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Apple Harvest Day Festival begins monthlong celebration and events

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This year's 35th annual Apple Harvest Day Festival is now underway, and will be held in a safe and enjoyable format throughout the month of October.

[AppleHarvestDay.com](https://www.appleharvestday.com) is now live for festival goers to explore a variety of virtual vendors. On the Chamber's website are links to vendor storefronts, social media pages, and vendor videos. This will be live for the entire month of October, so be sure to check back regularly to see what vendors have to offer.

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Missed the meeting?

Meetings this week:

School Board, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

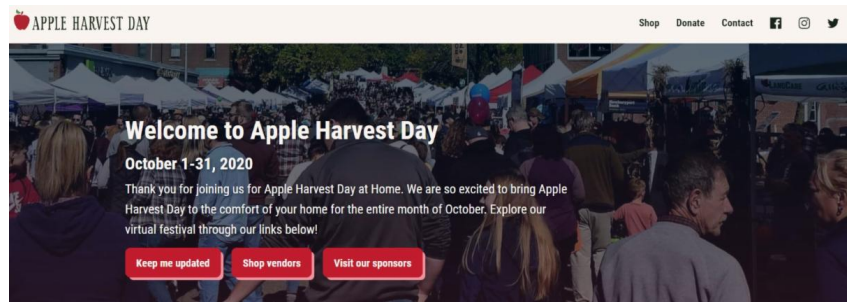
Planning Board and City Council, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board and City Council will hold a joint workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the McConnell Center cafeteria.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

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On **Saturday, Oct. 3**, Apple Harvest Day at Home will be live streamed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring ceremonies, demonstrations, and performances, including a presentation from Wildlife Encounters. Visit AppleHarvestDay.com on Oct. 3 to catch the day's virtual festivities.

Virtual 5K

The 12th annual Apple Harvest Day 5k will take place in a virtual format this year from **Friday, Oct. 9 through Monday, Oct. 12**. Runners may run the traditional Apple Harvest Day course or choose their own 5K. North Country Hard Cider has partnered with the Chamber to provide runners (over 21) with a free 12oz cider at their tasting room in Rollinsford. This free cider is good until the end of the year. The first 100 registrants will receive a complimentary shirt that can be picked up at your visit to the North Country Hard Cider Tasting Room. Register for the [virtual Apple Harvest Day 5k](#).



Drive-In Day

On **Saturday, Oct. 17**, don't miss Apple Harvest (Drive-In) Day, for a day full of entertainment at the Restoration Church, located at 80 Rutland St.

10-10:45 a.m.- Juggler Bryson Lang
Free (Registration required)

Bryson Lang is a world record holding performer who has entertained thousands around the world with his creative, high-energy, interactive, family-friendly Comedy-Juggling show. For a dazzling display of comedy, dexterity, personality and a touch of the bizarre, Bryson Lang is, The Cure For the Common Show.



11-11:45 a.m.- Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate
Free (Registration required)

Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate performs for children all over the Northeast. He now has three albums out, one of which was in consideration for a 2017 Children's Album GRAMMY. His fun personality and his



upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



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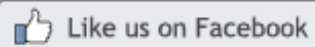
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday

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

Recycling Center hours:

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



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musical talent makes his shows fun for people of all ages.



3:30-4:30 p.m.-WOKQ Apple Pie Baking Contest

Free (Registration required)

Dust off those old family recipes! It's almost time for another delicious and fun apple pie contest at Apple Harvest Day on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Last year, amateur bakers submitted their special recipes to be tasted and judged by local "celebrities" including our very own Chio from Chio and Kira in the Morning.

In 2020, the competition will be as stiff as ever as participants will vie for awards given to first, second, and third place winners in two divisions: Adult, ages 15 and over, and Youth, for those participants 14 years of age and younger.

All pies (with registration forms) must be at the Restoration Church at 80 Rutland St. by 3 p.m. on Apple Harvest Day and the event will start at 3:30 p.m.

We are not responsible for pies or containers left unattended. Please limit registrations to one per person.

Print and fill out the form, then bring the form with your pie to the event. For more information or to register your pie, [click here](#).

4:30-6:30 p.m.-Acoustic Radio

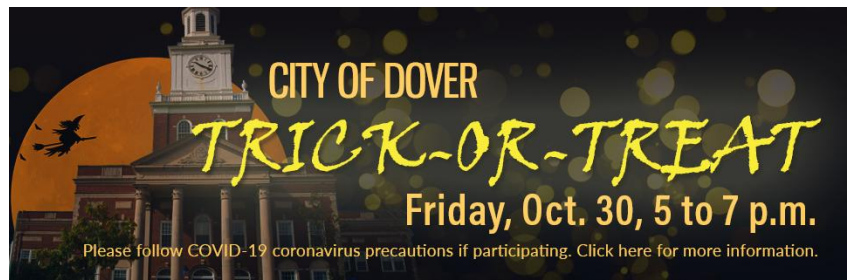
\$10 per vehicle (Registration required)

Don't let the name fool you! Acoustic Radio rocks all genres, and their cover list will entertain any crowd from 18 to 80 with a great mix of Country, Rock, Alternative, 80's, Southern Rock etc. Their diverse set list provide a party like atmosphere.



