient population. In its legal filing, the city asked the Supreme Court to address the matter directly, so as to obtain a ruling on the merits in advance of the 2022 elections related to the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

While the Supreme Court denied the petition, it stated the city can pursue a legal challenge through the superior court system. The city is determining next steps and its future course of action.

Find filings for the case on the City Attorney's Current Litigation webpage at <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/executive/city-attorney/current-litigation/</u>.

Dover Arts Commission offering up to \$3,000 through City Arts Grants

The Dover Arts Commission is accepting applications for the 2022-23 City Arts Grants, with winning proposals able to receive awards up to \$3,000

City Arts Grants are available to individual artists and arts organizations to create visual art, music, dance, theatre, film, and literary projects that benefit the residents of Dover and



Dover Arts Commission

enrich the city's cultural life. Eligible projects include concerts, performances, festivals, workshops, exhibits, readings, after-school programs, and other creative endeavors that engage the arts and artists to benefit the community.

The application deadline is Friday, July 1, 2022, at 5 p.m. The application is available for download on the City Arts Grants webpage at <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/arts-commission/city-arts-grants/</u>.

For more information about City Arts Grants or the Dover Arts Commission, email the Commission at <u>ArtsCommission-All@ dover.nh.gov</u>.

Inaugural Great Bay Community Conversation to be held on June 8 at Diverge

Interested to learn more about how Dover is connected to the health and vitality of the Great Bay Estuary? Come join the inaugural Great Bay Community Conversation. This first event will be held at the Diverge restaurant on Wednesday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m. The event is free, and appetizers will be available.

The evening will begin with an overview of our local waterways, an update on the health of our estuary, and an overview of some of the scientific research underway. You'll learn about some of Dover's regulatory requirements and commitments and what the City of Dover is doing to improve water quality. The speakers include City of Dover's Environmental Projects Manager Gretchen Young, Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper Melissa Paly, and Abigail Lyon and Kalle Matso of the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP).

Following the presentation, you will have a chance to ask questions and share why you care about our Piscataqua, Salmon Falls, Bellamy and Cochecho rivers and the Great Bay Estuary. Participants will leave with ideas about how you can help protect Dover and the region's waterways.

Diverge is located at 421 Central Ave., in downtown Dover.



The hanging of the flags on May 13 was made possible by the help of volunteers. Pictured in the left photo, back row, from left are Dover resident Seth Rafferty and Bill Stowell of Central Park Garage; middle row, from left, Phil Rinaldi of the Rotary Club of Dover, Noah Morency of Clean-O-Rama, Hope Anderson of Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, Janet Glazier of Garrison Players Arts Center, Doug Glennon of Jewelry Creations; and bottom row, Stephanie Loignon of WIN Home Inspection and Kelly Glennon of Jewelry Creations. In the second photo, Bill Stowell of Central Park Garage hangs an American flag in front of Pine Hill Cemetery with the help of Phil Rinaldi.

Chamber City Lights Committee decorates downtown with American flags

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee put up 65 American flags throughout downtown Dover on Friday, May 13. The City Lights Committee is a volunteer group of Dover Chamber members and residents dedicated to hanging American flags during the summer months as well as illuminating the downtown with holiday lights in the winter months.

The hanging of the flags was made possible by volunteers Phil Rinaldi of the Rotary Club of Dover, Janet Glazier of Garrison Players Arts Center, Bill Stowell of Central Park Garage, Stephanie Loignon of WIN Home Inspection, Doug and Kelly Glennon of Jewelry Creations, Noah Morency of Clean-O-Rama, and Dover resident Seth Rafferty.

The funding for the flags comes from the Chamber's annual Festival of Trees holiday event.

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 www.dovernh.org.

SEED donates \$9,000 to Dover public schools

Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover's public schools, recently awarded approximately \$9,000 for enhanced learning curriculum. These funds would not otherwise be available through traditional school budgets.

At Dover High School, SEED granted language arts teacher Leslie Hocking's request for

continued support to grow her literacy program initiated in 2021 thanks to SEED funding of the Reading for Fun pilot program. The program will provide each incoming freshman with a book of their choice to grow their own libraries and encourage reading as an important and valuable part of high school.

