

### News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 21, 2021



#### CITY OF DOVER, NH

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## City Hall hours:

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

# Public hearing on city portion of proposed budget is May 26

City Council budget deliberations continue this week with a public hearing on the city portion of the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget. The hearing is part of the City Council's regular meeting on Wednesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

The FY 2022 budget, encompassing all city departments and the Dover School District, provides proposed appropriations of \$166,173,251 across all funds. This includes proposed appropriations of \$133,834,473 from the general fund, \$13,807,584 from special revenue funds, such as grants, and \$18,531,194 spending from proprietary funds, such as the sewer and water accounts funded by user fees.

The city portion of the general fund, which is the subject of the public hearing, is \$50,913,298, an increase of \$1,809,621 over the previous year, or 3.7 percent. The proposed city portion of the local property tax levy is \$58,826 below the tax cap. The estimated local school portion of the property tax levy is \$5,243,303 above the tax cap. With these amounts combined, the proposed budget as presented exceeds the City of Dover Charter's tax cap requirements by \$5,184,477. For the City Council to adopt the budget as presented, it would require a two-

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

## Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. thirds affirmative vote instead of a majority vote.

A <u>public hearing</u> on the school portion of the proposed budget was on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 12, 2021</u>. The proposed school budget includes the 'default budget' the School Board passed at its March 8 meeting for School District operations. The default school budget is \$73,075,963, a \$6,264,907 increase over the current 2021 fiscal year budget and \$5,168,041 above the tax cap. The City Council passed a resolution April 14 stating the default budget was not "viable" and urged the School Department and School Board to reduce the budget to within the tax cap.

The May 26 public hearing follows several weeks of budget meetings and workshops, all of which can be viewed at the city's FY2022 Budget Revealed resource here.

The remaining budget schedule is as follows:

- May 26 at 7 p.m. Regular meeting Public hearing on City budget
- June 2 at 6 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>.



# Public hearings, land acknowledgement statement on City' Council agenda for May 26

The City Council is scheduled to hold three public hearings at its meeting this Wednesday, May 26, with expected votes on two of the public hearing topics later in the meeting.

The public hearings are on the city portion of the fiscal year 2022 budget (see above), proposed amendments to the City of Dover Charter and, and the acceptance of substantial amendments to the fiscal year 2016-2020 Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) Consolidated Plan and the fiscal year 2020 Action Plan.

The proposed amendments to the City of Dover Charter were brought forth by the City Council's Ordinance Committee, which sought public input at its April 20 meeting. The proposed amendment changes include housekeeping items found during the recodification process that was completed in early 2020. Other items seek to clarify parts of the Charter, such as when a vacancy on the City Council or other board or commission occurs. Following the public hearing, the City Council is expected to vote to approve the wording of the proposed amendments, which would be then sent to the Secretary of State, Attorney General and Commissioner of the Department of Revenue for approval. Once approved, the proposed

charter amendments would appear on the Nov. 2, 2021, municipal election ballot for voters to have the final say.

The third and final public hearing is on the proposed City Council acceptance of substantial amendments to the Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) fiscal year 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and the fiscal year 2020 Action Plan to distribute federal CARES Act funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic. City Council had previously approved the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan last spring.

The City of Dover anticipates receiving \$172,030 from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to distribute to non-profit organizations for coronavirus relief. As stipulated by law, all funds must be used to either plan, prepare and respond to the coronavirus. The City of Dover also plans to reallocate \$59,300 of CDBG CARES Act funding received last spring.

The Planning Board accepted the proposed substantial amendments to the fiscal year 2020 Action Plan and fiscal year 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan at its May 11 meeting. Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter provided an overview of the proposed changes at that meeting, which can be viewed here: <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?">https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?</a> <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?">https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?</a>

A list of the proposed amendments and where funds would be distributed if the Council approves the resolution as proposed is included in the City Council's agenda materials, which can be found here.

This CDBG funding is in addition to the fiscal year 2021 CBDG Action Plan funding approved by the Planning Board and the City Council earlier this year.

