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Dover schools wrap up orientation this week, begin remote instruction Monday

After two orientation days this week, the first day for instruction at all Dover Public Schools begins Monday, Sept. 14.

The school year will begin in a remote learning format. School leaders have worked throughout the summer to prepare for the new educational landscape and make the virtual classrooms more robust. Earlier this month, the District released its <u>Reentry Plan</u> for the 2020-2021 school year. It describes how the virtual school year will start and the metrics that school leadership will use to determine if and when in-school learning will begin. <u>Read</u> the Reentry Plan <u>here</u>.

Last week, Superintendent William Harbron, Technology Director Christy Prosser, and the principals from Dover's elementary, middle and high schools recorded short videos to explain what to expect this year. It explained topics such as the orientation process, school schedules, attendance and technology. Those videos are available on the City's <u>video</u> <u>archive page</u>.

Each principal stressed that parents/guardians should be receiving email updates from school teachers and administrators. If not, contact the individual school to fix the problem.

- Woodman Park Elementary: 516-6700
- Garrison Elementary: 516-6752

City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

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Missed the meeting?

Meetings this week:

School Board, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 15, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Waterfront Committee, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

Zoning Board, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

- Horne Street Elementary: 516-6756
- Dover Middle School: 516-7200
- Dover High School: 516-6900

For any technical issues, contact the Dover School District Technology Help Line at 516-0077 or access it via the website: <u>https://sau11.sysaidit.com</u>.

Computer Devices

The Dover School District placed an order for new devices for students in June with the expectation they would arrive by the beginning of school. However, only the tablets for kindergarteners have been delivered. According to the supplier, the remaining devices are to be delivered by month's end.

Because of the delay, the School District's Technology Department is working to provide enough devices for students who need one to access the virtual classrooms and complete assignments. School principals have been reaching out to families to determine which students need temporary devices before the new ones arrive. Please contact your individual school if your student also needs a device.

Have a device you're willing to donate?

A parent group has organized a computer drive to help families fill the technology gap while the school district awaits the arrival of the new devices. Jodi Langellotti asks if people have a working computer they no longer use and are willing to donate to contact her at 603-397-9509 or <u>Dovervirtualpods@gmail.com</u>. It can either be a laptop, Chromebook or tablet that works, can connect to the internet and the Zoom Meetings platform, and ideally have a camera. Desktop computers can't be accepted. Langellotti has volunteers who will completely erase the contents of the device and reset it to factory settings. Then the computers are donated directly to the students in need.

Free Wi-Fi

The City of Dover has many places to access the internet for free. <u>See here</u> for a list of locations.

There will also be free Wi-Fi available for students in the parking lots of each of the City's schools. Student credentials are required to connect to these access points.

Comcast will continue to offer free access to its 1.5 million public Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots through the end of 2020, the company announced recently. The Wi-Fi hotspots can be used by anyone, regardless of whether they are a Comcast customer, and only require an e-mail address. A map of free Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots can be found here: <u>https://hotspots.wifi.xfinity.com</u>. To view a list of citywide hotspots, enter the zip code for Dover (03820).

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

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.



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> City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



Stay social with your City Comcast has also extended for 60 days its free internet service to new customers on its Internet Essentials tier, designed for low-income customers. The offer was set to expire June 30 but will continue through the end of the year.

Lunch Delivery Plan

The Dover School District is now able to provide free meals to all Dover children ages 18 and under, whether or not students attend classes on campus or by remote learning.

The District can provide <u>three</u> breakfast/lunch meal combinations every Tuesday, and <u>two</u> breakfast/lunch meal combinations every Friday between 1 and 2 p.m. The first distribution begins Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the following locations:

- Woodman Park School 11 Towle Avenue
- Rutland Manor 1 Abby Lane
- Redden Gardens Apartments Adelle Drive
- Westgate Village 1 Martha's Way
- White Cliffs at Dover 510 Martha's Way
- Lilac Gardens 1 Lilac Lane
- Upper Housing Authority Mineral Park Drive
- Lower Housing Authority Seymour Osman Community Center, 40 Hampshire Circle

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



During the week of Sept. 14, 2020 paving work will begin on the following streets:

- Fisher Street, beginning Sept. 15
- Mount Vernon Street, from Sixth Street to Hough Street, beginning Sept. 15
- Horne Street, from Hough Street to Sixth Street, and Ash Street to Glenwood Avenue, beginning Sept. 16
- **Redden Street**, from Horne Street to the end of Redden Street, beginning Sept. 16
- Willand Road, beginning Sept. 16

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

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

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

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



State Primary election results available online

The State Primary Election was held on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Election results, as well as additional election information, can be found at the City's <u>2020 State Primary online resource</u>.

