

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 10, 2021



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288 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820 603-516-6000

City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

Dover Fire and Rescue hosts 9/11 remembrance ceremony Saturday



Dover Fire and Rescue will hold a 20th-anniversary remembrance ceremony of those lost during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The event will be held at Dover Veterans Park in front of the McConnell Center at 32 Locust St. at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 11.

Uniformed personnel planning to attend are asked to stage in the McConnell Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

In inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Dover High School Auditorium at 25 Alumni Drive in Dover.

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

COAST Bus to donate all Sept. 11 fares to NH first responders charity

In observance of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, COAST Bus will donate all fares collected on Saturday, Sept. 11 to the New Hampshire Police, Fire, and EMS Foundation (nhpfef.org).

The mission of the NHPFEF is to be a resource for the needs of Police, Fire, and EMS personnel and their families in dealing with crises or catastrophes not covered by insurance or employing agencies and/or workers' compensation funds.

Any member of the public wishing to contribute to this cause is welcomed to visit their local COAST bus stop on Saturday and drop a donation in the farebox as the bus proceeds by at its scheduled time. To find the bus stop nearest you, and the bus schedule, please visit www.coastbus.org, or download the DoubleMap App to your smart device to see the buses operating in real-time.

This effort is a part of COAST Cares. COAST Cares is a staff-led initiative to make a difference by giving to local charities that support causes that line up with our values. COAST believes in the importance of giving back to our communities.



Candidate filing period for municipal election continues through Sept. 17

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election opened this past Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, and concludes Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at 4 p.m.

Candidates seeking the office of Mayor, City Council, School Board, Supervisor of the Checklist, Moderator, Selectpersons and Ward Clerk must file a written declaration of candidacy with the City Clerk during the filing period.

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Want to know who has filed for Mayor, City Council and School Board. Visit the dedicated <u>2021</u> <u>municipal election page</u>, which also includes other information related to the municipal election.

On Nov. 2, voters from all wards will elect the Mayor, two at-large City Councilors, and one atlarge School Board member. In addition, voters in each of the six Dover wards will elect a City Councilor and School Board member and election officers, including a Supervisor of the Checklist, Moderator, three Selectpersons, and a Ward Clerk. All elected positions are two-year terms

Candidates seeking an elected position must be duly qualified voters in the city. For Mayor and City Council positions, candidates must have lived in Dover for at least one year preceding the election. Candidates seeking a specific ward position must live in that ward. Visit https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/ for a map that shows Dover's ward boundaries.

For more information, contact City Clerk Susan Mistretta at 516-6018 or s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov.



Video guide to the 2021 municipal election

City Clerk Susan Mistretta discusses the 2021 municipal election, candidate filing and how to register to vote in a video. Click here or the image to the left for the video.

Absentee ballot applications available for Nov. 2 municipal election

Absentee ballot applications for the City of Dover Nov. 2, 2021 municipal election are now available online and 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, or employment obligations may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail.

The actual ballots will not be available until after the candidate filing period, and the election ballots are printed.

The City Clerk's Office is located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall. Its regular business hours are 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. The online absentee ballot application is available at https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/open-government/election-information/absentee-ballots/2021 AbsenteeBallotRequest.pdf.

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

Space available for Dover Recreation fall swim programs

Dover Recreation still has room in their fall swim lesson programs offered at the Dover Indoor Pool.

Classes range from infant/toddler all the way through adult lessons. A packet containing information about the different youth swim programs can be viewed



here: https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/city-operations/2document/recreation/indoor-pool/DIPFalllessons2021.pdf.

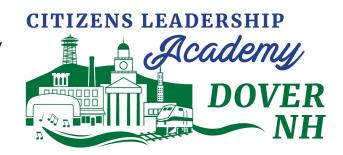
Find information about adult swim classes here:

https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/city-operations/2document/recreation/indoor-pool/DIPAdultFallGroup2021.pdf.

Sign up for classes online at https://getactive.dover.nh.gov. For more information, contact Kelsey at the Dover Indoor Pool at 603-516-6441.

Citizens Leadership Academy: A firsthand look at local government

The Greater Dover of Chamber of Commerce will once again produce the Eastern Bank Citizens Leadership Academy in partnership with the City of Dover this October. The free program offers Garrison City residents a firsthand look at local government and municipal operations and provides attendees an opportunity to help shape the future of the city.