Also on the agenda for the City Council to consider is a land acknowledgment statement that, if passed as proposed, would be posted in City of Dover buildings and would be read at notable City of Dover civic events and at City Council meetings at the discretion of the mayor. The City Council's Ad Hoc Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion proposed the land acknowledgment statement.

The proposed land acknowledgment statement reads:

"This (event/meeting) takes place at Cocheco (CO-chi-co) on N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia."

The City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall and is open to the public. See the full agenda and agenda materials <a href="here">here</a>.



Volunteers work to clean up a section of the Cochecho Riverwalk during Dover Main Street's annual Pride Clean Up Day on May 15.

## Volunteers spruce up city during Dover Main Street's annual Pride Clean Up Day

Dover Main Street is extending its thanks to the more than 100 volunteers and City of Dover staff who helped transform the city's downtown over five hours on Saturday, May 15. The volunteer effort was part of Dover Main Street's annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day.

"The weather was great, and the community support was amazing," said Dover Main Street board member Gail Daudelin.

Beginning at 8 a.m., volunteers started weeding, raking, sweeping, shoveling, pruning, and spreading mulch throughout the downtown Dover area. When work was done at one site, volunteers moved to another site, until all sites were complete.

One of Dover Main Street's subcommittees, Dover Gardening and Beautification, was also out in full force filling the planters on the Central Avenue Bridge.

"Dover Main Street wishes to thank the city's Community Services, Facilities and Grounds, and Dover Fire and Rescue for their help and support in making this day a success," Daudelin said.

John Storer, Dover's Director of Community Services, said the city was happy to support the event

"It was heartening to see so many people come out to lend a hand to help clean-up and beautify several areas of the City that, unfortunately, might have gone neglected," Storer said. "The effort truly reflects the adage that 'many hands make light work'. And we've found that the volunteer effort can be magnified when we can support their efforts by using heavy mechanical equipment to move mulch around or to help collect brush and debris."

Storer said Community Services had 10 staff members volunteer to work, and the city also provided a loader, two skid steers, a tractor, and a few dump trucks.

"While I expected a lower turnout due to the lingering pandemic, I think the event was a huge success and personally observed that it seemed to match or even exceed what has been accomplished in prior years," Storer said.

For more information about Dover Pride Clean Up Day or Dover Main Street, visit dovermainstreet.org.



Volunteers Kim Schuman, Dover Main Street board member Jeff Spires, and Diane Spires work to clean up a section of the Transportation Center lot during Dover Main Street's annual Pride Clean Up Day on May 15.



## Local families band together to clean up Cottonwood Drive playground

The sprucing up of Dover extended outside downtown's Dover Pride Clean Up Day with neighbors working to beautify their sections of the city.

A group of families last Saturday and Sunday helped to spread mulch delivered by Community Services to the Alden Woods Park playground on Cottonwood Drive, making the playground more welcoming and safe for its users.

Members of the Marchuck, Guerrette and Cullen families were on hand with their own tools to help get the job done.



Traffic engineers are close to deploying new timing to the congested Central Avenue/Durham Road signal subsystem, which is part of an ongoing project to upgrade traffic signal infrastructure and timing at 17 intersections.

#### Engineers preparing to deploy new traffic signal timings

Engineers are close to deploying new signal timings along the congested stretch of Central Avenue/Durham Road that include five traffic lights within a quarter-mile.

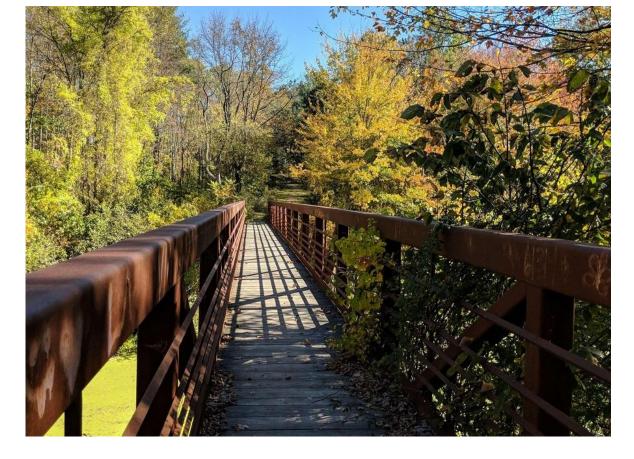
Once deployed, engineers with Sebago Technics, the firm the City of Dover has contracted with to upgrade infrastructure and timings at 17 intersections, expect drivers will see noticeable improvements.