[Details and registration can be found online here.](#)

Stay up to date on all things Apple Harvest Day by joining the



City to allow trick-or-treating Oct. 30 with adherence to COVID-19 precautions

Dover's Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief Paul Haas announced that children and families can participate in Halloween trick-or-treating in the City of Dover from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, if they follow COVID-19 coronavirus safety protocols.

Haas made the decision after consulting guidance issued by the State of New Hampshire, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

"There is a level of risk involved, and only those who want to participate should," Haas said. "While CDC classifies trick-or-treating as a moderate-risk activity, our community's consistency in mask wearing habits and social distancing practices has helped us maintain a low level of COVID-19 community spread, and I believe we can let the kids enjoy this fall tradition safely with key guidelines in place."

In regards to potential spread from surface contamination from candy wrappers, Haas states, "It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their nose, mouth or eyes, but the CDC does not consider surface contamination to be the main way the virus spreads. People should decide to participate in Halloween activities based on their own level of comfort, and everyone is advised to frequently wash their hands regardless of the activities they choose."

The following guidelines are in effect for Dover trick-or-treating:

- Travel in family groups only.
- Do not travel to other communities or invite friends or family from other communities.
- Maintain at least a six-foot distance between groups.
- Wear face coverings (standard Halloween masks typically have a mouth hole).
- No direct trick-or-treating candy exchange (physical

distance must be maintained; see some alternatives for handing out candy below).

- Do not trick or treat at homes that do not have a porch light on.
- Practice frequent hand cleaning.

Those who wish to hand out treats should set up physically distanced candy distribution methods outside. These distribution points should be cleaned regularly throughout the two hours of trick or treat.

Potential ideas for distributing candy include:

- Using a table and bowl on a porch that can be refilled between visitors.
- Setting up a driveway distribution point, such as a table, that allows households to participate but from a minimum of a six-foot distance.

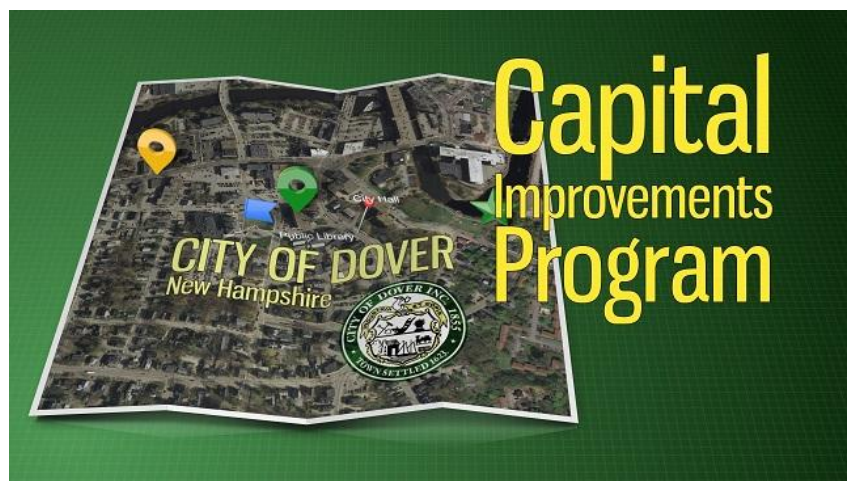
Family groups should always use flashlights, walk on sidewalks where available, travel in familiar, well-lit areas, and only go to homes that have outdoor lights on.

Motorists need to exercise extra caution on trick or treat night:

- Drive slowly and stay alert.
- Watch for children walking across the street or at intersections.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly, keep eyes out for children.
- After dark, keep eyes out for trick-or-treaters in dark clothing.
- New or inexperienced drivers should avoid driving after dark.

Citywide trick or treat in Dover is traditionally held on Oct. 30, the evening before Halloween.

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



Planning Board, City Council receive capital improvements proposal Oct.7

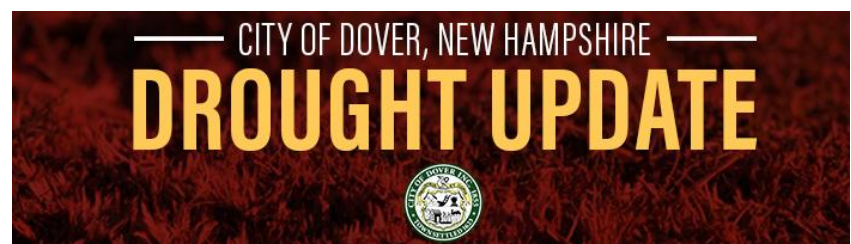
The City of Dover's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for fiscal years 2022 through 2028 will be presented to the City Council and Planning Board at a joint workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the McConnell Center cafeteria.

Following the presentation, the Planning Board and City Council will continue to review the CIP over the next several weeks. The City Council is expected to vote on the proposed CIP in November or December.

The CIP is a tool which outlines a schedule for the next six years for capital projects and purchases over \$25,000 which maintain and improve the community infrastructure.

