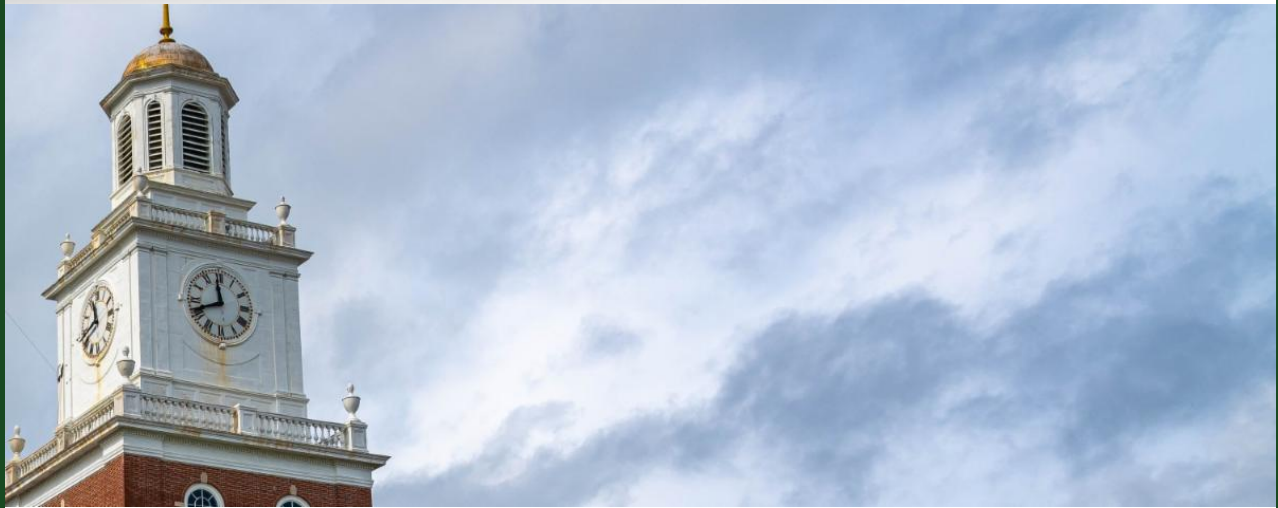


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City releases proposed six-year Capital Improvements Program

Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. released his proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for fiscal years 2022 through 2027 to the City Council and Planning Board at a joint workshop session on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020. The workshop can be [viewed here](#).

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Meetings this week:

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The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

City Council, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Conference Room at City Hall.

The Planning Board and City Council will review the CIP over the coming weeks, and the City Council is expected to vote on the proposed CIP in November.

"The Capital Improvements Program is a collection of capital projects that are funded by various means," Joyal said, noting that projects can be financed through the City's operating budget, debt financing, and reserve accounts. "The projects identified in this CIP represent the legitimate equipment and infrastructure needs supporting the diverse requirements of our community."

The CIP is a city-wide planning effort that begins the next fiscal year's budget cycle, starting on July 1, 2021. Projects included in the plan are capital projects and purchases over \$25,000 that maintain and improve the community infrastructure and have a useful life of at least three years. The CIP six-year program links infrastructure spending to the City's Master Plan's goals and values.

"The CIP is a vital part of the City of Dover's long-term planning process," said Christopher G. Parker, Assistant City Manager: Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives. "This six-year plan helps identify the needs of the community and prepare a long-term funding strategy to meet those needs."

For fiscal year 2022 that begins on July 1, 2021, the CIP has \$18,244,036 in proposed capital projects. That includes \$8,003,036 funded through the operating budget, \$6,696,000 funded through debt-financing, and \$3,545,000 funded from reserve accounts.

Some of the proposed projects in FY2022's CIP include rehabilitation of the Chestnut Street Bridge, installing an air conditioning and dehumidifier unit in Dover Middle School, street reconstruction projects, utility upgrades, and funding the City's vehicle replacement programs. The CIP details each of the 100 proposed CIP projects over the next six years. Each proposed project lists the Master Plan chapter, section and page number the project would fulfill.