The traffic signal improvements are part of a \$811,875 project made possible from \$649,500 in grants from the Federal Highway Administration's Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration Grants Program administered by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and a 20 percent match from the City of Dover, totaling \$162,375. FHWA's AID Demonstration Program provides funding to accelerate the implementation and adoption of innovation in highway transportation.

Once signal timings are deployed along the Central Avenue/Durham Road traffic signal subsystem, the City of Dover and Sebago Technics will solicit feedback about the changes. While the City of Dover and Sebago Technics will monitor the results through objective metrics, the engineers want to know if the public detects the signal timing modifications. Sebago Technics and the City of Dover will continue to study the corridor and test alternative signal timing strategies over the next several months to see if they can further refine signal performance.

Sebago Technics is also working to deploy signal timings along three other traffic signal subsystems that are expected to be deployed in the coming months, including Weeks Crossing, north Central Avenue in the area of Central Avenue/Glenwood Avenue, and Silver Street.

For more information about the project, contact Community Services at 516-6450, or visit the project page <u>here</u>.



The trails on Strafford County land in Dover, including this bridge across the Cochecho River, is one of more than 300 recreation locations documented in an interactive, online map recently released by the Strafford County Regional Planning Commission.

## New online, interactive tool puts regional and Dover recreational sites on the map

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) recently launched <u>Promoting Outdoor Play</u> (POP!), an online, interactive map of more than 300 recreation sites in the 18 communities in the SRPC region. Funded by the New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation, this map is intended help residents and visitors discover the abundance of parks, trails, playgrounds and other natural resources.

The POP! map, located at <a href="https://arcg.is/1veW9q">https://arcg.is/1veW9q</a>, is organized by categories, including playgrounds, parks, trails & open space, sports, beaches & pools, boats & small watercraft, and ice skating & sledding. Each location includes an address, hours, any fees, and other characteristics, such as a restroom, bike rack and seating. POP! includes more than 50 locations in the City of Dover, including boat launches, playgrounds and hiking areas.

"The work Strafford Regional Planning Commission has completed to document and promote recreation areas is quite the accomplishment," said Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker. "Through its work, SRPC has pulled together useful information, presented in a useable fashion and it is a real gift to the community and the region. The site is easy to navigate and intuitive and can help even the most seasoned resident find new places to explore. I encourage everyone, from the longtime resident to the recent transplant, to explore the site and experience the vast recreational opportunities Dover and other communities in the region have to offer."

To encourage exploration, SRPC will launch a trail passport activity this summer, in partnership with the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. To complement the trail passport, SRPC is also developing a tool that will have a survey component for users to upload pictures or comments so they can share their experience with others as they visit the various sites.

For more information, visit SRPC's website at www.strafford.org.



Contractors excavate a section of Central Avenue at the intersection of Washington Street to replace aging drinking water infrastructure as part of the Washington and Main Water Improvements Project.

## Water main work on Washington and Main streets continues this week

Contractors have begun replacing aging water pipes in the downtown area this week as part of the ongoing Washington and Main Water Improvements Project.

For the foreseeable future, project work will often occur in the roadway of Washington Street and Main Street, requiring traffic to be reduced to one lane through the construction zone. Parking will also be impacted around the immediate work site.

Next week, the work will be focused on Washington Street between the Central Avenue and Main Street intersections. All work will occur during the daytime, and no water shutoffs are anticipated.

All the preliminary work for the project – installing a temporary water bypass system and connecting users to that system that would allow uninterrupted water service while the water main is replaced – has been completed.

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 <a href="https://bit.ly/doverdownload">https://bit.ly/doverdownload</a> and select "Project updates: Washington and Main Water Improvements."