The CIP is updated annually and involves input sessions with the Planning Board and City Council, including public hearings. The Planning Board will forward its recommendations to the City Council, after which the City Council will discuss and ultimately approve the CIP later this year.

For more information, contact the Dover Planning Department at 516-6008.



This week's rain does little to ease drought conditions in Dover

More than 68 percent of the total precipitation in September fell in two days this week, with 56 percent of the month's total accumulation falling on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Despite the rain,

the Dover region ended the month more than 3 inches below-average precipitation.

Since May, the Dover region has accumulated a 10.63-inch deficit in precipitation, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). Utilizing the [US Geologic Survey's rainfall calculator](#), that 10-inch deficit of rain over Dover's 29 square miles translates to close to an average shortfall of 674 million cubic feet of water or more than 5 billion gallons of water.

Because of the continued drought conditions, the City Manager's mandatory water restrictions enacted on Aug. 21 remain in effect to ensure enough safe drinking water for essential uses.

U.S. Drought Monitor update

Last week, the U.S. Drought Monitor classified Dover and most of Strafford County as being in an "extreme" drought for the first time since 2016 and only the second time since the Drought Monitor began in 2000. Previously, the region had been classified as severe drought since Aug. 18, moderate drought since June 23, and abnormally dry since June 2.

The severe drought area increased by two percent over the past week to encompass 10.6 percent of the state. It includes parts of Belknap, Merrimack and Rockingham counties in addition to nearly all of Strafford County.

In her weekly update, Stacey Herbold of the New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services' Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau urged water users to conserve as much water as possible to ensure enough safe drinking water. She noted that groundwater levels throughout the state have dropped since last month.

"Well drillers are reporting long waits for their services due to increased demand by residential well owners," Herbold wrote. "Water conservation is key, as residents may not be able to get timely service to remedy shortage issues or have the monetary means to improve their wells."

Her 6-10-day and 8-14-day precipitation outlooks both predicted below-average precipitation for the area.

The NWS' US Seasonal Drought Outlook predicts that drought conditions will likely improve but still persist across the majority of the state over the next three months.

Drinking water update

Director of Community Services John Storer, whose department oversees Dover's drinking water production, said the City's drinking water supply remains in good shape thanks to residents and businesses adhering to the City's water restrictions.

Storer reported this morning that the City's average daily water production dropped by 20,000 gallons a day over the past week to 1.86 millions of gallons per day (MGD). In August, before the voluntary restrictions followed by mandatory restrictions, the City's average daily water production was at an all-time high of 2.73 MGD per day to meet the user demand.

"Thanks to City water users taking the restrictions seriously, we can ensure enough safe drinking water for the essential needs for the foreseeable future," Storer said. Storer said.

Water restrictions remain in effect

The City Manager enacted mandatory water restrictions on Aug. 21 to preserve the City's safe drinking water supply. Under the emergency order that remains in effect, the following water use restrictions are in place:

- No outside lawn watering or irrigation, including automatic sprinklers, automatic irrigation systems, and no unattended lawn watering
- No washing of vehicles, including automobiles, trailers and trucks
- No filling of swimming pools greater than 100 gallons
Hand watering of gardens and new plantings is allowed.

Commercial car washes, agriculture operations, flower shops and garden centers are not affected by the restrictions at this time.

Water conservation efforts by all water users, including well users, will reduce demand on Dover's water supply. It will also reduce stress on water resources and ensure sufficient water is available to meet all customers' needs and emergency operations, such as fire fighting. The emergency order is being enforced by public outreach, followed by warnings and potential fines of up to \$250 per violation. For specific questions about the water restrictions, including usage, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

City officials also urge residents and businesses to continue to voluntarily conserve water in other ways, such as cutting back on shower times, only doing full loads of laundry when necessary, and turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes and washing hands. Fixing leaks, including running toilets, can reduce individual usage by hundreds of gallons a day.



Drought effects on fall foliage?

Two weeks ago, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension in Durham wrote the article, "[How to make the most](#)

[of fall foliage Season,](#)" which includes what is known about a drought's effect on fall foliage:

There hasn't been much rigorous study on the effect of drought on fall foliage. There are some theories that drought can delay foliage or make it happen faster. Droughts that are severe enough can cause early yellowing or browning of leaves. We haven't seen this happening this year, although there have been some red maples that are experiencing stressful conditions, particularly those in wetlands that aren't as wet due to drought. In general, though, despite the drought, trees this year still have healthy green leaves. As long as the weather during the season is right-cold nights and sunny days-we should have a good season.

Two years ago, Heidi Asbjornsen, a scientist with the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station at UNH and associate professor of natural resources and the environment, discussed how drought might affect foliage in an article, "[UNH scientist optimistic for favorable fall foliage season.](#)"

"There is some evidence from recent studies suggesting that more drought in the autumn can delay peak of redness for some species such as red maple, white oak, while other species may exhibit earlier redness peaks. These include sugar maple, black birch, shagbark hickory, beech, red oak," said Asbjornsen. "For sugar maple in particular, warmer temperatures during September and October appear to be especially important in producing higher intensity of red leaves. In contrast, more frosts in October tend to reduce red intensities."