The CIP is updated annually and involves input sessions with the Planning Board and City Council, including public hearings for both boards. The Planning Board will begin its CIP discussions at its Oct. 13 meeting. The Planning Board reviews the CIP to see if it meets the needs expressed in the City's Master Plan. After deliberations, it will forward its CIP recommendations to the City Council.

The City Council is expected to hold three public hearings related to the CIP at its Oct. 28 meeting: one the CIP itself, one on proposed debt financing, and one on non-debt financed and non-operating budget funded projects. The City Council will also have a Nov. 4 workshop on the CIP. The earliest the City Council could vote on the plan is at its Nov. 18 meeting.

As Joyal explained to the councilors Wednesday night, to approve the CIP entails voting on three resolutions: the plan itself, debt-service projects, and non-debt projects funded by funds other than the City's general fund.

The vote on adopting the plan is "is a statement of intent, but it does not bind you to anything," Joyal told the Council. "It tells me as your City Manager and anyone else in the City, this is your long-term plan on how things are going to happen in the City for upgrading roads, infrastructure, replacing equipment and so forth. From an operational perspective, it allows us to start making plans or continuing plans for replacing equipment, and perhaps not investing in maintenance in certain things

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

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


For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



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8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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The vote on debt-service projects is only for the year-one CIP projects approved by the City Council. The vote on the CIP's non-debt portion are projects funded by capital reserves accounts and grant funds. These two votes require a two-thirds majority to pass.

To view the updated CIP projects, visit the City of Dover's CIP [web page here](#). The page also contains a [video overview](#) of the plan. A physical copy of the CIP can also be reviewed at City Hall and the Dover Public Library.

For more information, contact the Dover Planning Department at 516-6008, email the Director of Planning and Community Development, Christopher G. Parker at c.parker@dover.nh.gov, or stop by the Planning Office, located on the first floor of City Hall.



The existing skatepark, pictured above, has been located on River Street since 1998.

City seeks input for new skatepark

On Thursday, Oct. 22, the Dover Skatepark Design Committee will unveil the design and seek public input for a new skatepark planned for Guppy Park.

The Skatepark Design Committee will present the options developed with consultant Pillar Design Studios at 6 p.m. in the softball parking lot at Guppy Park, 110 Portland Ave. The softball park is located adjacent to the new skatepark location planned for an undeveloped section of Guppy Park. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the McConnell Center Cafeteria. The Committee requests that attendees wear facial coverings and practice physical distancing wherever the meeting is held.

Input is needed to help fine tune skatepark plans design, which will determine the exact site for the new skatepark. Once a site is finalized, the Committee can develop a budget and a final design. Building the new park could begin in 2021 if there are no significant obstacles to overcome.



The existing skatepark on River Street will be relocated to Guppy Park, seen above.

Last year, the City Council allocated \$221,846 in the 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). This year, the City Council will consider allocating another \$250,000 in the 2022-2027 CIP.

Current plans for the new skatepark call for it to be made of concrete, shown in other modern skateparks to have long life spans with minimal maintenance. A significant portion of the project's cost is site work, as there is a 25-foot elevation difference from one end of the site to the other.

The Dover Skatepark has been located on River Street since it opened in December of 1998 on the east end of Henry Law Park at the former location of the City's recycling center. Building a Dover Skatepark traces back to July of 1996 when resident and Dover Rotary member Arthur Corte proposed the idea of a skating park to the City Council. The idea was to develop into an in-line skate rink for roller skating and hockey games that could be flooded and frozen in the winter for ice skating. There would also be a section for skateboarders.

The project got off the ground through a \$30,000 donation from Dover Rotary and \$30,000 from fundraising, which included autograph signings of Boston Bruins players. Fundraising was also generated from an all-age music festival at the Butterfield Gym's former location, where the Children's Museum of New Hampshire now resides. Then as now, Recreation Director Gary Bannon aided the planning and construction process. Once opened, the site became a haven for skateboarders.

Relocating the skatepark dates back to previous plans to develop the City's waterfront in the late 2000s, which was eventually delayed by the recession. A potential developer of the waterfront, who eventually withdrew from the project, paid \$40,000 fees to the City to extend contractual deadlines. Half of the money was reserved for the skatepark.