"Eastern Bank is proud to sponsor Citizens Leadership Academy again this year," says Eastern Bank Branch Manager Brian Main. "We feel it is important for people to be a part of their community, and this program is a great way to experience the different parts of our local government."

The 2021 Citizens Leadership Academy will meet on Oct. 7, 14, 21, 23, 28, and Nov. 4. Each year this program brings together people from diverse segments of the community interested in meeting and working with others to address key issues critical to maintaining and improving Dover's quality of life. It will increase citizens' knowledge of the community and introduce them to opportunities to become more involved as active community members.

"Citizens Leadership Academy participants are encouraged to initiate discussions with other residents as well as business and government leaders, and contribute their knowledge, imagination and energy towards the betterment of the community," said Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce.

This year's Citizens Leadership Academy will include presentations by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Assistant City Manager/Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives Christopher G. Parker, Economic Development Director Daniel Barufaldi, Library Director Denise LaFrance, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, Fire Chief Paul Haas, Police Chief William Breault, Community Services Director John Storer and Recreation Director Gary Bannon.

"Citizens Leadership Academy is a great opportunity to learn more about local governance in Dover and discover how to become a better informed and involved citizen," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "The program provides participants with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the various city departments and a behind-the-scenes look at how these departments each support and contribute to the quality of life we enjoy in our community."

Participants are not required to make every meeting, but regular attendance is strongly encouraged. This program is free of charge and open to Dover residents. For more information or to register, call Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Community Events Manager Morgan Faustino at (603) 742-2218 or email him at events@dovernh.org. You can also register online at dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.



Community Services Director John Storer discusses the Broadway drainage project as part of an indepth look at public works infastructure during the 2020 Citizens Leadership Academy.

Dover Arts Commission soliciting artists and businesses for Dover Art Beat exhibits

The Dover Arts Commission is working with artists, area businesses, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, and the Dover Main Street Program to connect businesses and visual artists.

The Arts Commission's goal is to encourage local businesses to display local art and give artists an alternate display venue other than specific galleries or themed gallery shows. This also provides the public more opportunities and locations to view artwork.



How the Dover Art Beat program works:

- Artists join the Dover Art Beat roster by uploading their information to the link below.
- Businesses select an artist to partner with from the Art Beat artist roster. The number of pieces exhibited is determined by the available space: no space is too small.
- Exhibits will run for a minimum of four months. Once a business and artist have connected, a contract will be sent for each party to sign.
- Any sales generated by the exhibit require a 20% commission to the business.

- The artist and the host location will arrange the time for the work to be installed and picked up at the end of the display period. The length of the show is determined by the two parties.
- Artists will receive a \$100 stipend from the business for exhibiting their work.

Current exhibits include:

- Sarah Cassani's work displayed at Dr. Jody Low Family Dentistry
- Nicole Soucy's work displayed at Cinco De Mayor Restaurant
- Paige Foster's work displayed at Dupont's Service Center

To be considered for the next round of Art Beat exhibits, submit your information by Nov. 1, 2021, to https://form.jotform.com/212115851344145.

For more information, contact the Dover Arts Commission via email at ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov.



Night work for Central Avenue begins Sunday, Sept. 12

The Central Avenue North Water Main project that replaces critical water infrastructure along Central Avenue from Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to Glenwood Avenue shifts to night work for the week of Sept. 12.

The work will be focused at the Central Avenue intersections of Lowell Avenue and Old Rollinsford Road. The work is being done at night to avoid significant traffic backups that would occur in the area during the daytime.

Work will include cutting and excavation of the roadway that may be noisy at times.

Work hours on Sunday, Sept. 12 will be from 7:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13. The rest of the week through Friday morning, work will begin at 9 p.m. and conclude at 5 a.m.

During the day Friday, the contractor will lay temporary trench pavement on the week's work areas.

Southbound Central Avenue detour planned for week of Sept. 20

The contractor will go back to daytime hours on Monday, Sept. 20 as they work to lay pipe on Central Avenue from Lowell Avenue to Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive.

To help reduce traffic queues and wait times, southbound Central Avenue traffic will be diverted via Lowell Avenue or Abbott Street to Mount Vernon Street, to rejoin Central Avenue via Reservoir, Ash, Hough or Sixth streets. This traffic diversion will require temporary parking restrictions posted along portions of Mount Vernon Street to accommodate larger vehicles and transit buses.

Northbound traffic will continue to flow through the work zone. Motorists who can avoid the area entirely are encouraged to do so.

