

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



May 27, 2022



### CITY OF DOVER, NH

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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



### Dover Memorial Day ceremony is Monday

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 p.m. by Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, remarks by Cmdr. Robert Lane of the USS Greeneville, a wreath laying, the playing of Taps, a Recycling massing of colors by Dover High School's Naval Junior ROTC, Center hours: and a Civil War cannon salute. The ceremony's keynote speaker is Ret. Lt. Cmdr. Heidi Roberts-Morrison. Tuesday, The ceremony will be held at the Grand Army of the Republic Thursday, (GAR) monument and lawn (pictured above), located behind the Saturday: Ricker Memorial Chapel at Pine Hill Cemetery. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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, 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 <u>www.woodmanmuseum.org</u>.

### City Hall closed Memorial Day; Trash pickup delayed by one day all week

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 31, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Dover Public Library will be closed Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Recreation facilities at the McConnell Center, the Dover Ice Arena and the Dover Community Senior Center are closed on Monday, May 30. The Indoor Pool is open on Monday, May 30, from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the Indoor Pool schedule on May 30, call 603-516-1641.

In addition, there is no trash pickup and curbside recycling on Monday, May 30, 2022. Trash and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day the week of May 30.

Memorial Day is also one of several parking holidays each year, during which time motorists are not required to pay for metered parking, with the exception of the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is paid and permit parking at all times.



# Installation of Library's new roof began this week

### Limited supply of original slate shingles to be sold next month

After weeks of removing 117-year-old slate shingles and prepping the roof, contractors began installing new slate shingles on the Dover Public Library on Wednesday. Installation began on the side of the building adjacent to the McConnell Center.

The project to replace the Library's original roof began in April, and it remains on track for July completion. The project consists of replacing the slate roof, the upper roof copper cornice, and the six copper decorative details original to the 1905 library.

The library remains open during its regular operating hours throughout the construction, with continued access through the rear handicap-accessible door; however, its front door may not always be accessible due to the project. There is also a temporary reduction of about 15 library parking spaces to facilitate the roof replacement.

### Original slate shingles to be sold as fundraiser

Want a piece of history? The Library has kept a limited portion of the original slate shingles that will be sold to the public beginning next month. Shingles will be sold for \$20 each and will come with a certificate of authenticity and benefit the Friends of the Dover Public Library. The shingles will be sold at the Friends of the Library's annual book sale, held this year on June 16, 17 and 18.

The Friends of the Dover Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) registered organization that provides many service enhancements not included in the Library's municipal budget appropriation. These enhancements include sponsoring library programming and purchasing equipment, furnishings, museum passes and technology improvements.

For more information, contact the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.



In the top photo, American Red Cross Regional CEO Stephanie Couturier, left, visits with City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. as he donates blood at the McConnell Center on May 25. In the left photo above, Woodman Elementary School occupational therapist Jen McCarthy donates blood. In the right photo above, City of Dover legal secretary Patricia Moniello donates blood for the first time.

### Durham bests Dover, Newmarket in Red Cross blood donation challenge

The American Red Cross declared the Town of Durham the winner of the blood donation challenge between Durham, Newmarket and Dover.

The municipal leaders of each community had challenged each other to see which municipality could get the best "capacity utilization" for blood donations on one day in May as a friendly competition to help shore up the Red Cross' vulnerable blood supply. Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig and Newmarket Town Manager Steve Fournier agreed that the winner would be treated to lunch by the other two.

American Red Cross determined the winner by calibrating which municipality had 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. Durham and Dover had its collection day on May 25; Newmarket's was on May 5.

- Durham was first with 114%
- Dover was second with 92.9%
- Newmarket was third with 92.6%

"The strong turnout in Dover, Newmarket, and Durham really helped move the needle forward," said Selig, "I'm looking ahead to a nice lunch with Messrs. Joyal and Fournier in Durham over the next few weeks!"

### Repaving of upper Central Avenue, Washington and Main streets slated for next month

### Sidewalk restoration to begin next week

The contractor that replaced aging water mains along upper Central Avenue, Washington Street and Main Street is slated to repave the roads in the work area beginning in mid-June. The paving work will occur at night.