When it appeared the skatepark would remain in its location for a few more years, in late 2014, the Recreation Department allocated \$13,000 of the money to build a halfpipe at the River Street site. The unique halfpipe was designed and built by James Boos, Steve Stripto, Chris Trembley, and Matty Johnson, who were also on an ad-hoc committee looking for a place to relocate the skatepark. They designed the halfpipe so it could be to be moved in the future. It is one of the design options being considered for the new skatepark.

Boos, Stripto, Trembley and Johnson are also on the Dover Skatepark Design Committee along with Bannon.

City offices closed Monday for Indigenous Peoples' Day

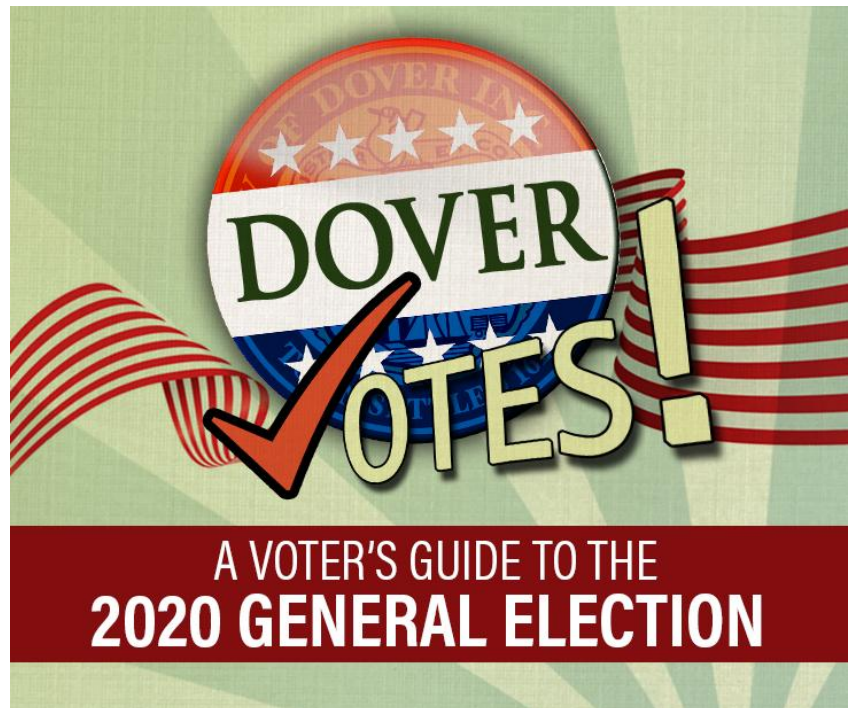
City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020 for Indigenous Peoples' Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Public Library is also closed on Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is a parking holiday in Dover. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays.

Trash pickup and curbside recycling are not affected by the holiday and will follow a regular schedule.

The Dover City Council and School Board passed resolutions this year declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, in place of the state and federal holiday known as Columbus Day.



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.



Sunday hours at the Recycling Center

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will open for additional weekly hours for several Sundays in October and November.

The Recycling Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following Sundays: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Nov. 22 and Nov. 29.

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, call 516-6450.



Apple Harvest Day Festival continues monthlong celebration

Virtual 5K kicks off today

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 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.



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 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 [mailing list](#).



Interactive mill sculpture on display in Dover Library's Children's Room

There's a replica of the first mill built in Dover now on display in the Children's Room of the Dover Public Library created by Marielle Carpentier, a 2020 recipient of a City Arts Grant, awarded by the Dover Arts Commission.

The sculpture, called Dover Mills Factory, is a simplified representation of the main factory of what would become the first in a series of mill buildings that comprised the Cocheco Manufacturing Company.

Carpentier selected fabrics that resembled the fabrics the mill would have made at the time. She used the original mill building called Cocheco Mill Number 1 before it was rebuilt after a 1907 fire as the model for the sculpture.

"This way it is representative of both the outside of the factory and the works of the fabric being created inside," it states on the information sheet posted with the sculpture.

The sculpture is interactive, where children can remove sections of the replica mill connected by Velcro. She described it as "extremely child friendly, as it is essentially a giant pillow."