Information for the Nov. 3 General Election

Absentee ballots for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, will not be available until the Secretary of State's Office certifies the primary election results. Dover City Clerk Mistretta anticipates mailing out absentee ballots for the general election beginning on Friday, Sept. 18. However, that time is dependent on when the Clerk's Office receives the General Election Ballots from the Secretary of State's Office.

Absentee ballots for the State General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 are available at the City Clerk's Office. Applications for an absentee ballot are available online <u>here</u> or at the City Clerk's Office. Voters are urged to request and return absentee ballots as soon as possible to avoid potential postal delays. 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. 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 <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/opengovernment/election-information/</u>.

Severe drought conditions and water restrictions continue

The U.S. Drought Monitor's Thursday <u>update</u> continued to list Dover, the Seacoast and most of Strafford County in being in a "severe drought." The Drought Monitor has classified Dover as being in a severe drought since Aug. 18, moderate drought since June 23, and abnormally dry since June 2.

The rain on Thursday did little to change the overall rainfall deficit. According to the National Weather Service, the Dover/Rochester area received .19 inches of rainfall yesterday for a total year-to-date accumulation of 22 inches. The average is 31.55 inches.

The mandatory water restrictions enacted on Aug. 21 by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. remain in effect. In less than a month, water usage has dropped by 28 percent. Community Services Director John Storer said the drop in demand for water continues "to make a big impact" on maintaining enough supply of the city's public drinking water for essential needs.

Under the emergency order, the following outdoor 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 the demands on Dover's water supplies. It will also reduce stress on water resources and ensure sufficient water is available to meet the needs of all customers, as well as emergency operations, such as fire supply. 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.

Fire Chief Paul Haas reminded residents that drought conditions present a fire danger, including wildfires. Burn permits are mandatory for all burning, including small campfires. Online burn permits are available at <u>http://nhfirepermit.com</u>. Select Dover from the list of communities.

For a more in-depth look at the current drought in Dover, water usage and the Willand Pond well, <u>see last week's Dover</u> <u>Download</u>.

The City's water users can learn more about current drought conditions, outdoor water use restrictions, water efficiency tips, and drought guidance at <u>http://bit.ly/NHDROUGHT</u>.

The emergency declaration and order can be accessed below:

- Declaration of Water Emergency
- Order and Public Notice of Water Emergency Restrictions



No outside lawn watering or irrigation, including automatic sprinklers, automatic irrigation systems, and 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

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Conserve water by 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.
- Replace old water fixtures and appliances. Fix leaks, including running toilets.

Dover Chamber, City to host Citizens Leadership Academy in October

The Greater Dover of Chamber of Commerce will host the 2020 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 a role in shaping the future of the city.

This year's Citizens Leadership Academy will be limited to 10 participants to allow for social distancing. Masks must be worn by all attendees during each session.

Citizens Leadership Academy will meet on the evenings of Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, as well as a morning session on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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 and Recreation Director Gary Bannon. The program will also include a visit to the North End Fire Station, Police Station, and a bus tour of the City's Community Services facilities led by Director of Community Services John Storer.

"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," says Dover 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."

This program is free-of-charge, and open to Dover residents. To register, visit <u>www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy</u>, or contact Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Community Events Manager Morgan Faustino by phone at (603) 742-2218 or email at <u>events@dovernh.org</u>.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic wellbeing 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 <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.



City receives donation honoring gardening and clean-up volunteers

At the City Council meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9, Mayor Robert Carrier announced the City received a \$1,000 donation from Dover resident Carol Mercurio in honor of Dover Gardening and Beautification, a group of volunteers associated with Dover Main Street who help maintain some of Dover's green spaces.

In her letter addressed to the Mayor, and placed on record by a vote of the entire City Council, Mercurio said reading about the group's efforts during the COVID19 pandemic "lifted my spirits."