#### Memorial Day ceremony to be held at Pine Hill Cemetery on May 31

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 31, 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 remarks by Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, a wreath laying, the playing of Taps by the New Hampshire National Guard, and a Civil War cannon salute, as well as additional guest speakers.

Following the ceremony, an information packet will be distributed detailing six of the many of Dover's Civil War soldiers who were killed in action and buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery. Visitors are encouraged to visit their gravesites and pay their respects. At noon, trained artillery experts 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 105th season, is proud to organize this year's event. The Woodman Museum has recently restored its Civil War-era 'Napoleon' cannon. Originally donated to the Museum by the Dover GAR Charles Sawyer Post 17, the cannon, carriage, limber and ammunition box including sabots are original Civil War era and a rarity in museum collections. In addition, the Woodman has added a Korean war and Vietnam war era room to its extensive military history collection.

The Woodman, founded in 1916, is a traditional early 20th-century style natural science, history, and art museum with exhibits for all ages. The campus is home to four buildings, which include the Woodman House (1818), the Hale House (1813), the William Damm Garrison (1675) and the Keefe House (1825). The museum's collection includes hundreds of colonial artifacts, a comprehensive mineral and fossil collection, mounted animal specimens, fine art and furniture, an extensive collection of militaria, local history objects, and much more. The Woodman is open seasonally to the public (from mid-March to mid-December), Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To learn more about the museum, visit <a href="https://www.woodmanmuseum.org">www.woodmanmuseum.org</a>.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

School Board, May 24, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m.in Room 306, School Board Chambers, at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Planning Board, May 25, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.in the



#### On the Agenda: Planning Board

In a video released this week, Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker delves into the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Planning Board on Tuesday, May 25.

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

Council Conference Room at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

City Council, May 26, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/">https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/</a>.

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## 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 <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/">https://dovernh.viebit.com/</a>.

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.

## City Council recognizes Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with proclamation

At the May 12 regular meeting of the Dover City Council, Mayor Robert Carrier read a proclamation celebrating the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and recognizing the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, recognized each May since 1992.

"The Asian American and Pacific Islander community across the United States has been disproportionately impacted by incidences of hate and discrimination during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we stand in solidarity with our AAPI neighbors, condemning all acts of violence and hate," Mayor Carrier said, reading from the proclamation. "During AAPI Heritage Month, we acknowledge the additional determination, hard work, and perseverance the AAPI community must put forth to be heard and seen as a result of inequitable and systemic injustices. The City of Dover's AAPI community is vital to the continued advancement of the City, as they make significant contributions through the establishment of small businesses, volunteerism, activism, cultural influence, and other community-building activities."

Cora Quisumbing-King, a Dover resident and member of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion, said she welcomes the City Council's proclamation.

"We appreciate Mayor Robert Carrier and the City Council's acknowledgment of the contributions of Asians and Pacific Islanders to this country and to our City," Quisumbing-King said. "We are proud to call Dover home. It is a city that strives to be racially equitable, inclusive and welcoming to residents and visitors alike."

The full proclamation can be read here: https://publicrecords.dover.nh.gov/Tabs/Index/19646/public/1/deptnum/0/cab/Public Meetings

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month celebrates Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

Like most commemorative months, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated with Congress. In 1977 Reps. Frank Horton of New York introduced House Joint Resolution 540 to proclaim the first ten days in May as Pacific/Asian American Heritage Week. In the same year, Senator Daniel Inouye introduced a similar resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 72. Neither of these resolutions passed, so in June 1978, Rep. Horton introduced House Joint Resolution 1007. This resolution proposed that the President should "proclaim a week, which is to include the seventh and tenth of the month, during the first ten days in May of 1979 as 'Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week." This joint resolution was passed by the House and then the Senate and was signed by President Jimmy Carter on October 5, 1978 to become Public Law 95-419. This law amended the original language of the bill and directed the President to issue a proclamation for the "7 day period beginning on May 4, 1979 as 'Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week." During the next decade, presidents passed annual proclamations for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week until 1990 when Congress passed Public Law 101-283 which expanded the observance to a month for 1990. Then in 1992, Congress passed Public Law 102-450 which annually designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