Carpentier had wanted to hold a workshop to teach children about textile history, patternmaking and sewing so they could create their own custom pillow, but COVID-19 restrictions have postponed those plans.

In place of the workshop, Carpentier is creating "Make It, Take It Kits," that will feature a printing technique and materials for children to make their own custom pillow. Those will be available in the library in the coming weeks.

City Arts Grants are awarded by the Dover Arts Commission to individual artists and arts organizations to create visual art, music, dance, theatre, film, and literary projects that benefit the residents of Dover and enrich the cultural life of the city.

The Dover Arts Commission is an advisory board to the Dover City Council tasked with developing and promoting programs, forums, and exhibits that highlight the artistic talent within the city. The Arts Commission works to enhance awareness of and appreciation for the arts through increased dialogue and citizen participation.

For more information about City Arts Grants or the Dover Arts Commission, email Jane Hamor at j.hamor@dover.nh.gov.



Fall leaf collection begins Oct. 28

The City of Dover 2020 fall leaf collection will take place on the following weeks:

- Oct. 26-Oct. 30
- Nov. 2-6
- Nov. 9-13
- Nov. 16-20

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags, which can be purchased at local hardware or home

improvement stores. No brush will be accepted.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste are also accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Recycling Center will also be open on from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays, beginning on Sunday, Oct. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 29.

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



City trick-or-treating is Oct. 30

COVID-19 precautions must be followed

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.

Fire Chief Paul 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:

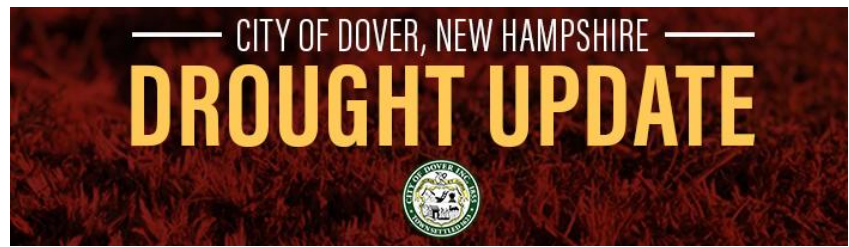
- Using a table and bowl on a porch that can be refilled between visitors.
- Setting up a driveway distribution point, such as a table, that allows households to participate but from a minimum of a six-foot distance.

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.



No improvement to drought conditions in Dover

Dover, region remain in 'extreme drought'

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), Dover and the region already have more than a 1-inch precipitation deficit in October's first eight days. That puts the accumulated precipitation deficit since May at more than 11.5 inches.

The U.S. Drought Monitor [classified](#) the Dover region as being in an "extreme" drought the third straight week; overall, the area has been classified as being in a drought for 16 weeks since it was first classified on June 23.

Because of the continued drought conditions, the City Manager's mandatory water restrictions enacted on Aug. 21 remain in effect. The City of Dover is one of seven municipalities and 165 community water systems in the state with either mandatory or voluntary water restrictions, most of which are located in southeastern New Hampshire, according to NWS.

The extreme drought area increased 11.4 percent in New Hampshire to encompass 22 percent of the state. This week, most of Hillsborough County moved from severe to extreme classification. According to the Drought Monitor, the extreme drought area encompasses more than 52 percent of the state's population.

Statewide, the slight positive news in the Drought Monitor's [Thursday update](#) is a sliver of the NH/VT border in Sullivan County was downgraded from moderate drought to abnormally dry. But the change was less than 1 percent of the state.

Stacey Herbold of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau has urged water users to conserve as much water as possible to ensure enough safe drinking water. She noted last week 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."

The NWS drought outlook sees more chances of precipitation over the next week. "It is possible that some of the moisture from Hurricane Delta could make it to northern New England by Monday night or Tuesday. As much as 1 to 2 inches of rain is possible," NWS predicted. "The NWS official 6 to 10-day and

8 to 14-day forecast calls for above-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation. What is needed is a widespread rain event over several days to bring substantial relief to drought-stricken areas."

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 last week the City's average daily water production dropped by 20,000 gallons a day over the past week to 1.86 million 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.