Next week, the contractor plans to begin sidewalk restoration on Washington and Main streets. The daytime work will require intermittent parking and lane restrictions through the downtown area. Sidewalk restoration will continue into June and include disturbed areas in upper Central Avenue.

The sidewalk restoration and street repaving are the final items of these two projects that replaced 1888-vintage water mains.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.



Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, left, reads a proclamation at the May 25 City Council meeting declaring June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The proclamation was presented to Luz Bay, a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion.

### Mayor, City Council, proclaim June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Dover

Mayor Robert Carrier and the City Council proclaimed June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Dover at the May 25 City Council meeting. Carrier read the following proclamation at the meeting:

WHEREAS: LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) Pride Month is celebrated nationally each year in the month of June; this month was chosen to commemorate the riots that took place at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan on the morning of June 28, 1969, often viewed as the birth of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS: Pride Month is a time to recall the trials the LGBTQ+ community has endured and to rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought – and continue to fight – for full equality; and

WHEREAS: The City Council and staff have committed to make Dover an inclusive and welcoming community for all, including the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS: Pride Month is so important because it marks a huge change within the LGBTQ+ community, as well as reflecting wider societal implications. Although attitudes and injustice still remain, we have come a long way since the riots of 1969, and by continuing in this longstanding tradition, we continue to raise awareness, improve the attitudes of society and encourage inclusiveness.

WHEREAS: Because of the acts of courage of the millions who came out and spoke out to demand justice and of those who quietly toiled and pushed for progress, our country has made great strides in recognizing what these brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts – that no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, NEWI HAMPSHIRE, AND THE ENTIRE DOVER CITY COUNCIL, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as LGBTQ Pride Month. I encourage Dover residents to recognize and support their LGBTQ+ family members and neighbors and to FEEL FREE to show their PRIDE.

## 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.

### **Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection**

### Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, May 28, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at Henry Law Park, in front of the Rotary Arts Pavilion. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people, while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <u>https://fb.me/e/3iUWNSVBF</u>.



# Dover Main Street thanks community for pitching in during annual Clean Up Day

The community came out in force for Dover Clean Up Day, held May 14. It was a warm Clean Up Day but in less than four hours the City of Dover was transformed into spring. Over 100 volunteers worked hard weeding, raking, sweeping, shoveling, pruning, and spreading mulch throughout the downtown Dover area.

Steve Piper, event chair, along with the Board of Dover Main Street wish to thank the volunteers which included individual citizens, employees of Relyco, members of the Dover High Girls Lacrosse team, members of Dover Interact Club, the Joe Parks Gardeners, Dover Democrats, and members from the USS Greenville submarine who came out and gave it their

A special thank you to Kendall Pond Pizza with their annual donation of a pizza lunch. Dover Main Street also thanks the City of Dover's Community Services Department, Facilities and Grounds Division, and Recreation Department for volunteering time, equipment, and continued support in making this day a success.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Municipal Records Committee, May 31, 1 p.m.

The Municipal Records Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, beginning at 1 p.m., at City Hall, Council Conference Room.

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

Board of Health, May 31, 6 p.m.

The Board of Health will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., at City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, June 2, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, 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 <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 Tuesday

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,

all.

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 516-6018.

### Deadline to change political party affiliation before the September state primary is Tuesday

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.

# Join the fight for fair school funding!

The Dover School Board & The NH School Funding Fairness Project invite you to participate in a community conversation about property taxes & education funding inequities in Dover.



This presentation will also be streamed on the City of Dover's live streaming service.

### Register at <a href="http://doi.org/10.1016/bit.ly/doi.org/10.1016/j





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 31, 1775** — Madbury, which was set off from Dover in 1768, was incorporated as a town this day. The new town boasted a population of 677.

**June 3, 1788** — Elisha Thomas was executed in Dover for the murder of Capt. Peter Drown at New Durham, in the preceding February. This being the first execution in the county of Strafford, a large concourse of people were present from Dover and all the neighboring towns to witness it. The scaffold was erected near the foot of the hill leading from Central street to the river, on ground now enclosed in the yard of the Cochecho Print Works.