Meanwhile, Susan Pike, a Dover High School science teacher, requested \$7,000 to equip Integrated Earth Science students with the technology and tools required to participate in matter cycling research and data collection. This curriculum takes advantage of the proximity of the Bellamy River to teach with hands-on activities how matter cycling (water, carbon, and nitrogen) and human intervention shape the environment.

At Woodman Park School, Brielle Tryggestad received \$600 to create a neurodiverse library for the classrooms to help foster deeper understanding and connections between neurotypical students and neurodiverse students. Neurodiverse learners include those with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Dyslexia, and other learning disabilities. This project will open conversation for observations of differences and similarities among peers, provide explanations and examples of students with different disabilities, and meet the individual needs for all students to be successful in school.

Finally, Horne Street School Librarian, Audra Lewis, was awarded \$1,400 to purchase digital reading devices and peripherals to meet the needs of all learners while increasing access to existing audio and e-book subscriptions. This project will support students of different reading abilities regardless of age, aptitude, or learning challenges.

SEED is celebrating 10 years of underwriting inspired-Dover educators with the instruments needed to create a 21st-century learning environment. Since its inception, SEED has provided just less than \$300,000 in tools, training, and equipment to Dover public school students while simultaneously building an endowment fund to perpetuate giving for years to come.

Completely funded by philanthropic giving from businesses and individuals, SEED just completed its annual gala where it raised \$22,000 to fund future grants to provide students with the skills they will need for post-high school success.

To learn more, volunteer, or donate, please visit <u>www.DoverSEED.org</u>.

Tri-Chambers of Commerce to host State of the State June 7

The Greater Dover, Greater Rochester and The Falls Chambers of Commerce will host the State of the State forum on Tuesday, June 7. The event, sponsored by Eversource, will take place at the Governor's Inn at 78 Wakefield Street in Rochester from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and will include a hot breakfast buffet.

Governor Chris Sununu will deliver his State of the State address to the Tri-City business communities. This will also be an opportunity to meet your legislators, as elected officials representing Dover, Rochester and Somersworth have been invited to attend. Registration for the event is \$25 and open to the public. Tri-City residents and chamber members are encouraged to attend. To register, visit www.rochesternh.org/stateofstate.

The Tri-Chambers of Commerce is a collaborative partnership of the Greater Dover, Greater Rochester and The Falls Chambers of Commerce with the goal of bringing networking and informational opportunities to members in the Tri-City region.



Memorial Day ceremony to be held at Pine Hill Cemetery on May 30

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30, 2022, beginning at 11 a.m. at Pine Hill Cemetery and hosted by Dover's Woodman Museum.

The event will begin with a ceremony to honor Dover's fallen soldiers. It will include opening remarks by Woodman Museum Executive Director Jonathan Nichols, a Memorial Day address by Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, a wreath laying, the playing of Taps, a massing of colors by Dover High School's Naval Junior ROTC, and a Civil War cannon salute. The ceremony's keynote speaker is Ret. Lt. Cmdr. Heidi Roberts-Morrison.

The ceremony will be held at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) monument and lawn (pictured above), located behind the Ricker Memorial Chapel at Pine Hill Cemetery.

Following the ceremony, trained artillery experts from the 1st NH Light Artillery will conduct a Civil War cannon firing demonstration at the lower Pine Hill Cemetery fields (south of South Watson Road).

The Woodman Museum, a local history museum currently in its 106th season, is proud to organize this year's event. The Woodman, founded in 1916, is a traditional early 20th-century style natural science, history, and art museum with exhibits for all ages. To learn more about the museum, visit www.woodmanmuseum.org.

Downtown weed control begins Monday

The City of Dover's annual curbside weed control operations will begin on Monday, May 23.

The City of Dover's weed control contractor, Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc., will utilize the organic herbicide Finalsan for weed control. They will begin on sidewalks in the downtown area and continue along some city roads. Typical areas that receive this treatment include sidewalks, roadside shoulders, guardrails and the area near signage.

When left unchecked, weeds and other plants can cause significant damage to the city's streets and sidewalks. Responsible weed control protects and extends the life of these substantial investments and helps maintain the aesthetic appeal of Dover.

For more information, contact the Facilities and Grounds Division of Community Services at 603-516-6480.

Upcoming Meetings:

School Board, May 23, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a joint session with the Barrington and Nottingham school boards, followed by a special session, on Monday, May 23, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. The special session will be held in School Board Chambers, Room 306.