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 to meet all customers' needs and emergency operations, such as firefighting. 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.



Fall foliage season off to strong start despite drought

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Forestry Specialist Steven Roberge told Dover Download this week the key to a colorful foliage season is the health of the trees and leaves. "If you start out the foliage season with healthy green leaves, you have a good base," he said.

The warm days and cold nights of September and October this year have allowed for certain leaf chemicals to grow, which helps the brilliant colors in the leaves to develop, he said. "Statewide, it's been a pretty great year," he said.

While not advocating for drought conditions, Roberge said heavy rains and winds can drop a lot of leaves in a day and cut a foliage season short. Still, he has seen some distressed trees, but the cases are few with trees with comprised root systems.

New Hampshire's north country usually peaks in the first week of October, and this year is similar. But, "There are still plenty of color weeks after," he said.

According to the state's [foliage tracker](#), the Seacoast region foliage is estimated to peak between Oct. 20 to Oct. 31.

The foliage season also provides an opportunity to discover non-native and invasive species. Roberge noted that many leaves of non-native trees and plants stay green up to the first hard frost, typically in November. "That's a great way to identify non-native plants," he said. "It's pretty obvious when everything else turns color."

For example, native sugar maple leaves have already turned red, while leaves on the non-native Norway maple - [considered invasive](#) by New Hampshire Department of Agriculture - remain green.

Roberge encourages people to get out and enjoy the outdoors. "There have been very few years that have been a bad foliage year," Roberge said. "Look for the positive, and don't think about the negatives."

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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 reminds residents that Gov. Chris Sununu's ban on outdoor fires remain in effect.

Sununu issued a proclamation Sept. 25 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.

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 information.

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 until December.

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 Oct. 12, 2020 paving work will continue on the following streets:

- **Mast Road**

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

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.

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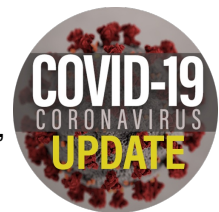
**WEAR
A MASK**



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>.



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Food assistance? Business aid?
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The advertisement features a light blue background with a faint image of the Dover State House. At the bottom center is the official seal of the City of Dover, New Hampshire.



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. 12, 1648 - There was granted to Richard Waldron 1,500 trees, either oak or pine, for the accommodation of a saw mill which he intendeth shortly to erect and set up at or upon the lower fall of the river Cochecho. The said Richard Waldron is to pay three pence per tree.

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Oct. 14, 1651 - Dover was fined 10 Pounds for neglecting to send a deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts at two successive sessions. Upon the request of Mr. Maud the fine was "respited and not to be levied till the next Court of Election, that the Court may judge of Dover's answer."

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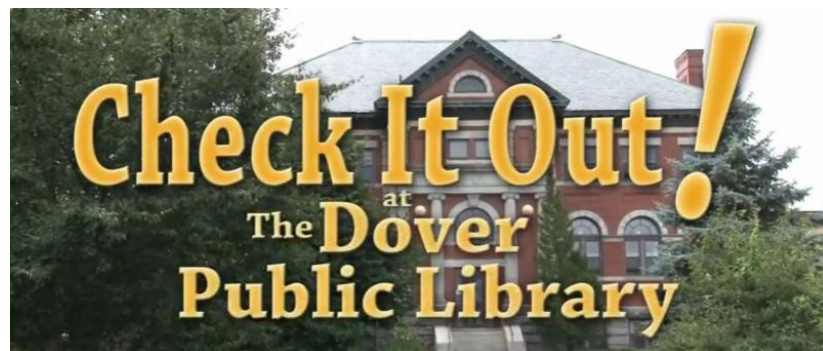
Oct. 15, 1693 - The General Assembly in ordering that every town in the Province should provide a schoolmaster for the supply of the town on penalty of ten pounds, exempted Dover during the war with the French and Indians from the provisions of the act. This exemption was doubtless in consequence of the desolation of the town in 1689, from which it had not yet sufficiently recovered to support the charge of a school.

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Oct. 13, 1855 - The Piscataqua Ferry Company for carrying passengers from Dover Point to Newington was organized with capital of \$2,000.