Crews from Dover-based Northeast Color volunteered recently to spruce up the Community Trail. Their work also included a new mural underneath the Spaulding Turnpike, pictured above.

Community trail gets new mural and workout stations as expansion work

continues

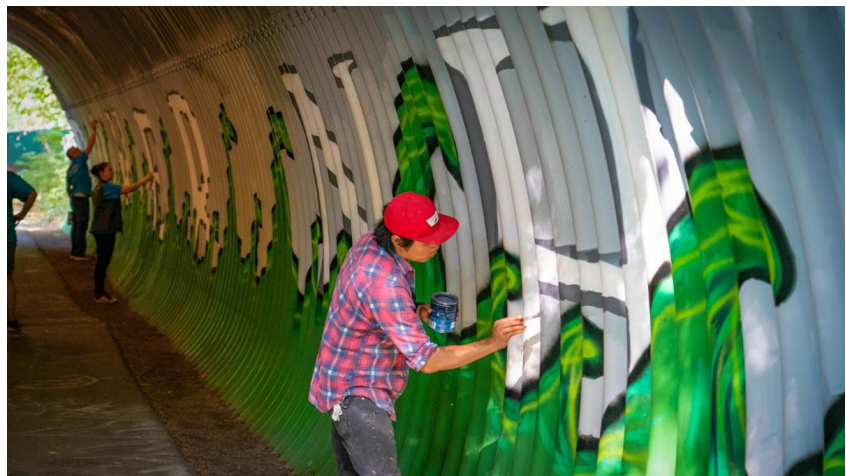
New workout stations and a new mural were added to the Dover Community Trail last week thanks to the generosity of Dover-based Northeast Color.

Last Friday, the Crosby Road company held a community service day, and the employees of the firm were on the Community Trail painting, installing workout equipment and cleaning up litter.

It's the second time Northeast Color donated a day of service to the Community Trail. Last year, employees painted the mural inside the Silver Street tunnel and refurbished the stairway to the picnic area in the trail section between Washington Street and the Transportation Center, built a train planter at the Rotary Trailhead, and painted hopscotch boards on the urban section.

This year, three Northeast Color crews worked on three projects. One team touched up the Silver Street tunnel mural; another painted a new mural underneath the Spaulding Turnpike; and the third installed two workout stations nearby the Beckwith Field entrance to the Community Trail. The workout stations include a pull-up station and a stretching and yoga platform, similar to stations installed at Willand Pond by Timberland employees during one of its community service days.

"Northeast Color's creativity and talents add to the vibrancy of the Dover Community Trail," said City Planner Donna Benton, who oversees the Community Trail. "They are among the many volunteers we are lucky to have to help maintain this resource."



Phase III work underway

Those who have traveled on the urban part of the Community Trail recently have likely noticed the contractors from S.U.R. Construction, Inc. of Rochester working on the newest section of the trail: the Fisher Street extension to Central and Rutland

avenues. The work began on Sept. 8.

S.U.R. Construction crews will soon also begin work on creating a trailhead and graded entrance to the rural part of the Community Trail by Fourth Street and Downeast Energy. This part of the project will formalize the unofficial, steep dirt entrance users have transversed for years. The new entrance will be paved until it meets the trail grade by the Cochecho River.

This trail work is part of Phase III of the Community Trail project. At its [Aug. 12 meeting](#), the City Council approved S.U.R. Construction to complete Phase III.

Planning for Phase III began in late 2014 with the City applying for TAP funding through the DOT which was awarded to the City in 2015. Part of the planning process included a [feasibility study](#), followed by engineering plans that can be viewed here: [Phase III Construction Plans](#). Part of the process to make Phase III a reality included obtaining four easements from property owners. Two were granted for the extension between Fisher Street and Central Avenue on the property owned by Diamond Holdings. The other two easements were granted from property owners to create the accessible ramp and trailhead at Fourth Street. One was from Downeast Energy. The other easement was granted by the Sixth Street Station Condominium Owners Association, which has previously granted an easement to allow use on the Community Trail on their property that borders the Cochecho River.



About the Community Trail

The Dover Community Trail is a 3.2-mile, soon to be 3.5 miles, non-motorized trail that connects the urban Central Business District with rural parts along the Cochecho River.

The trail utilizes parts of former railroad beds that once provided the Garrison City direct connections to Rochester and

Portsmouth by rail. The Community Trail consists of two sections. One is a paved urban section that extends from Dover Transportation Center on Chestnut Street to Fisher Street, and by year's end, to Central Avenue. The second part is an unpaved rural extension that follows the Cochecho River near Fourth Street to Watson Road. The two sections are connected via sidewalks on Chestnut and Fourth Street.

The trail's urban section provides a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly connection between the City's Transportation Center and downtown to neighborhoods.

The rural trail provides opportunities for bicycling, hiking, bird watching, and fishing where the trail follows the Cochecho River. A portion of this trail parallels Sixth Street, providing an alternative transportation linkage to Liberty Mutual, Measured Progress, and other employment centers in the Enterprise Park area. There are trailheads at Watson Road, Whitter Street, off Hillside Drive, and by year's end, Fourth Street.