Sign-up for project updates

The City of Dover provides frequent email updates about the project to help residents and businesses plan for disruption along Central Avenue. To sign-up for these updates, visit https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters, add "Project update: Central Avenue North Water Improvements Project" to your current email subscription list.

There is also a dedicated project page at https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/central-avenue-north-water-improvements/.

For information about the project, contact Community Services at 516-6450.



Contractors work on Central Avenue across from Wentworth-Douglass Hospital on Friday, Sept. 10. Next week, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, the contractor will perform night work by the intersection of Lowell Avenue and Old Rollinsford Road.



Paving to begin Tuesday, Sept. 14

The contractor will mill and pave trenches dug during the project, resulting in a smoother road.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 to Wednesday, Sept. 15: The contractor will pave on Washington Street from Central Avenue/Henry Law Avenue intersection to Water Street. This includes trenches along Henry Law Avenue as well. Expect parking restrictions and lane reductions in the work area.

Thursday, Sept. 16 to Friday, Sept. 17: The contractor will pave Main Street from the Washington Street intersection to Broadway. Expect temporary road closures on Portland

Avenue and Chapel Street and lane reductions on Main Street. Parking will also be restricted in the work area



Children's Museum hosts 9th Annual NH Maker Fest

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is gearing up for its 9th Annual NH Maker Fest on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., inside and around the museum in downtown Dover. This day-long festival is perfect for anyone looking to spend a few hours discovering something new, whether that's about printmaking, zines, sewing, baking, robots and so much more.

Freelance Illustrator Alex Edgerly from Newmarket will be showing off her linocut print designs. Master carpenter and seasoning expert, Dan Gagnon will be sharing samples of his three "NH Dan's Seasonings." Seacoast ArtSpot, a new studio in Portsmouth NH, will be on hand at the Fest to share their love of learning through a wide variety of art and craft-based experiences. Sages Entertainment, which specializes in entertaining with bubbles, magic, STEAM enrichment, and more, will bring their special bubble tricks and hands-on play to NH Maker Fest this year. They'll also bring a few robot friends and show off their special skills as well!

Thanks to generous lead sponsors including Sprague, the UNIQUE College Investing Plan, and Kennebunk Savings Bank, this year's Fest entrance is by donation.

"We're so happy to be able to open up this fun day of discovery to anyone who wishes to attend." said CMNH President Jane Bard.

The day will be filled with Museum-led Workshops as well as all the Maker booths. Under the Education Tent, the Museum's popular Egg Drop Challenge will once again take place, culminating in the engineered egg packages being launched from the roof of the museum towards the end of the Fest. Join a team or take on the challenge single-handed! Also happening in the tent will be "Making an Upcycle Vehicle" and "Tile Art". Relax on the Rotary Arts Pavilion stage with some Animal Yoga Poses with CMNH Education Director, Xanthi Gray, and check out an Elephant Toothpaste science experiment with Museum Experience Manager Jon Nichols. For all workshops and activities, check the Museum's website: www.childrens-museum.org.

The Fest has partnered with the Cochecho Arts Festival, organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. Magic Fred, a children's magician will perform from 10 to 10:30 a.m., and then The Kenney Brothers Band, a folk-rock band, will perform from 3 to 4 p.m. as the culmination of both the NH Maker Fest and the Cochecho Arts Festival summer concert series. Both performances will take place on the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park and the stage sponsor is Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin, P.A.

"We are excited to partner with the Children's Museum of New Hampshire to provide entertainment for the NH Maker Fest," says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce. "This is a natural extension of our summer-long Cochecho Arts Festival and allows us to celebrate the arts with Maker Fest attendees."

The museum would like to thank all its NH Maker Fest sponsors including Sprague, the UNIQUE College Investing Plan, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Albany International, Alexander Technology Group, Beswick Engineering Company, Inc., QA Cafe, The Rowley Agency, Loftware, Martel Plumbing & Heating, and NHPBS. To learn more about the Fest, to support this event, or to apply as a Maker, please visit www.childrens-museum.org.

Museum closed this week for fall maintenance

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire returned to an annual tradition of closing for a week of deep cleaning and maintenance after Labor Day. The museum closed on Monday, Sept. 6. It repones Tuesday, Sept. 14 with the same summer hours. The closing allows museum staff the time for exhibit maintenance and touch-ups that can't take place during normal hours.

"We use this time for all sorts of things like dusting high and low, floor maintenance, painting and repairing exhibits, and deep cleaning from top to bottom," said CMNH's Communications Director Neva Cole.