"I know many people in the community feel the same way, and thought there must be a way we could recognize the group for taking away our feeling of despair, by replacing it with beauty and hope," she wrote.

Mayor Carrier thanked Mercurio for her donation, adding the city appreciates the work of the group and will continue to work with the volunteers to help keep the community beautiful.

The letter requests the \$1,000 donation be used to plant a tree in honor of the volunteer group. The donation will also support a project identifying areas where new trees can be planted in downtown Dover.

Dover resident Deb Clough, who organized the group, said she appreciates the recognition and gesture.

"As a volunteer with Dover Gardening And Beautification, Carole's generous gift to the City of Dover in our honor warms my heart," Clough said. "We are thankful for such thoughtful recognition of our efforts and look forward to seeing it."

The Dover Gardening and Beautification Committee is a group

of volunteers working under the direction and guidance of Dover Main Street to keep the green spaces in the community beautiful.

Dover Gardening and Beautification volunteers typically hold several clean-up and beautification days throughout the year.

For more information about Dover Gardening and Beautification, visit <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1473302736080740/</u>.



COAST sees strong finish to the summer

During the week before the Labor Day long weekend, COAST fixed-route bus ridership was the strongest it has been since early March.

Between Monday and Friday, greater than 9 percent more trips were taken on COAST's 13 different bus routes over the previous week (the previous high since March). On Saturday, greater than 28 percent more trips were taken on COAST's buses over the previous high for a Saturday since early March. All told, ridership on the region's public transit system was up nearly 17 percent for the week.

"After seeing a leveling off of ridership through August, we are very happy with the growth in ridership that we saw last week," commented Rad Nichols. "Our public transit services fulfill a critical need in the region and are highly valued by our passengers who need a safe, affordable and efficient way to access jobs, doctor's appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores, and for their other necessary trips."

Following up on their previous strong week of ridership, on Tuesday, Sept. 8 COAST also offered free rides for any passengers wishing to go and vote at their local polling place. While the transit system does not provide transport to each individual polling station, the new policy aims to help voters get to the nearest bus stop to their polls by offering a free ride to everyone who votes.

Passengers simply tell their driver that they are on their way to vote, or on their way back from voting, and by the honor system they will not be charged for their ride. Ridership on Tuesday was the highest of any day at COAST since mid-March, an 18 percent increase from an average Tuesday over the previous month.

"We encourage everyone to take part in the privilege of voting,"

stated Dave Sandmann, COAST Board Chair. "If our free ride policy on statewide election days means more of our passengers vote, then we couldn't be happier. Voting is a civic duty that every single one of us should actively participate in."

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. COAST is a non-profit agency, operating a regional public transit system that relies primarily on federal and local government support to operate. COAST is governed by a board of directors representing the communities served, two regional planning commissions, and many local and state agencies. COAST's vision is to be an innovative leader in providing a broad range of public transportation services, connecting, and coordinating a robust network of transportation options for everyone.



Dover's water quality reports available online

Each year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires community water systems to deliver a Consumer Confidence Report -- also known as an Annual Drinking Water Quality Report -- to their customers. These reports, which are mailed out to water customers by July 1, provide information about their drinking water quality including a summary of detected contaminants from the previous year, compliance, and educational information.

Water quality testing results and the annual water standards reports can be found on the city's website here: http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/water-quality/index.html.

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

Use a Cloth Face Covering to Protect Others



- Wear a face covering to protect others from the virus that causes COVID-19 in case you're infected but don't have symptoms
- Keep the covering on your face the entire time you're in public
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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. <u>Recent</u>



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 <u>social</u> <u>distancing</u> 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 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html</u>.





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, <u>located</u> <u>here</u>.



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 wdth 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.

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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.

Historic Walking Tours: Summer 2020

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will offer its Historic Walking Tours on a limited basis throughout the summer of 2020. There will not be a set schedule; rather, tours will be conducted by request depending on the availability of our volunteer tour guides. The three tours offered include Downtown Walking Tour, Pine Hill Cemetery Tour, and Historic Homes Architectural Tour.

Group size will be limited to no more than 10 and participants will be required to wear masks. Participants will also be encouraged to bring their own water, wear comfortable shoes, and wear a head covering. Tours run about 90 minutes long. To schedule a tour, call the chamber at 603-742-2218 or email info@dovernh.org. The fee for the walking tours is \$10 per person, with a \$25 limit for families.