Phase IV of the Community Trail Project is underway, but still a couple of years off before any construction. This phase would focus on creating the trail through Bellamy Park and extend to Knox Marsh Road. Currently, the project is in the feasibility study stage. The City has contracted with Fuss & O'Neill to study potential routes and conduct wetland studies.

[Click here to see the rough map and general idea of Phase IV](#)

For more information about the Community Trail, visit the [Community Trail web page here](#).

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FIRE DANGER

The Governor and Council have proclaimed that there shall be

NO OPEN FIRES

NO SMOKING

IN PUBLIC WOODLANDS **SEE OFFICIAL
PROCLAMATION
FOR DETAILS**

**Burning Brush Piles is Prohibited – No Fires Allowed on Public Lands
Violators Subject to Fine of up to \$2,000.00**

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Outdoor fire ban remains in effect

Dover Fire Chief says no burn permits
issued until conditions improve

Dover Fire Chief Paul Haas reminded residents that Gov. Chris Sununu's ban on outdoor fires remain in effect despite the rain

Dover received earlier this week.

Last Friday, Sept. 25, Sununu issued a proclamation that prohibits the "kindling of any open fire and smoking in or near woodlands throughout all 10 New Hampshire counties."

The fire ban "due to the drought conditions, low water levels in many communities, and an increasing potential for wildfires," according to a news release from the Governor's Office. In its weekly update on Thursday, the U.S. Drought Monitor continued to show Dover and much of Strafford County to be an "extreme drought." The region was previously considered to be in a "severe drought."

In Dover, Haas said the ban on Category 3 fires within city limits remains in effect. Category 3 fires are greater than 42 inches in diameter and are typically used for burning yard brush.

Small backyard fires, known as Category 1 and 2 fires, are still permitted provided a resident already possess a valid seasonal permit and checks their email for any daily restrictions.

Haas said the Dover Fire & Rescue Department will not be issuing any permits either online or in-person until conditions improve. This includes not issuing any new Category 1 or 2 permits.

"If the online system is down, we are not going to issue them," Haas said about the issuing of permits.

Gov. Sununu's proclamation prohibits:

- The kindling of open fire, including fires built for camping, the burning of debris, or warming, on all public trails or other public property, excluding public campgrounds
- The kindling of Category 3 "campfires;" a fire greater than 4 feet in diameter or a fire not contained within a ring of fire resistive material
- Smoking a pipe, cigar and/or cigarette outdoors in or near public woodlands or on public trails
- Kindling of Category 1 and 2 "campfires;" not contained within a ring of fire restrictive material or in a portable fireplace

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., at a recent City Council meeting, urged residents to be "very conscientious" and not unintentionally spark any fires. "They will quickly take off and could be quite devastating," Joyal said.



Courtesy photo

Pictured are, front, from left, Erica Place, branch manager at Kennebunk Savings Bank and Kevin McEneaney, Chair Dover400; and back, from left, Kristen Ockey and Jessica Marcoux of Kennebunk Savings Bank

Kennebunk Savings makes contribution to Dover's 400th

Dover400, a committee organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, is pleased to announce Kennebunk Savings has donated \$2,500 to support the City's milestone birthday in 2023. These funds will be dedicated to the varied experiences being considered for the celebration event.

"Community is at the heart of what we do," said Erica Place, branch manager at Kennebunk Savings' Dover location. "We're thrilled to celebrate and support Dover400 and to help bring people together, celebrating this city's rich history and recognizing the people who continue to make it an amazing place to live, work and play."

Established in 1623, Dover was the first permanent settlement in New Hampshire. Dover400 has been tasked to create a celebration which involves children, adults, and Dover's vibrant business community. The group is in the midst of its \$400 to support Dover's 400th Anniversary campaign, an effort to raise money to support the activities planned throughout 2023.

For more information about the campaign, to become a sponsor, volunteer, or to donate, please contact Dover400 Chair, Kevin McEneaney at k.mceneaney@dover.nh.gov or visit www.dover.nh.gov/dover400.

Dover400 debuts second in series of commemorative ornaments

Dover400, a group of appointed volunteers from diverse backgrounds organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, recently debuted its second of five holiday ornaments in celebration of Dover's 400th birthday. Produced by Hampshire Pewter, the series is limited to only 200 pieces.



The souvenir showcases one of Dover's notable landmarks, the Garrison Hill Tower, built in 1913 and rebuilt in 1993. Each year leading up to 2023, a new ornament will be released featuring a distinguished piece of Dover history and culture.

Ornaments can be purchased for \$20 at the Dover Public Library or City Clerk's Office, City Hall. For information on ordering ornaments by mail, visit the Dover400 Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/dover400/>.

For more information about the celebration, to join a work team or to donate, please contact Dover 400th Anniversary Committee Chair, Kevin McEneaney at k.mceneaney@dover.nh.gov or visit <https://www.dover400.org/>.