After reopening on Sept. 14, museum hours will continue to be two 3-hour play sessions Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m, as well as 9 a.m. to noon on Sundays. The Museum's annual Toddlerfest will return with drop-in activities for the museum's young visitors now that their older siblings are back in school. Toddlerfest will take place Sept. 14-26, and a score of free-with-admission activities are already being planned such as family yoga, science experiments, wacky art projects, bubble dance parties, and even bug investigation in the museum's Learning Garden.

Museum visitors are asked to reserve and/or pre-pay admission online prior to visiting. Everyone over the age of 24 months is required to wear a mask while inside the museum, or outside on the Play Patio, regardless of vaccination status.

About the Children's Museum of New Hampshire

The not-for-profit Children's Museum of New Hampshire is located at 6 Washington Street in Dover and offers two levels of hands-on, interactive exhibits for children from newborn to middle school. Children can explore a wide range of subjects, from dinosaurs, music and aeronautics to world cultures, art and natural history. The Silver LEED-certified museum specializes in creating memorable family learning experiences and works closely with schools, social service agencies and educators. The museum also hosts a variety of live performances, workshops, classes and special events for families. For more information and to reserve a date and time to visit the museum, visit www.childrens-museum.org.

Beautifying for Patriot Day



Members of Dover Municipal Employees Association weeded and beautified Dover Veterans Park after work on Wednesday in preparation for the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 11. From left, Jim Maxfield, Michelle Dube, Libby Simmons, Jean Glidden, Donna Benton and Nancy Usbelger.



Dover400 lecture series continues with "Treasures of the Woodman Museum"

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual lecture series on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at 7 p.m. with an online presentation about the origins and collections of Dover's Woodman Museum. <u>Click here</u> to register online.

The Woodman Museum was founded in 1916 from a trust established by Annie E. Woodman. The four historic houses that make up the campus include:

• The Woodman House (1818) houses a large collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils, an extensive display of taxidermy specimens including animals of all sizes, marine life, birds, and butterflies, and the War Memorial Rooms on the third floor.

- The Damm Garrison House (1675), housed under the protective white canopy midcampus, is the oldest house in Dover and displays over 800 artifacts from the colonial era.
- The Hale House (1813) holds an eclectic collection of diverse objects which detail the social, economic, cultural, and industrial history of Dover. Formerly the home of Abolitionist U.S. Senator John Parker Hale, the home also includes some primary examples of early seacoast-built furniture and related artworks.
- The Keefe House (1825) contains a small library, as well as the Thom Hindle Art Gallery and museum offices. The adjoining barn displays early examples of Dover carriages and tools.

Our presenter for this month's webinar is Mike Day, Operations Director for the Woodman Museum. Mike, a lifelong resident of the area, has a background in teaching and carpentry and began volunteering at the Museum as a docent in 2011. He was hired as a Tour Guide in 2013 and was promoted to Operations Director in 2017, after an apprenticeship with former curator Thom Hindle. Mike's decade-long service at the Museum has resulted in updated displays, refreshed exhibits, and creative programs which have attracted many new visitors.

Each Dover400 presentation is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To sign up for the September 14 lecture, please RSVP on www.Dover400.org or at the event-registration page here.

The earlier eight lectures in the series (presented January through August) can be viewed online if you missed them. They cover early Dover history from the 17th to 19th centuries and can be found here: https://dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400 or on the Dover400.org website.

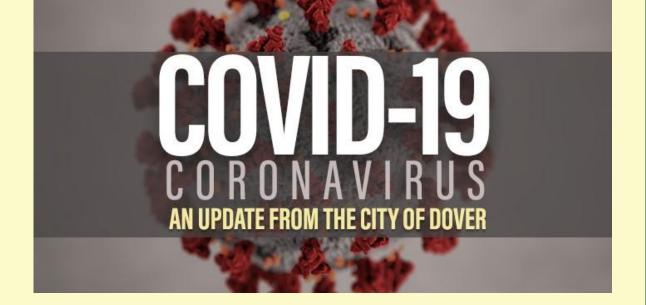
Dover's Open Lands Committee partners with First Light Habitats for pollinator talk

Dover's Open Lands Committee and First Light Habitats will hold "Places for Pollinators: Creating habitat for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds" on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. The talk will be held at Riverside Gardens, 201 Tolend Road.