It is recorded of the execution that:

"The very peculiar circumstances of this unhappy man's fate induced a vast concourse of spectators to attend his execution. He appeared to be much affected with his situation, and employed the few moments then allotted to him, in exercises, but did not address the spectators. Indeed, the melancholy catastrophe, which his rash conduct had occasioned,

operated so powerfully upon his senses, that it was with difficulty he supported himself to the fatal moment, which was to cut the thread of his existence, had arrived. The Sheriff treated the criminal with a degree of tenderness and humanity which did him honor; nor did he hurry him out of the world, but let him live till the last moment; which having arrived, after shaking hands with the sheriff, he was launched into eternity. (N.H. Gazette)

The murder for which Thomas was executed took place in the tavern of Mr. Randall in New Durham, where Thomas got into an altercation with another man, and Capt. Drown, in endeavoring to separate them, was stabbed with a knife by Thomas and died in a few hours. Thomas left at home a wife and six children. Some days after he was committed to jail his wife, taking her youngest child to one of the neighbors, set out for Dover to see her husband. In the night, the other five children being in bed, the house caught fire and was destroyed. Four of the children died in the blaze.

During his imprisonment, Thomas was allowed on Sundays the privilege of attending church, being guarded by the Sheriff and his posse to the meeting house which stood on the site of the present edifice at the corner." The jail at that time was on what was long known as "jail hill," the ground later occupied by the house of Daniel Niles.

For more information about the execution of Elisha Thomas, visit <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keUxmLPBO-w</u>.

**June 3, 1853** — Jonathan Littlefield, aged 22, was drowned while bathing in the Cochecho River, near the railroad bridge.

**May 27, 1913** — It was reported that City of Dover Tax Collector Harry A. Morrison received a check from the United States Treasury Department for 35 cents, a settlement in the city's claim against the federal government for removing three brown-tail moth nests from a tree on the Post Office lot in March. The claim was settled after it had been referred to the U.S. Treasury Department by the Dover postmaster, who had no authority to pay the bill. The settlement was reported to be the smallest claim made upon the federal government by a municipality at that time.

**June 2, 1998** — Construction of a new mill parking lot at the site of a former steam gas plant nears completion on this day. The 58-space lot was the first phase of a parking project by the Dover Mills Partnership, which then managed the former Mill #2 building of the Cocheco Mills. The historic steam heating plant, which served as the primary heating source for Dover's flourishing mills at the turn of the century, was demolished in 1997 to make way for the added parking.



# Author John Christie to discuss growing up in Dover

Please join us for a program with author John Christie, who will

read from his memoir, "The Prince of Wentworth Street," about growing up in Dover in the1950s and 1960s on Monday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m.

"I'll be reading sections about my days at St. Mary Academy, about my parent's work at in the mills of Dover and Somersworth, about life with my extended family in our tenement on Wentworth Street (now Boyle Street) and about my gang of rebellious pals on Henry Law Avenue," Christie said.

The subtitle of the book, published by Plaidswede Publishing of Concord, N.H., is "An American boyhood in the shadow of the genocide." John grew up next door to his grandmother, Rose Banaian, who was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide of the early 20th century in which 1.5 million Armenians were killed by the Ottoman Empire. He will also touch on that aspect of his book.



The memoir has been widely praised by reviewers and fellow journalists. Stephen Kurkjian, the three-time Pulitzer Prize winner of the Boston Globe's Spotlight team, wrote, "This beautifully-told story is both ageless and modern - coming to understand that your identity is defined by both Genocide and survival."

John is an award-winning veteran journalist who has worked as a reporter, editor and publisher for newspapers in Massachusetts, Florida and Maine. He attended St. Mary Academy, St. Thomas Aquinas High School and UNH. He is the editor of the best-seller, "Andrew: Savagery from the Sea." His work has appeared in the Boston Globe, Boston magazine, Yankee magazine, the Boston Phoenix, NPR-affiliate WBUR and elsewhere. With his wife, Naomi Schalit, he founded the investigative news service, the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting.

In 2014, the New England Academy of Journalists gave him the Yankee Quill award for his lifetime contribution to journalism. In the same year, he was UNH honored him by naming him the Donald M. Murray Visiting Journalist.