City seeks input for update of Facilities and Utilities Master Plan chapter

The City of Dover is updating the Community Facilities and Utilities Chapter of the Master Plan and wants your feedback. Each year a different chapter of the City's guiding document, the Master Plan, is updated. This year it's Community Facilities and Utilities, which was last updated in 2009. The new Chapter will take inventory of all city buildings, parks and utilities with an eye on future needs, including energy needs and resilience planning.

A critical element of this process is citizen input. The City seeks public input on the various public facilities and utilities covered in the Chapter. The public is encouraged to complete an anonymous online survey, available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3QYHN6N>. The survey asks users to consider long-term challenges and opportunities for the City's municipal buildings and municipal water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, Oct. 30.

Paper copies of the survey are also available at the Planning Department Office in Dover City Hall and the Dover Public Library. Paper copy surveys should be dropped off at the Planning Department once completed.

Dover has contracted with Resilience Planning & Design LLC to help facilitate the public process and update the Chapter. Dover has worked with Resilience Planning & Design on numerous other Master Plan updates.

A video about the Master Plan update can be viewed here. [Master Plan Video Update](#).

Contact the Planning Department at 516-6008 for more



General Election absentee ballots now available

Absentee ballots are available for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Applications for an absentee ballot are available [online here](#) or at the City Clerk's Office. Any registered voter unable to vote on Election Day, or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance, due to employment obligations, or any reason relating to COVID-19, may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail.

Please **do not** use a Sharpie or heavy marker to fill out absentee ballots. The ink from markers can seep through paper and make ballots difficult to read. Use only a black pen.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall, is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The mailing address is 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820.

For more information, call 516-6018 or visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/>.

Deadline to return absentee ballots

If returning by mail, absentee ballots must be received at City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, Nov. 3. The City Clerk's Office is located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall. The mailing address is 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820.

The Secretary of State and Dover City Clerk urge those mailing in ballots to do so as soon as possible to avoid possible postal delays and to ensure it is received in time and is counted. Election officials expect a high volume of absentee ballots for this election.

Returning an absentee ballot by mail requires a signed affidavit, which is included with the ballot and return envelope. If voting by absentee ballot due to COVID-19, sign under "Absence Because of Religious Observance or Physical Disability."

This year, the Secretary of State's Office will also allow absentee ballots to be delivered directly to voter's polling place. These ballots must be received at the polling place by 5 p.m. to be counted. **Ballots must be received at the correct polling place.** Residents can utilize the [interactive Ward Map](#) on the City Clerk's [Election Information webpage](#) to help locate what Dover ward they live in, and the location of their ward's polling place.

Register to vote

Residents not yet registered to vote for the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 can register in person at City Hall or by absentee registration. Requirements for absentee voter registration can be found at sos.nh.gov.

To register in person, visit the City Clerk's Office at City Hall during regular hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unregistered voters can also register to vote on Election Day, Nov. 3. You can check your registration status at sos.nh.gov. All new voters must complete a voter registration form. To vote, you must be a New Hampshire resident who will be 18 years of age or older on the day of the election, and a United States citizen. There is no minimum period of time you are required to have lived in the state before being allowed to register.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018.



**Broadway remains single lane
as culvert work continues**

Broadway will remain reduced to one lane with alternating traffic as work continues on the Broadway culvert project.

Temporary traffic lights are set up on both sides of the lane closure to allow alternating traffic, which will remain in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The lane closure is expected to remain in effect for three months.

During this time, nearby businesses will remain open and accessible to traffic. A new parking lot entrance was created to accommodate visitors to Red's Shoe Barn.

Other traffic restrictions:

- New York Street will be closed at its intersection with Broadway, except for emergency vehicles. Local traffic on New York Street may use East and Ham Streets to get around the closure.
- On-street parking will be restricted on Broadway between Pierce and Ham streets because the travel lane will be shifted through the work zone.

The contractor, George Cairns and Sons Inc., expects to have the project substantially complete by Dec. 30, 2020. Additional paving for the area will be finished next spring. The new culvert replaces the partially collapsed aging culvert underneath the railroad. This project will fix the ongoing drainage issues that can flood Broadway and nearby neighborhoods during significant precipitation events.

The project plans can be viewed here:

<https://go.usa.gov/xGQ3F>.

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



During the week of Sept. 28, 2020 paving work will begin on the following streets:

- **Three Rivers Farm Road**
- **Homestead Lane**
- **Atlantic Avenue**
- **Blackwater Road**

This work is to prepare the roadways for paving and includes raising structures, milling, trimming driveways. Work on Atlantic

Avenue will include the application of a shim coat.

The work is expected to be complete in three to four weeks, weather permitting.

On-street parking will be prohibited on the affected streets between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. while the work is ongoing.

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

New pick-up locations added to meal deliveries

The Dover School District is providing free meals to all Dover children ages 18 and under, whether or not students attend classes on campus or by remote learning, as part of the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option.