The talk will feature Deb Perkins from First Light Habitats, who will discuss identification, ecology and habitat needs of bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. The event will feature a 45-minute indoor presentation, followed by a pollinator garden tour. Masks and comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.

Visit the Dover Open Lands Committee's Facebook page for more information.



Stopping the spread: A COVID-19 video update



In this September 2021 video update, local health officials discuss the current state of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic in Dover and Strafford County, and what we can do to help stop the spread of the disease. Click the image above or visit https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=ldy0xwjRvCAF to watch the video.

COVID-19 vaccine booster shots

COVID-19 vaccines are working very well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely spreading Delta variant. However, with the Delta variant, public health experts are starting to see reduced protection against mild and moderate disease. For this reason, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is planning for a booster shot so vaccinated people maintain protection over the coming months.

The goal is for people to start receiving a COVID-19 booster shot beginning in the fall, with individuals being eligible starting 8 months after they received their second dose of an mRNA vaccine (either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna). This is subject to authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and recommendation by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

For more information, visit the CDC's information page here.

Vaccines are available on demand

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. To schedule an appointment, visit <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines". The link will bring you to the national site where you can search for vaccines by zip code and vaccine type.

Currently, in Dover, vaccines are offered at the following locations:

ConvenientMD (walk-in)

14 Webb Place, Dover 603-742-7900 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Vaccines offered: Pfizer

Walgreens (schedule online)

1 Glenwood Ave, Dover 603-749-4136 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 2 to 8 p.m. Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

Hannaford (walk-in or schedule online)

833 Central Ave, Dover 603-749-9363 Weekends: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

CVS (schedule online)

50 Sterling Way, Dover 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 603-742-3995 Vaccines offered: Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

For additional locations and options, visit vaccines.gov.

COVID symptoms or need to confirm you aren't infected? Get tested

Many health insurance plans cover COVID-19 tests without a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for persons with symptoms of COVID-19. Locations throughout the state offer COVID-19 tests, including hospitals, pharmacies, primary care offices, urgent care centers.

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

The federal government has contracted with Walgreens and Rite Aid pharmacies to offer COVID-19 tests at no additional costs for persons without insurance with symptoms of COVID-19. Visit the website of these pharmacies or contact your local Walgreens or Rite Aid pharmacy to learn more about their free testing program.

Persons who do not have insurance or have a health insurance plan that does not fully cover the cost of tests may also have testing paid for by a New Hampshire Limited COVID-19 Testing Benefit. To apply online for the Testing Benefit, please visit NH EASY at https://nheasy.nh.gov and click on "COVID-19 Testing". Additional information about other DHHS programs and benefits, including different Medicaid plans that cover more than COVID-19 testing services, are on the NH EASY website.

Dover area COVID-19 testing locations:

CVS (Ages 3 and up)

50 Sterling Way, Dover Type of test: PCR

https://cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing

Rite Aid (Ages 4 and up)

679 Central Avenue only, Dover Type of test: PCR

https://riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing

ConvienentMD

14 Webb Place, Dover
Type of test: PCR
https://convenientmd.com/covid-19-testing/

Walgreens (ages 3 and up)

1 Glenwood Ave., Dover Type of test: PCR and Rapid

https://walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid vanity testing

Quest Diagnostics (Ages 2 and up)

311 Route 108, Somersworth (inside Goodwin Health Center)
5 Clark Way, Somersworth
Type of test: Rapid

https://patient.questdiagnostics.com/no-cost-covid-test?utm_campaign=2021-5-CIIP-CIIP-Consumers&utm_medium=Vanity&utm_source=QuestCOVID19-com&utm_term=Paid-Owned

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital

789 Central Ave., Dover
Type of test: PCR
Scheduled through affiliated PCP only

COVID-19 expenses relief program

The New Hampshire Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) launched the COVID-19 Expenses Relief Program to assist New Hampshire for-profit main street businesses with COVID-19 related business expenses in 2020 and 2021.

Eligible businesses can apply for reimbursement of a portion of their eligible expenses until 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, via the <u>GOFERR portal</u>. Awards will be issued following the application deadline, on a capped, pro-rata basis dependent upon total eligible expenses.

Eligible expenses for reimbursement include but are not limited to the following categories:

- Costs incurred while closed due to COVID-19 (such as prorated rent, mortgage payments, and utilities);
- Costs incurred as a result of reopening after COVID-19 related closure (such as PPE, workforce safety training, and installation of physical safety measures); and
- Increased costs of doing business as a result of COVID-19 (such as HVAC improvements, creation or addition of indoor or outdoor space for social distancing purposes, and increased costs due to supply chain disruptions or increased demand).