Christie and his wife live in Gloucester, Mass. His website is johnchristiewriter.com.

The book can be purchased from the publisher's website, <u>https://www.nhbooksellers.com/product-page/the-prince-of-wentworth-street</u>. The book is also available to borrow from the library's collection.

**Dover author Gregory Bastianelli to speak June 6** 

Local Dover author Greg Bastianelli will be speaking at the library on Monday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. Greg published his fourth horror novel called "Shadow Flicker" earlier this year. It received wide acclaim, including this from the review published in a top library review source "Booklist," which said about the book, "This is a gripping horror story from an author who deserves a wider audience."

Investigator Oscar Basaran travels to Kidney Island off the coast of Maine to document the negative effects of shadow flicker from wind turbines on residents living near the windmills but is unprepared for what he encounters from the islanders. Oscar's research shows that sleep deprivation, light deficiency and ringing



headaches brought on by the noise and constant strobe-like effect of the sun filtered through the spinning blades of the turbines brings on hallucinatory episodes for the closest neighbors to the machines.

While it seems the shadow flicker effect has driven some of the island's animals crazy, is it possible it's caused an even worse mental breakdown among the human inhabitants? Or is

something more nefarious at work on the island? As Oscar's investigation deepens, he discovers the turbines create an unexpected phenomenon kept secret by a select group of people on Kidney Island who have made a scientific breakthrough and attempt to harness its dark power.

Greg has published three previous novels. He will have copies of his novels available for purchase and signing at the event. Find out more about his books on his website www.gregorybastinelli.com.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

### Gender 101 is topic of upcoming Library program

Join Dover Public Library on Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. for Gender 101, a program that will explore some common terms as well as the gender binary, gender norms, and how language related to gender continues to change.

This event will be presented by Q (they, them, theirs), co-founder of the Affirming Spaces Project (ASP). The New Hampshire-based organization is dedicated to improving local communities through the development and maintenance of welcoming and affirming environments for patrons, visitors and employees of all genders. This is done through trainings with local businesses and providing an online database of businesses that are trans and gender non-conforming friendly.

This program will be presented live and in-person, but will have a virtual option for those who would prefer to watch from home. Sign up is needed to watch virtually in order to receive a link to the live stream.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register to view virtually, visit <u>library.dover.nh.gov/events</u> or call the library at (603) 516-6050.

The Week at the Library

### June VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Six Seasons* by Joshua McFadden. Throughout the month of June, 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 main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### Saturday, May 28 - Monday, May 30 Library Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group Drop-in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers of Indonesian Community Connect, Little Indonesia hopes to bring together Indonesian communities in New Hampshire and beyond through expressions of art, culture, and economic opportunities.

### Wednesday, June 1, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

### Wednesday, June 1, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

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

### Thursday, June 2, 10 to 11 a.m. Cover 2 Cover Book Group

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. May's selection is *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro. Copies of 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.

Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Imagining Little Indonesia Learn about Indonesian culture and the creation of the world's first Little Indonesia, located in Somersworth. A long-term vision the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members welcome.

Thursday, June 2, 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.



### 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.



## Strafford Regional Planning Commission seeks input in creating active transportation plan

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) is developing a plan to improve spaces for active transportation and needs your input!

With your help, SRPC's active transportation plan will guide the development of nonmotorized transportation facilities & maximize future investments for a safer and betterconnected region.

Please complete the public input survey at <u>https://strafford.org/2022/05/12/active-</u>transportation-survey/.



# 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>.

## CDC strengthens recommendations and expands eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots

CDC has expanded eligibility of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses to everyone 5 years of age and older, recommending that children ages 5 through 11 years should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.

Vaccination with a primary series among this age group has lagged behind other age groups leaving them vulnerable to serious illness.

CDC has also strengthened its recommendation that those 12 and older who are immunocompromised and those 50 and older should receive a second booster dose at least 4 months after their first.

While older Americans have the highest coverage of any age group of first booster doses, most older Americans received their last dose many months ago, leaving many who are vulnerable without the protection they may need to prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

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

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### 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 COVIDtests.gov.

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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