Dover Public Schools Update

The District is providing three breakfast and lunch meal combinations every Tuesday, and two breakfast and lunch meal combinations every Friday between 1 and 2 p.m. Meals are distributed at the following locations:

- Woodman Park School - 11 Towle Avenue
- Rutland Manor - 1 Abby Lane
- Redden Gardens Apartments - Adelle Drive
- Westgate Village - 1 Martha's Way
- White Cliffs at Dover - 510 Martha's Way
- Lilac Gardens - 1 Lilac Lane
- Mineral Park Drive, Upper Housing Authority
- Seymour Osman Community Center, 40 Hampshire Circle, Lower Housing Authority
- Strafford Farms - 58 New Rochester Road
- Janetos Market - 77 Main Street

Parents and guardians no longer need to place an order in advance. All one needs to do is show up at one of these locations between 1 and 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays to pick up the meal combinations.

For more information, visit the School District's website at <https://www.dover.k12.nh.us/>.

**STOPPING THE SPREAD
OF COVID-19 ISN'T
JUST ABOUT YOU.**

**IT'S ABOUT PROTECTING
EVERYONE AROUND YOU.**

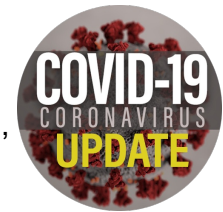
**WEAR
A MASK**



How cloth face coverings help slow the spread of COVID-19

COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are "asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are "pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.



To reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

The City Council recently unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the use of face coverings in public to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth

face covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants). Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

The cloth face coverings recommended here are not surgical masks or respirators. Currently, those are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment (PPE). They are not appropriate substitutes for PPE such as respirators (like N95 respirators) or medical facemasks (like surgical masks) in workplaces where respirators or facemasks are recommended or required to protect the wearer.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.



Property tax relief? Financial hardship?
Food assistance? Business aid?
Unemployment?

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The advertisement features a light blue background with a faint image of a clock tower. At the bottom center is the official seal of the City of Dover, New Hampshire, which includes the text 'CITY OF DOVER NEW HAMPSHIRE' and '1623'.



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 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](#).

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Oct. 4, 1841 - A very severe storm causes significant damage to shipping. Snow fell in considerable quantities, covering the tops of hills and giving them the aspect of midwinter.

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Oct. 6, 1842 - The cornerstone of the new Town Hall was laid this day, on which occasion appropriate remarks were made by Hon. John P. Hale. A variety of pamphlets, papers, coins and other matters, were deposited in a box under the corner stone, including a sketch of Dover, map of the village, list of Town Officers, newspapers published in town, etc.

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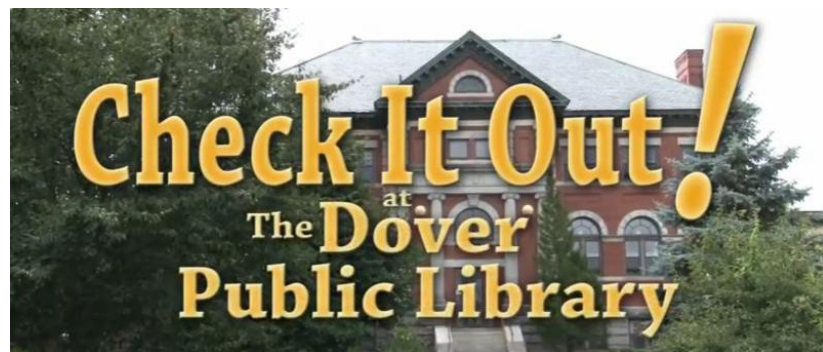
Oct. 7, 1852 - Five persons killed and a large number badly injured by a railroad collision near the Weirs - among whom were John H. Smith (killed) and Richard B. Cater (injured and died two days after) of Dover.

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Oct. 5, 1858 - The State Fair was held this year, for the second time in Dover, on the Ricker field. The attendance was large and the receipts "\$6,000, a larger sum than ever before taken."

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Oct. 6, 1925 - Foster's Daily Democrat in Dover announces it will publish a play-by-play account of the World Series between the Pittsburg Pirates and Washington Senators. At 2 p.m. the paper begins announcing the games from the office, play-by-play, through a megaphone.



Dover Public Library to host Star Wars Trivia on Saturday

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away a daring team of up to six players challenged others in the star system to a match in which only true Star Wars fans could triumph.

If you are daring enough to try, gather friends and family and test your Star Wars skills on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. for Star Wars trivia on the lawn at Dover Public Library.

Teams of up to six players are invited to play this trivia game hosted by Tish Sims. Trivia will be a mixed bag of Star Wars-

related questions and suitable for all ages. Families are welcome to participate. Prize (and bragging rights) awarded to the winning team.

Participation will be limited to the first 50 people. No registration is required. Attendees are welcome to bring a snack and a blanket or chair to sit on. In order to stay safe, the library will be practicing social distancing measures and ask that trivia teams wear masks when they are not seated. The use of cell phones is prohibited and will result in disqualification.

This program is free and open to the public. You do not need to be a member of Dover Public Library to join in on the fun.

For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050 or email Aimee at a.lockhardt@dover.nh.gov.

Friends of the Library to hold Grab Bag Book Sale on Saturday

The Friends of the Dover Public Library's annual Book Sale, which usually takes place at the end of October, will not occur this year. However, there will be a one-day sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will be on the Dover Public Library's front lawn and will consist of grab bags for \$5.