More information on the program, including eligibility information, can be found at https://www.goferr.nh.gov/covid-expenditures/covid-19-expenses-relief-program.

City of Dover offers local business assistance program for coronavirus impacts

"Dover CARES" grant funding targeted to microenterprise and small businesses is still available. The grants are made possible by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act



and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The grants are intended to provide working capital to assist small local businesses in avoiding job loss caused by the coronavirus. The program offers up to \$3,000 in assistance to qualifying businesses operating within Dover.

Funds from Dover CARES may either be used in two ways:

- To reimburse incurred business expenses to plan, prepare and respond to the coronavirus; or
- Offset a business disruption that occurred because of the coronavirus.

There are two types of Dover CARES available: **Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant** and **Small Business Assistance Grant**.

The **Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant** is available to sole proprietorships and small for-profit-businesses with five or fewer employees, including the owner(s) of the company. To be eligible, businesses must:

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including household income thresholds for the owner(s) of the business and retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

The **Small Business Assistance Grant** is open to small for-profit businesses with 2-15 employees, including any owner(s) of the company. To be eligible for this grant, businesses must:

- Comply with certain HUD requirements, including retaining the same number of positions for 90 days, beginning with the formal notice of approval.
- Have been in existence and continually operated in Dover since Nov. 1, 2020.
- Generate a minimum of \$60,000 in annual gross sales and is the primary source of income for the principal owner(s).
- Be current on federal, state and local taxes, and applicable health, safety and occupancy permits.
- Demonstrate that wages/benefits meet specific HUD income guidelines for either one full-time position of at least 40 hours a week or two part-time positions of at least 20 hours a week each.
- Comply with all other grant eligibility requirements.

Grants are open on a first-come, first-serve basis for completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered nor be used as a placeholder for a completed application. Once an application is determined to be complete, the Dover CARES Loan Committee will review the application. The Loan Committee is comprised of City of Dover officials, including City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker, and Finance Director Daniel Lynch.

The review consists of:

- Analysis of application and supporting material.
- Verification that the proposal meets all eligibility requirements.

Applications for the Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant are available online here.

Applications for the Small Business Assistance Grant are available online here.

Both applications are also available at the Office of Economic Development located within Dover City Hall. Mail completed applications to the Office of Economic Development, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820 or email them to Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at r.amy@dover.nh.gov. The Office of Economic Development is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

For more information, contact Deputy Director of Economic Development Reid Amy at 516-1560 or r.amy@dover.nh.gov.

Upcoming Meetings:

Ordinance Committee, September 13, 8:30 a.m.

The City Council's Ordinance Committee will meet Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

School Board, September 13, 7 p.m.

The School Board will meet Monday, Sept. 13 beginning at 7 p.m. in Room 305 of the McConnell Center for a regular meeting.

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

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



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest European permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located here.

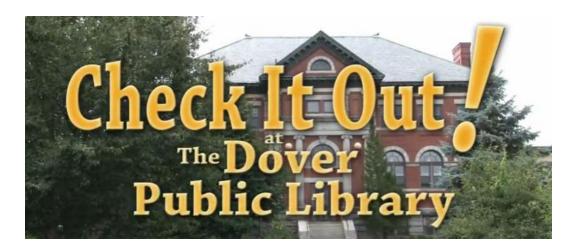
Sept. 15, 1667 — The grand jury presented the town for want of stocks, whipping post, standard weights and measures, a sealer of leather, a pound, a watch house, powder match and bullets. The Court enjoined the town to provide themselves with these accompaniments of civilization "by ye next court" or pay a fine of 5 pounds.

Sept. 13, 1788 — The vote in Dover for Presidential Electors, who would choose the first President under the Constitution, was cast for John Sullivan, John Parker, John Pickering, Judge Dudley, Gen. Bartlett, Col. Dame, Col. Toppan, Paine Wingate, Gen. Cilley, Daniel Rindge, and Dr. Cutter. The whole number of votes cast in the state was 20,142. No person having the requisite number for a choice, the Legislature on Jan. 7, 1789, chose Benjamin Bellows, John Pickering, Ebenezer Thompson, John Sullivan and John Parker, they having the largest number of votes statewide. They cast their votes for George Washington and John Adams, the first President and Vice President.