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

Trustees of the Trust Fund, May 23, 9 a.m.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m., at City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room.

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

Graffiti Management Committee, May 23, 6 p.m.

The Graffiti Management Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Transportation Advisory Commission, May 23, 6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., at Police Department Community Room, 46 Chestnut Street, Dover.



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



Upcoming election deadlines:

Supervisors of the Checklist in session May 31

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, record changes of address, name and party affiliation, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist.

This session is the last day to change party affiliation before the September Primary Election.

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

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

McConnell Center Advisory Board, May 23, 7 p.m.

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 23, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

Housing Authority, May 24, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Municipal Records Committee, May 24, 1 p.m.

The Municipal Records Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, beginning at 1 p.m., at City Hall, Council Conference Room.

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

Planning Board, May 24, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chamber at City Hall.

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

City Council, May 25, 7 p.m.

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Deadline to change political party affiliation before the September state primary is May 31

The last day a registered voter can change their party affiliation before Sept. 13, 2022, state primary is May 31, 2022. Per state law, voters may not change their party affiliation 90 days before a primary.

Voters domiciled in Dover may change their party affiliation at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave., or at the Supervisors of the Checklist meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 7 p.m. in the City Clerk's office.

Candidate filing period for county, state or federal office is June 1-10

The filing period for candidates seeking elected county, state or federal office in New Hampshire this year is from June 1 to 10, 2022. Find information about running for office on the Secretary of State's <u>Running for Office</u> webpage.

Use care when putting recycling out on windy days

City regulations require residents to remove any remaining items after pickup

Windy days can quickly take recycling items on the street for weekly pickup and blow them around. Per city ordinance, residents are responsible for removing any remaining debris within 24 hours of trash and recycling collection. Community Services urges city residents to use extra caution when putting out recycling items on windy days to help keep Dover beautiful.

Here are a few tips to consider when putting items out on the street.

- **Don't put items out too early.** During windy weather, consider waiting to put out bins on the morning of pickup instead of the night before.
- **Don't overfill.** When items are overflowing from the bin, it's easier for the wind to catch them and blow things onto the street.
- Place heavier items on top. Putting lighter things at the bottom and placing heavier items on top will help keep items more secure in the bins when it becomes windy.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers 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>. 516-6450.

DOVER 400



Celebrate Dover's history with Dover400's popular lecture series

More Dover400 banners are going up around town while additional programming is being planned, but if you're looking for your history fix now, let us direct you to the Dover400 Lecture Series. The series consists of monthly presentations made during 2021, covering topics ranging from the Indigenous People of the Piscataqua Watershed to modern iterations of Downtown Dover in the 1900s. The lecture series was very popular and widely watched—even as far away as New Zealand!

Whether you caught the initial run or may have missed a few episodes, you can catch up on them all online.

All presentations are free to watch and can be found at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?</u> folder=Dover400



The following events are from a variety of historical records, sources and texts about the history of Dover.

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 on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, <u>located here</u>.

May 27, 1768 — Final and complete separation between Madbury and Dover was made by an act of the Assembly, which gave the parish of Madbury all the town powers and privileges which were not given it previously.

May 26, 1783 — Dover voted to procure a piece of ground for the purpose of erecting a county court house and to raise \$200 towards its construction.

May 21, 1814 — In consequence of frequent alarms from Portsmouth that British ships of war, hovering on the coast, designed to attack that place, the militia of Dover with others, was ordered by Gov. Oilman to assist in repelling the enemy. The Dover company was commanded by Capt. Andrew Peirce, and consisted of 66 men, rank and file, who continued on duty from May 24 to July 3. The only fighting recorded is reported by the Dover Sun of June 4: "Skirmish at Rye. — Reports are circulating of a skirmish at Rye, between an English barge and a party of the militia. We know not what foundation there is for the report, but thus it stands: A coasting vessel was chased into Rye on Monday last by a barge from one of the British frigates, manned with from 40 to 50 men. A small party of militia (15) lay concealed behind a stone wall with their muskets well charged with ball and buckshot: — they awaited the appearance of the British to within good ducking distance, when they poured a most deadly fire into the barge, which compelled her instantly to pull for the frigate, the militia firing upon them with sportsmanlike aim until out of reach. A Mr. Haley was afterwards on board the frigate, who states that he was informed by one of the officers that the barge lost 16 men. If true, this engagement must inspire our foe with a due respect for stone walls and Yankee marksmen."