#### Source and more information:

https://asianpacificheritage.gov/about/?fbclid=lwAR1A25XksZPYkbpWNEL-UGCnRJyMFpvVBjLlhQGDjlyUqczMZqApnqRUq3k



#### 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.

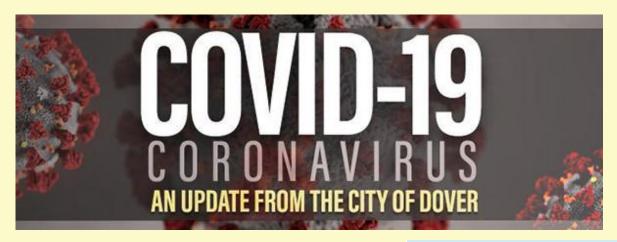
Simply visit <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

#### 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.

# When you've been fully vaccinated

If you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did before the pandemic without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations. That includes local business and workplace guidance. You will still be required to wear a mask on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been

## Walk-In Covid19 Vaccines for 12+

NO APPOINTMENT OR PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Monday-Saturday 3PM-6PM

C&J Bus Stop, Dover, NH Sears - Fox Run Mall, Newington, NH

#### **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 <a href="https://bit.ly/doverdownload">https://bit.ly/doverdownload</a> 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.

around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.

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

# Guidance for unvaccinated people

If you haven't been vaccinated yet, wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others. Masks should be worn in addition to staying at least 6 feet apart, especially around people who don't live with you. Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. Being in crowds makes you more likely to get or spread COVID-19, so avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces. And wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.



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.

**May 25, 1713** — The inhabitants of Bloody Point, with a portion of those adjoining them in Portsmouth, petitioned the General Assembly to be made a separate and distinct parish from Dover and Portsmouth. The parties were heard on the 16th of July, and it was "ordered that the petition be granted, and the place made a parish by themselves, and that they forthwith establish an able, orthodox, and learned minister among them, and be henceforth acquitted

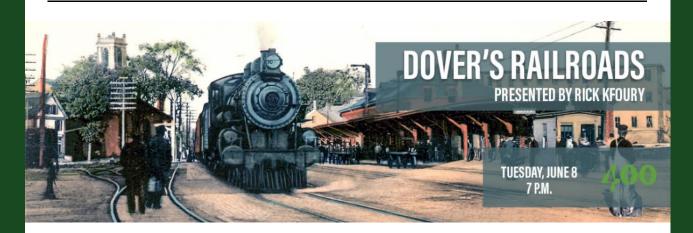
from the support of the ministry of Dover and Portsmouth. His Excellency Governor Dudley named the parish at Bloody Point, Newington.

May 26, 1720 — For the "convenience of the inhabitants to go down to Oyster River," the Selectmen laid out a highway "beginning on the south side of Edward Euines house and so to go southerly between John Bussell's land and Joseph Daniels' twenty acre lot and running down to Lt. Joseph Jones' land and so turning west and be south by said Jones' line keeping the same breadth of two rods and so running to said Jones' northwest corner bound mark then turning south and by east by said Jones' line taking off a corner of Thomas Willies' land keeping the same breadth till it comes to ye highway that leads to the King's thoroughfare road between the two white pines standing by the said road."

May 24, 1728 — The several towns in the Province, in the valuation of their lands for the purpose of taxation, having adopted the practice of valuing them in one town at one rate and in other towns at not half that value, the Assembly voted for the purpose of making a more equal proportion that in Dover, Portsmouth, Exeter, and other towns, with the exception of Londonderry and Kingston, the valuation should be six shillings an acre, and in the two latter towns five shillings per acre.

May 28, 1863 — Died, Dr. Noah Martin, aged 62. He was elected Governor of the State in 1852 and '53, and held various other offices. "As a physician he stood high in his profession, had an extensive practice, and accumulated a large estate. As a politician, he enjoyed the confidence of his party, adhered with fidelity to its principles and usages, and received its highest honors." He died suddenly of apoplexy, having been in his usual health up to within an hour of his death.