Sept. 13, 1797 — It was voted that the land for a burying place on Pine Hill be laid out and a plan be returned to the Town Clerk. Pine Hill had been occupied as a burying ground from the time, probably, of the erection of the meeting house there in 1713, and in 1731 one and a half acres were by vote of the town, ordered to be laid out for that purpose. The action of the town at this time would indicate that the previous order had not been complied with, or no return thereof had been made.

Sept. 14, 1821 — The commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Dover military companies formed a volunteer association under the title of "Soul of Soldiery," and under command of Capt. Brewer made their first public appearance this day in a neat uniform. The numerous maneuvers performed were principally of the Light Infantry Drill, and were executed with a correctness and rapidity highly gratifying to the numerous spectators: their firing in line, in square, and in chain, were admirably well done, considering this was their first effort in public. (Strafford Register)

Sept. 13, 1834 — Mr. Cyrus Ames is killed by the bursting of a gun fired by another person near whom he was standing.



Sign-up for a library card this month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month and Dover Public Library wants to see a card in your hands. We also want our name on a trophy, but more on that later.

If you live, work or go to school in Dover, you can get a library card for free. Just bring in a photo ID and proof of Dover residency, employment or school enrollment and a librarian can set you up with a card that same day. You can also sign up for a library card online by visiting tinyurl.com/DoverPLCard.

If you do not live, work or go to school in Dover there is a fee associated with the card, but we do have discounts for seniors and veterans. We also offer free temporary cards for those in transitional housing or without homes (please see a librarian for more information).

Phew. Now that's out of the way we can talk more about the trophy and why your librarians are being extra competitive this September.

Last year the libraries of New Hampshire were introduced to the annual Granite State Library Card Challenge. All libraries in New Hampshire compete to see who has the largest increase of library card holders by the end of September. If you win, your library's name gets put on the illustrious Granite State Library Card Challenge Trophy. We really want our name on that trophy. That's why we're upping our game this month.

If you already have a library card, we love you. You're the best! But that won't help us so we want to offer you a little incentive. For every friend or family member you bring in to get a library card, we will give you a free book from our October book sale (and you know how awesome that book sale is.)

If you don't have a library card yet, we're not going to preach about why reading is so great for you because we're positive you've heard that enough. Instead we want you to know about all the wonderful things you can do at the library – aside from reading. Are you shocked that we are saying that? Good!

Blockbusters may be a thing of the past, but you know who still has DVDs to check out? Dover Public Library does. Save your \$2 renting a movie from Redbox and instead take out a movie from your library for free. We're always adding to our collection, getting new movies and TV series. We even have an app called Hoopla Digital that allows you to stream movies from home. If you can't find what you want, we have a wonderful service called Inter-Library Loan where we can get it lent from another library in the state. This means your movie rental possibilities are endless. (Or at least as endless as the number of movies available in all the New Hampshire libraries.)

Lose your ring in the grass again? Have no fear, the library is here. Use our metal detector to track it down. Does your bike have a flat tire? We have a pump for that. Does that intricate woodworking project need a brad nail gun? You're in luck. We even have the tools you need to screen print your own T-shirts, learn rug hooking and make jewelry in our Makerspace Tools collection. You're going to hear this word a lot, but with your library card it's all free to take out. We even have a subscription to Creativebug that allows you to take over 1,000 art and craft classes online.

If genealogy is more your thing, you've come to the right place. We not only have a wonderful Historical Room full of original documents from Dover history, but also access to Ancestry and Heritage Quest, two wonderful databases that allow you to search through census records, birth and death certificates, family history books, vital statistics, and military records. Dover Public Library even has historical maps, and newspapers on microfilm dating back to 1796. We're a great place to start your research.

Still not convinced? We're sure somewhere on your bucket list you've put "learn a new language" and we have a database to help you with that. Mango uses fun games to teach you how to read and speak Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, and more in no time! You can even learn our favorite language of all – Pirate! Arrrg Matey. If you've already learned all there is to know and just need to pass the next test, we've got you covered there too. Learning Express has over 300 practice tests including SAT, GED, Firefighter, Real Estate Sales, Paramedic and ASVAB.

Libraries are no longer just about books, but if the traditional fare is what you're looking for we have over 80,000 for you to check out. And, once again, all this and more can be yours for free with a library card.

Have we persuaded you to get a card yet? We don't have any sad looking puppies with Sarah McLachlan playing in the background, but we can tell you every time a card goes unsigned somewhere in the world a librarian sheds a single tear. You don't want the tears of the world's librarians on your hands, do you?