May 19, 1915 — In her will, read on this day, Sarah C. Woodman, left \$10,000 to First Parish Congregational Church for the care of the poor in the parish. She also left \$5,000 to the Dover Public Library for the purchase of books.

May 23, 1999 — During a retirement party for outgoing Superintendent of Schools Gerald Daley, then City Councilor Bob Berry read a resolution that named the access road to the new Middle School as Daley Drive. The new middle school was also given an address of #16, representing the superintendent's years of service to Dover. Daley retired from the school district in August of that year.



Country Estates of New Hampshire is topic of NH Humanities program at the Library

The Dover Public Library will host a New Hampshire Humanities program at the library on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m., entitled "Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire," presented by Cristina Ashjian.

In the early 20th century, the New Hampshire Board of Agriculture launched a program to boost the rural economy and promote tourism through the sale of abandoned farms to summer residents. After introducing the country house movement, Cristina Ashjian focuses attention on some of the great country estates featured in the New Hampshire program between 1902 and 1913. Which private estates were



recognized as exemplary, and who were their owners? Using historic images and texts, Ashjian discusses well-known estates now open to the public such as The Fells on Lake Sunapee, The Rocks in Bethlehem, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, and she includes local examples when possible.

Cristina Ashjian is an art historian and an independent scholar based in Moultonborough, where she is presently the chair of the Moultonborough Heritage Commission. Her current research focuses on late 19th- and early 20th-century country estates. Ashjian holds an master's degree in the history of art from the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London and a PhD in modern art and architecture from Northwestern University.

The program is free and there is no registration for attending in person. The Library will also offer the program <u>as a livestream</u> for those who would prefer to watch from home. Registration through the library's event calendar is required to receive the link for the online program.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

The Week at the Library

May VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Lost Kitchen* by Erin French. Throughout the month of May, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the 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. main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.fortin@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, May 22, 2 to 4 p.m. Teen LARP: Summer's Scourge Join the library's first Live-Action Role Playing game! Dark forces are gathering in the halls, ghastly creatures trying to hold back the coming summer, and heroes are needed to outwit them before it's too late! Players age 13 to 18 can join the library for two hours of fantasy and adventure as they scour the library for puzzles to solve, magical creatures to ally with, and spells to protect them from the wandering ghouls.

Monday, May 23, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Beyond Books: Program STEM

"Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Each session will focus on a different subject. Register for this Monday series to learn about STEM. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

Monday, May 23, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Big Kids Storytime

Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join us for a storytime with more in-depth, challenging picture books. Registration required.

Monday, May 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. An Evening of Poetry

All poets who participated in the library's 20th Annual Poetry Contest are invited to read their poetry at this event. The general public is encouraged to come and enjoy the readings. This event will take place on the library lawn.

Tuesday, May 24, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group

Wednesday, May 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities. Registration required.

Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Adult Book Club

Join this adult book group to discuss *I Will Die in a Foreign Land* by Kalani Pickhart. Copies of the book will be available to borrow on Hoopla Digital. All are welcome!

Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Exemplary Country Estates of NH Cristina Ashjian introduces the country house movement and focuses attention on some of the great country estates in New Hampshire between 1902 and 1913. Which private estates were recognized as exemplary, and who were their owners? Using historic images and texts, Ashjian discusses well-known estates now open to the public.

Thursday, May 26, 10 to 10:45 am Beyond Books: Program Arts and Crafts "Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Each session will focus on a different subject. Register for this Thursday series to explore arts and crafts. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

Friday, May 27, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby! This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years (older siblings always welcome). We will dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

Sat., May 28 through Mon., May 30 Library Closed Memorial Day Observance



Donate blood and help Dover rise to the challenge

Last month, the municipal leaders of Dover, Durham and Newmarket challenged each other in

a friendly competition to see which of the three communities can donate the most blood to help shore up blood reserves for the American Red Cross. The community is off to a great start, but more donors are needed to put Dover ahead.

Dover's blood drive will be held Wednesday, May 25, from 12 to 5 p.m. in the McConnell Center. Schedule a time to donate at <u>https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?</u> <u>zipSponsor=DOVERWINS</u>.