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Oct. 11, 1883 - The New York Times reports, under the headline, "A Draw After Forty-Nine Rounds," that a prize fight between "Denny" Cannon of Dover and Dennis Delaney of Biddeford, Maine, lasted 49 rounds, during a match in Farmington. The one hour and 40-minute fight was called a draw after the crowd of 300 was frightened away by police. The Times states that "both men were badly punished, and had to be carried away by friends."



Legends and Haunts of New England

Come tour the mysterious and haunting side of New England without ever having to leave your seat.

Join Dover Public Library for "Legends and Haunts of New England", an online presentation featuring some of the most

haunted places in New England on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The virtual lecture includes videos, pictures and EVPs that are sure to leave you wondering if a paranormal realm exists.

The lecture is presented by Tom D'Agostino, author of 15 books on ghosts and legends of New England. D'Agostino has been a paranormal researcher and investigator for 38 years with over 1,400 investigations under his belt. He has been featured in many television programs including PBS' Things That Go Bump in the Night, SyFy's Ghost Hunters, and Animal Planet's Haunted.

The presentation will be held online through Ring Central and registration is required to access the login information.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

Dover Public Library to host Star Wars Trivia Oct. 17

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 Oct. 17

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.

**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.

**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.

Saturday, October 10, 12 to 4 p.m.

Dungeons and Dragons: 18 & Older on the Front Lawn
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE on the front lawn with Dungeon Master Dave! The group will meet every Saturday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. This group is geared toward ages 18 & older. Please bring your own lawn chair/blankets and whatever you need to be comfortable outside, and wear a mask while within six feet of other players and if you come inside the building.

Monday, October 12, Library Closed

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Movies on the Front Lawn

Enjoy the throwback film Goosebumps (2015) starring Jack Black, Dylan Minnette, and Odeya Rush. A teenager teams up with the daughter of young adult horror author R. L. Stine after the writer's imaginary demons are set free on the town of Madison, Delaware. 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 movie-goers wear a mask when they are not seated.

Rated PG

Wednesday, October 14, 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 14, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Read WITH a Librarian

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 15, 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.

Thursday, October 15, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Zoom with Dungeon Master Griffin! The group will meet every Thursday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. **Please register for this program and you will receive an email 30 minutes prior to the event with the login information.**

Friday, October 16, 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 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library Grab Bag Sale on the Front Lawn

This year's book sale will consist of grab bags for \$5. Bags will be available in categories such as non-fiction, mysteries, children's titles, and more.

Saturday, October 17, 2 to 4 p.m.
Star Wars Trivia on the Front Lawn

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Dracula sinks teeth into The Strand

Bram Stoker's classic vampire tale Dracula comes live to The Strand. This Dover tradition in its fourth year is a Halloween tradition not to be missed, complete with chilling special effects. Adapted for the stage by Bill Brooks, the show features eerie moments in what is a fun family show.

The story of Dracula is derived from vampire legends and became the basis for an entire genre of literature and film. It follows the vampire Count Dracula from his castle in Transylvania to England, where he stalks his victims, while being hunted himself.

The show is presented by Break A Leg Legally (BALL), which has established itself as the resident theater company of The Strand. Dracula stars Emily Andrews, Jamie Bradley, Renda Brooks, William Burr, Matthew Dulchinos, Paul Gallant, Kate Gilbert, Phil Lakaszcyck, Katie Makem-Boucher, and Robert Prue.

Directed by Jacqueline Foss, performances are held at The Strand, 20 Third St., Dover. Shows are October 23 through November 1 at 8 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays (including two performances on Halloween). Tickets are available at the door or can be purchased at <https://www.breakaleglegally.com/tickets>.

Online ticket purchases are strongly recommended. The Strand is complying with the NH Guidelines on Safety for Performing Arts. Patrons are asked to wear masks when moving around the theater, and seats are socially distanced. If you wish to pay at the door, you will be seated in a proper socially distanced section. When they are no longer able to seat the theatre correctly and safely, no additional tickets will be available for that show.

The Strand, located on Third Street, is a nonprofit, multi-arts and entertainment center.

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**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility Electrical Technician**
- **Economic Development Secretary II**

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.