Sorry, drastic times call for drastic measures. Also, we still really want to win that trophy.

If we have finally broken you and you'd like to sign up for a card, remember to speak to a librarian at the Dover Public Library or sign up online at <u>tinyurl.com/DoverPLCard</u>. You'll be glad you did.

For more information on Dover Public Library, visit library, dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

Fall library hours begin September 7 and are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed for Labor Day weekend, September 4 to 6.

The Week at the Library

September VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Now and Again* by Julia Turshen. Throughout the month of September, 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. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, September 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program Science

"Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Register for this Monday series to learn about science. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further. *Registration required*.

Monday, September 13, 6 to 8 p.m. VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: Teen B

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Registration required.

Tuesday, September 14, 10 to 11 a.m. Family Place Workshop

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable five-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. Register once for the entire five week series.

welcome to attend to see what the group is all about.

Tuesday, September 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dover 400th Series: Treasures of the Woodman Museum

Dover400 continues its historical lecture series chronicling Dover's significant past with an online presentation about the origins and collections of Dover's Woodman Museum on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. Presented by Mike Day, Operations Director for the Woodman Museum, learn about the four historic houses that make up the campus. Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us on the front lawn with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. All levels welcome.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program Autumn

"Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Register for this Wednesday series to learn about Autumn. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further. Registration required.

Wednesday, September 15, 6 to 7 p.m. Pizza and Pages: Teen Book Group

Pizza & Pages is a book group for kids in grades 7 and up. At each meeting, the group picks the books for the next session, in addition to eating snacks and, of course, Pizza! This month, we will be

discussing *Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel.

Copies of the book are available at the main circulation desk.

Tuesday, September 14, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: 18+

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friends of the Dover Public Library

Regular meeting of the Friends of the Dover Public Library to discuss business, including upcoming fundraisers and requests for funds by the library. Anyone interested in joining the Friends and participating is

Thursday, September 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program Art

"Beyond Books: A Preschool Discovery Program" is for children ages 3-5. Register for this Wednesday series to learn about art in picture books. We will start with books, then go beyond with hands-on activities to explore the topic further.

Registration required.

Friday, September 17, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

New Program for Babies and Toddlers - age 2 (older siblings always welcome). Join us for a Rockin' and Rollin' good time! We will dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Bring a blanket and join us for music and movement on the front lawn.



Rotary Club hosts mobile shredding fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Dover will hold a mobile shredding event on Saturday, Sept. 25, as a fundraiser to help people securely dispose of confidential documents.

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church at 28 Cataract Ave. in Dover. Volunteers will be available to help unload documents from your vehicles. People are welcome to stay and watch their documents be shredded. Organizers ask that all documents be free of plastic, cardboard, batteries and metal. Staples and paper clips are OK. All shredded material will be recycled.

The Rotary Club has a \$5 suggested donation for each bag shredded and a \$10 suggested donation for each box.

For more information, contact Laurie Widmark at 603-438-7012 or visit the Rotary's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfDover/.

NHDOT warns about reports of scams

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has received multiple reports of scammers contacting New Hampshire consumers by text message, impersonating NHDOT and asking for parties to click a link and enter their personal information for a "Driver's License Waiver Validation".

In one reported scam, New Hampshire consumers report receiving a text message claiming that the NHDOT is introducing the "ID. me Validator". The text message encourages the recipient to click on a link to enter information from their license in order to receive a "face verification" for "Driver's License Waiver Validation".

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation does not send unsolicited text messages to consumers. Any unsolicited text message that claims to be from the NHDOT is a scam.

Additionally, the NHDOT does not issue driver's licenses. Driver's licensing is administered by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles.

NH Attorney General John M. Formella offers the following advice to avoid falling victim to text message scams:

- Do not reply to an unsolicited text message from someone you do not know.
- Do not click on a link contained in a text message from someone you do not know.
- Any unsolicited text message, phone call or email that claims you have won or are entitled to money or a prize should be considered to be a scam.
- Do not provide money or personal information over the phone or by email to someone you do not know.

Consumers that have questions about a text message they receive that appears to be from the NHDOT should call the State of New Hampshire Attorney General Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-468-4454 or (603) 271-3641.

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
- Police Secretary I
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Gym Attendant
- · Arena maintenance / resurfaced
- Arena Attendant
- Custodian
- Utilities Project Engineer
- Parking Enforcement Officer

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