As a thank you, American Red Cross will raffle three prizes at each community blood drive with the first prize of \$250, second prize of \$100 and third prize of \$50. Everyone who donates will be automatically entered into a raffle.

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis, its worst blood shortage in a over a decade, which is posing a risk to patient care. Now more than ever, these blood drives in Dover, Durham and Newmarket are needed to help save lives.

American Red Cross will determine the challenge winner by calibrating which municipality gets the best "capacity utilization" on the day of blood donations. Capacity utilization means that if a city/town's target collection amount set by American Red Cross in advance was X units, and it collected X units, it achieved 100% capacity utilization. If it collects less than X units, then that percentage is what will be used in comparisons. The American Red Cross is the judge and the jury to determine which community is the winner. The winning community leader will be taken out to lunch and have his lunch paid for by the other two community leaders.

Preregistration is required. Schedule a time to donate at <u>https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=DOVERWINS</u>. For eligibility requirements, <u>click here</u>. First-time donor? <u>Click here</u> to find out what to expect.

Dover Rotary to host annual charity golf tournament June 27

The Dover Rotary Club will host its annual Dover Rotary Charities Golf Tournament on Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Cochecho Country Club in Dover. Participants will enjoy a funfilled day of fellowship, friendship and golf while raising funds for student scholarships.

For the past 98 years, the Rotary Club of Dover has partnered with local businesses, community agencies, the City of Dover and volunteers to make a difference in the community. This year's tournament will help fund the Rotary's scholarship program and a new vocational training and tools grant.

Registration and sign-in begin at 8 a.m. inside the clubhouse, followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Online registration and advance payment is recommended. A buffet lunch will be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by the raffle and prizes.

To make a donation, learn about sponsorship opportunities or register as a participant, visit: <u>https://dover-rotary-charities-annual-golf-tournament.perfectgolfevent.com/registration</u>.

COVID-19 vaccines and testing

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. For more information, visit <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines".

Tests for active COVID-19 disease are available in locations across New Hampshire and include both the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and the rapid antigen test. The PCR test is for persons with or without symptoms of COVID-19. The rapid antigen test is for persons with symptoms and within a specific timeframe after onset of symptoms.

For more information about COVID-19 testing, including where to get tested, visit the State of New Hampshire's online resource at <u>https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance</u>.



Why children and teens should get vaccinated against COVID-19

Just like adults, children and teens can get very sick from COVID-19. Children may also experience both short- and long-term health problems, and spread COVID-19 to others, including at home and school.

There is no way to tell in advance how children or teens will be affected by COVID-19. However, those with underlying medical conditions or who have a weakened immune system are more likely to get severely ill from COVID-19.

Those without underlying medical conditions can also experience severe illness. In fact, almost half of children younger than 18 years old hospitalized with COVID-19 have no underlying conditions.

Children and teens who have already had COVID-19 should still get vaccinated. Emerging evidence indicates that people can get added protection by getting vaccinated after having been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19. So even if a child has had COVID-19, they should still get vaccinated. Read the science about immunity from COVID-19 infection and vaccination.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's <u>online resource</u> <u>here</u>.

Self-testing at home or anywhere

Self-tests for COVID-19 give rapid results and can be taken anywhere, regardless of your vaccination status or whether or not you have <u>symptoms</u>.

When to take a self-test:

- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms test immediately.
- If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 test at least 5 days after your exposure. If you test negative for COVID-19, consider testing again 1 to 2 days after your first test.
- If you are going to an indoor event or a gathering test immediately before the gathering, or as close to the time of the event as possible. This is especially important before gathering with individuals at risk of severe disease, older adults, those who are immunocompromised, or people who are not <u>up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines</u>, including children who cannot get vaccinated yet.

Learn what to do if you test positive or test negative.

Order free tests at <u>COVIDtests.gov</u>.

Free tests are also available through local health departments.

Buy tests online or in pharmacies and retail stores. Private health insurance may reimburse the cost of purchasing self-tests. Visit the <u>FDA's website</u> for a list of authorized tests.

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 for the following positions:

- Firefighter/EMT
- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Camera Operator
- Truck Driver: Utilities
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Laborer Public Works Streets and Stormwater
- Administrative Manager
- Police Secretary I
- Librarian I

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

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