If interested in becoming a tour guide, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218 or info@dovernh.org.

City Council seeks to fill stormwater and flood resilience funding task force

The City Council is seeking to fill a stormwater and flood resilience funding task force. The task force was created following the unanimous vote of the City Council on Aug. 12.

The panel will be tasked with investigating funding options for stormwater and flood resilience initiatives.

The City Council discussed the formation of a task force at a workshop on the topic on Aug. 3. At the workshop, the City Council heard details about a pilot program established by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that aims to help coastal communities explore alternative funding to address stormwater and flood resilience. Stormwater and coastal flooding are significant issues for coastal communities, including Dover, and will require significant investments in resources in the coming years due to new regulatory requirements and climate change.

The workshop can be viewed here.

Those interested in joining the task force should contact the City Clerk's Office for an application. The application can also be <u>downloaded here</u> and returned to the City Clerk's Office. The Appointments Committee will recommend members of the task force to the City Council after interviewing all applicants

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



Test your wits with Trivia on the Lawn

Gather your friends and family and test your wits on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. for 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 topics 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 in 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 <u>a.lockhardt@dover.nh.gov</u>.

Learn about the birds in your backyard at the Library

Ever wonder what the difference between a Purple and House Finch are or what kinds of birds are visiting your backyard feeder?

Join Dover Public Library for "Backyard Birds", an engaging and interactive online presentation featuring common and migrant visitors in New England on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Learn identification tips, how to use feed to attract a diverse population and get to know the birds in your backyard.

The lecture is presented by Steve Hale, owner of Open World Explorers. Hale is an avid outdoorsman who hikes and backpacks over 200 miles every year. He has degrees in Marine Biology, Evolutionary Biology and Ecology. He has lived in New Hampshire for over 20 years, worked as a bird observer in the White Mountain National Forest, and is a member of the University of New Hampshire's Speaker's Bureau.

The presentation will be held online through RingCentral 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<u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

September children's programs from the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library will be offering several children's programs, both virtual and in person, beginning the week of September 14. On Mondays, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., children

can "Read with a Librarian" online. This program is designed for emerging readers who would like to practice their skills or children who would like to listen to a story. Visit <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> to register for a time slot. The program will also be offered on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. at the library on a drop-in basis. All participants are asked to wear a mask.

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., the Library will offer a Family Storytime on the library lawn. This program for kids of all ages with an adult will feature books, songs, rhymes, and movement. It will be weather dependent. Please bring a blanket and wear a mask. Sign-up is required.

For those who prefer an online storytime, one will be available on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and anytime after that on the website. Families can enjoy this video when it is most convenient for them.

Adults with children age two and under can participate in Mother Goose on the Loose on Fridays at 10 a.m. via the Ring Central platform. Songs, rhymes, and movement are all part of this program which is great for language development. Sign-up on our website and you will receive the link prior to the start.

"Let's Create Upcycle Dover" is a cumulative project that will be ongoing during the month of September. Using your recyclable materials at home, make a building or other object to add to the city and bring to the Children's Room. Help the Library to grow our display and watch the city grow.

All of these events are free and open to the public.

For more information or to register for a program, visit <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call the Children's Room at 516-6052.

This Week at the Library

Tuesday, Sept. 1 through Wednesday, Sept. 30, All Day VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Magnolia Table* by Joanna Gaines. Throughout the month of September, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. 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.

Monday, September 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Read WITH a Librarian

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

Monday, September 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Knitting on the Front Lawn

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather on the front lawn with their projects and a lawn chair or blanket. Don't forget to bring a little bug spray (just in case). We request all social distancing rules are followed.

<u>Monday, September 14, 6 to 7 p.m.</u> Teen Advisory Board on the Front Lawn

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7 -12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings in order to share their ideas, help to plan future events/ services for teens and work toward making the library a teenfriendly space in our community. Please register in case of bad weather, in which case we will meet virtually via RingCentral. A meeting link would be sent 30 minutes prior to the meeting's start time. All teens are welcome!