Bags will be available in categories such as non-fiction, mysteries, children's titles, and more. Please support the Friends of the Library by stopping by the sale. Friend's membership information will also be available.

The Friends generously support the Library by purchasing our museum passes, providing monthly programming, sponsoring our Summer Reading Programs, Peeps Contest, Poetry Contest, and a lot more throughout the year.

For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050 or email Aimee at a.lockhardt@dover.nh.gov.

Library hours are Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Dover Public Library Recognizes the Rotary Club of Dover

On Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. the Dover Public Library will host a reception on the library lawn to recognize the generous donation from the Rotary Club of Dover.

The funds were used to purchase updated shelving, new furniture, and to create family play areas for the Children's

Room.

Join the Library in showing appreciation to the Rotary for their ongoing commitment to early literacy.

If you or your child would like to make a thank you card to express your gratitude to the Rotary, please bring it to the reception or drop it off in the Children's Room before Oct. 21.

This program is free and open to the public.

This Week at the Library

Thursday, Oct. 1 through Saturday, Oct. 31, All Day **VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Half Baked Harvest* and *Half Baked Harvest: Super Simple* by Tieghan Gerard. Throughout the month of October, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram [@doverpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/doverpubliclibrary).

Thursday, Oct. 1 through Saturday, Oct. 10, All Day **Teen Take and Make Kits in the Teen Loft**

Teens in grades 7-12 are welcome to bring home a Take & Make Kit filled with supplies needed to make a small craft. The October kit will contain supplies to make an origami pumpkin garland. Origami pumpkin kits will be available beginning October 1, and can be picked up in the Teen Loft (one per teen, please) while supplies last.

Thursday, Oct. 1 through Monday, November 30, All Day **Fall Book Bingo Teen Challenge**

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to try out our Fall Book Bingo Challenge. Bingo cards will be available in the Teen Loft and at the Circulation Desk. The more you read, the more chances to get a bingo. Bingo rules: Choose a book to read that fits the theme of an open bingo square (must be a different book for each square). Keep track of the books that you've read on a separate piece of paper. Cross off five squares in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally) to get a bingo. Each bingo earns a raffle entry, and a full sheet gets an extra five raffle entries (in addition to those earned for bingos). Bring your completed bingo card and your book list to the Reference Desk or send a picture to e.fortin@dover.nh.gov by November 30 to be entered into the raffle for a gift card prize. For questions, please e-mail e.fortin@dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

Monday, October 5, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Read WITH a Librarian**

Sign up to have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and reading ability your child might want to

only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! Once you register we will be in touch with you by Sunday evening to schedule a time that works best for your schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

Monday, October 5, 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Movies on the Front Lawn

Enjoy the throwback film *Casper* (1995) starring Bill Pullman, Christina Ricci, and Cathy Moriarty. An afterlife therapist and his daughter meet a friendly young ghost when they move into a crumbling mansion in order to rid the premises of wicked spirits. All movies will be played on the library's front lawn. Showings will be limited to the first 50 people. No registration is required. Attendees are welcome to bring a snack and a blanket or chair to sit on. In order to stay safe, the library will be practicing social distancing measures and ask that moviegoers wear a mask when they are not seated. Rated PG

Tuesday, October 6, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Storytime on the Front Lawn

Families are invited to join us for an outside storytime. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. A craft will be available to take home. Please wear a mask and bring a blanket to sit on. Registration is required for this event.

Wednesday, October 7, 10 to 11 a.m.

Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club on the Front Lawn

Dover Public Library is starting a new book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography.

The club will meet the second Wednesday of each month outside on the lawn (while the weather is still nice!). The first book will be the acclaimed *Lies my Teacher Told Me: Everything your American History Textbook Got Wrong* by James W. Loewen. You can borrow a physical copy or read it on Hoopla. Reach out with any questions, comments, and future book recommendations to a.soniabolduc@dover.nh.gov. Registration required.

Wednesday, October 7, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Online Storytime

Check out a new session of Miss Tina's storytime. This storytime and all previous recordings may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp>

Wednesday, October 7, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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Drop in and have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and reading ability your child might want to only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9. Please wear a mask.

Thursday, October 8, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

In-Person Adult Knitting Group in the Lecture Hall

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather in the Lecture Hall with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules.

Thursday, October 8, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Storytime on the Front Lawn

Families are invited to join us for an outside storytime. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. A craft will be available to take home. Please wear a mask and bring a blanket to sit on. Registration is required for this event.

Friday, October 9, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose

Mother Goose On the Loose is back! Please 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.

Saturday, October 10, 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Family Yoga on the Lawn

Families are welcome to join Miss Emily and Miss Jojo for a fun session of yoga on the lawn. This yoga session is great for toddlers - kindergartners, older/younger siblings are always welcome too! Please wear a mask, comfy clothes (with layers for warmth) and bring a yoga mat if you would like. In case of a weather cancellation we will notify via email. Registration is required for this event.



City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as

well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

CITY OF DOVER  **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, development and construction project updates, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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**
- **Arena maintenance/ice resurfacers**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Gym Attendant**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility Electrical Technician**

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

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