**May, 1921** — The Dover telephone system was hit hard by the Aurora Borealis. The magnetic storm burned out fuses and put more than 100 local phones out of order. Great damage was done to the big switchboard on the top floor of the Strafford Bank building.



## 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 <a href="https://www.Dover400.org">www.Dover400.org</a> or register directly <a href="https://www.bover400.org">by clicking here</a>.

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

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.



#### 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

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. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture

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.

Monday, May 24, 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 Monday night group is on the arctic survival quest Rime of the Frostmaiden! A perfect starting point for players new and old, adventurers will have to brave the elements and face the dangerous polar monsters of Icewind Dale to protect what few settlements cling to the ice. Registration required.

Monday, May 24, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. An Evening of Poetry on Front Lawn

All poets who participated in the library's 19th 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 and is weather dependent.

Tuesday, May 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime on Front 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.

Tuesday, May 25, 6 to 7 p.m.
VIRTUAL Signing Rocks! Learn some
American Sign Language

Did you know ASL is the 4th most popular language in the US? Just behind German.

This program is for beginners and intermediate learners of all ages. It offers a fun way to get excited about learning ASL (American Sign Language) through games and activities. All ages are welcome.

Registration required.

Tuesday, May 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: 18+ Lecture Hall

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with

Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group

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, May 26, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Big Kid Storytime on 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 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Adult Book Club on Front Lawn Join this adult book club

and discuss Burnt Sugar by Avni Doshi.
Copies of the book will be available to
borrow on Hoopla Digital and on the library's
Kindles. Social distancing protocols will be
followed and attendees are asked to wear a
mask. All are welcome!

Thursday, May 27, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime on Front 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 28, 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
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 28, 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.





#### Learn from a local expert during Dover Chamber series: How Beer is Made – and More!

On Wednesday, May 26, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will present their May Local Expert Series program, which will be an in-person, behind-the-scenes tour of Chapel + Main. The program will run from 3-4 p.m. at the local brewpub in Dover and participants are invited and encouraged to stay after the presentation to sample the beer and food.

The behind-the-scenes tour will be guided by brewer David Yarrington. And, after the brewery tour, co-owner Ben Lord will share with attendees what it has looked like over the past year for a small restaurant/brewpub and how they've been surviving the economic climate.

This tutorial is part of the ten-part Local Expert Series sponsored by Ourea Solutions. The 2021 Local Expert Series is highlighting local entrepreneurs while also offering hands-on learning to participants.

When coming up with a theme for this year's series, GDCC Business Programs and Membership Manager Melissa Launder said, "We wanted to put together a program that wouldn't feel like a webinar. We decided to create an opportunity for small businesses to share what they love about their jobs and showcase what the business is doing now. We thought providing a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes aspects of the business would be fun and educational."

The program at Chapel + Main is free for members of the Dover Chamber. For non-member pricing, please reach out to <a href="mailto:melissa@dovernh.org">melissa@dovernh.org</a>. To register or for more information, visit <a href="mailto:www.dovernh.org/LES">www.dovernh.org/LES</a>.

Below is the remaining lineup for the Local Expert Series this year:

- May: Chapel + Main (How Beer is Made and More!)
- June: New Hampshire Coffee Roasting Company (How Coffee is Made)
- July: Tuckaway Tree Farm (Lifecycle of a Christmas Tree)
- August: Kateryna Woodworks (Behind the Scenes of a Woodworkers Shop)
- September: The Sassy Biscuit Co. (How to Make Sassy's Famous Biscuits)
- October: Upright Acupuncture & Wellness (Facts and Fiction Surrounding Acupuncture).



# 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 <a href="Waste Management's curbside pickup here">Waste Management's curbside pickup here</a>.

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' <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
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Clerk Typist I
- · Heavy equipment operator Utilities
- Summer day camp counselor
- Truck drivers
- Children's Room Circulation Desk Assistant
- Adult/Children Circulation Desk Assistant

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