Monday, September 14, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. Movies on the Front Lawn

Enjoy the throwback film Spaceballs (1987) starring Mel Brooks, John Candy, Rick Moranis, and Bill Pullman. A star pilot and his sidekick must come to the rescue of a Princess and save the galaxy from a ruthless race of beings known as Spaceballs. Showing 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

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friends of the Dover Public Library in the Lecture Hall The Friends of the Dover Public Library meet 5 times a year to discuss fundraising and advocacy for the library and library programs. New members are always welcome to attend.

Wednesday, September 16, 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.**

<u>Wednesday, September 16, 6 to 7 p.m.</u>

Pizza & Pages Teen Book Group on the Front Lawn 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. This month, we will be discussing *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. Copies of the book are available on NH Overdrive. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks! <u>Thursday, September 17, 10 to 10:45 a.m.</u> Online Storytime on the DPL YouTube Channel Check out a new session of Miss Tina's storytime. This storytime and all previous recordings may be viewed at: <u>https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp</u>

<u>Thursday, September 17, 11 to 11:30 a.m.</u> Learn to Zoom Virtual Class

Zoom is a very popular way to connect with people online. Try out Zoom with us and learn about some if its features. You can ask any questions that you have. Get comfortable with Zoom so that you don't miss out on the virtual connections that are so popular today. You will need a computer, tablet, or phone to practice Zooming. **Please register for this program so that you can be sent a Zoom link.**

<u>Thursday, September 17, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.</u> 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, September 18, 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.

<u>Saturday, September 19, 2 to 4 p.m.</u> Trivia on the Front Lawn

Gather your friends and family and test your wits! Teams of up to six players are invited to play this trivia game hosted by Tish Sims. Trivia will be a mixed bag of topics 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.



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, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

To download an application for board and commissions, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>. 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.

Trash and recycling reminders

Waste Management, the City's new solid waste and recycling vendor, began curbside pick-up on July 1. Although pick-up routes mostly remain the same, residents are reminded that:

- The pick-up time on your regularly scheduled collection day may be different than it was prior to July 1. To ensure trash and recycling are picked up, please remember that all items must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.
- <u>By City ordinance</u>, the maximum weight of trash bags is 35 pounds. Waste Management may reject trash bags that exceed the weight limit. Bags should be tied or sealed and should not be overloaded. Please note that the smaller, 15-gallon bags are rated for 20 pounds maximum.
- Dover trash bags can be purchased from a variety of local merchants, as well as the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, and the Recycling Center. For a list of local merchants selling Dover trash bags, visit <u>https://go.usa.gov/xfXAs</u>.
- Curbside trash and recycling pick-up will follow the existing holiday schedule. Collection during a holiday week will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week beginning on the holiday. For a list of holidays, see the city's website here: https://go.usa.gov/xwApG.

 All non-metal items too large to fit in a Dover trash bag, such as furniture, mattresses, toilets and carpets, require a bulky item tag. Bulky item tags can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, the Recycling Center and at most locations where city trash bags are sold.

There are new restrictions on what types of plastics can be recycled. Only the items listed below should be placed in your household recycling bin:

- **Plastic:** Only #1, #2 and #5 plastics are allowed. Bottles, tubs, jugs, jars only. Bottle caps can be recycled if removed, washed, and placed back back on the bottle. Loose caps, which fall through processing screens, cannot be recycled. NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- **Glass:** Bottles and jars only. Rinse and dry.
- Cardboard, cartons, paper: Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten, then place in recycling bin, paper bags, or bundle and tie. Rinse and dry. No plastic bags.
- Metal: Aluminum, tin and steel cans. Rinse and dry.

Note: The City of Dover discourages the use of single-use plastics including, but not limited to, plastic straws, disposable plates, cups, utensils, light-weight plastic bags, beverage containers and razors.

Clean recycling means materials can get to their next best use, which helps protect the environment by conserving natural resources, saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Placing items in recycling bins that are not recyclable such as Styrofoam, light bulbs, plastic flower pots and bags, contaminates the entire load and may send it to a landfill and will cost us more. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker.

Follow these simple recycling guidelines:

- Recycle all bottles, cans and paper.
- Keep items clean and dry.
- No plastic bags of any kind.

For more information, <u>visit the city's website here</u> or contact Community Services at 516-6450.

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? <u>Sign up now</u>

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,<u>click here</u>. An email 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
- Director of Public Welfare
- Assistant City Engineer
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Arena maintenance/lce resurfacer
- Lifeguard
- Gym Attendant

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

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