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New Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries facility nearing completion

The construction of the new Community Services' Facility, Grounds and Cemetery (FG&C) building is nearing completion.

The City of Dover contracted with Careno Construction of Portsmouth to design and build a new administrative and maintenance facility for FG&C on the eastern edge of the Pine Hill Cemetery. The \$2 million, 12,000-square-foot building is visible at the intersection of Back Road, Court Street and Middle Road. Construction for the new facility began in February and is slated to be completed in December.

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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

City Council, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit

were built for other uses: the 1912 Ricker Memorial Chapel and the 1888 receiving tomb.

FG&D manages four cemeteries, the interior and exterior of 21 city buildings and facilities, and Dover's 20 public parks. F&G also handles maintenance to traffic signals at 28 intersections and city traffic signage.

The need for new FG&C office space dates to at least the 2000 update to the Master Plan's Community Facilities and Utilities Chapter, where it stated the FG&C buildings had "far exceeded their useful life cycles." The 2009 Chapter reported the buildings as "substandard" and that "a new or replacement facility should be considered a priority." The 2018 Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries Master Plan found the buildings "in poor condition and both spatially and functionally."

Construction of the new building was added to the six-year Capital Improvements Program in fiscal year 2019. The project went out to bid the spring of 2019, and the City Council approved Careno Construction as the winning bidder in July of 2019.

The 2018 Master Plan found the Ricker Chapel to be "architecturally interesting and worthy of renovation" for uses other than offices. Through the CIP planning process, the City plans to rehabilitate and return the Ricker Memorial Chapel to its original use: funeral services. Improvements to the chapel are slated to begin with design work this fall with anticipation of bidding and construction to start next summer.

The Ricker Memorial Chapel was a gift to the City from Mary Abby (Ham) Ricker, who died in 1906 and left money in her will to construct the chapel in memory of her daughter, Mary Edith "Mamie" (Ricker) Gallagher, who died in 1895. It fell out of use as area funeral homes began offering similar services, according to city history, and fell in disrepair. The City made repairs in 1967, including the addition of a heating source. After many years of being vacant, FG&C began using it as an administrative office in the 1990s.

The brick tomb mausoleum was built in 1888 to store the bodies of those who died during the winter months when the ground was too frozen for burials. The City now utilizes it for dry storage, but there are plans to have it renovated to become a cremation mausoleum.

For more information about the new building, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

the meeting calendar page.



CITY OF DOVER, NH


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:

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

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Drought conditions worsen statewide

Water restrictions in Dover remain in effect

New Hampshire's severe drought conditions continue to worsen. U.S. Drought Monitor's Thursday [update](#) increased the size of the state in being in a "severe drought" from 28 to 72 percent. That includes all of Dover, Strafford County and the Seacoast.

According to Stacey Herbold of the New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services' Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau, "There are no indications of the situation improving in the next 10 days." The rainfall measurements by the National Weather Service in Gray, Maine show that the region's year to date precipitation accumulation is 10.58 inches below average.

In other parts of New England, "extreme drought" conditions were found in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Nearly 80 percent of Rhode Island is considered to be in an "extreme drought." Last week, there were no "extreme drought" conditions in the Ocean State, though "severe drought" conditions covered 99 percent of the state.

While drought conditions are not showing any improvement, Dover's Community Services Director John Storer has been encouraged that City water users are heeding the mandatory water restrictions. Community Services oversees water production for city water users.

Dover's daily water production has dropped by 850,000 gallons of water per day since Aug. 13. Before then, average daily water production in Dover was at an all-time high of 2.73 million gallons of water per day (MGD). That has since dropped to an average of 1.88 MGD. Storer said the aquifers the city wells rely on "are holding steady," with no immediate or short-term concerns. "But rain would obviously be welcomed," he said.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. enacted mandatory water restrictions on Aug. 21 for city water users to ensure there would be enough supply of safe drinking water for essential uses. Under the emergency order, the following water use restrictions are in place:

- No outside lawn watering or irrigation, including

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

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

Water conservation efforts by all water users, including well users, will reduce 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 <http://nhfirepermit.com>. Select Dover from the list of communities.

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



CURRENT RESTRICTIONS



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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.

Dover400 seeking volunteers to plan
for 400th anniversary

The Dover400 Community Relations Committee is seeking the community's help and engagement to plan for the City of Dover's 400th anniversary in 2023.



Dover400, a non-profit corporation registered with the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office, is planning celebrations that span from 2021-2023 and wants your help. These celebrations will highlight the history of Dover, from the Abenaki to the present day, the city's diverse cultures, and the Dover's newest and youngest generation that will carry on the tradition.

"There is a place for everyone," said Mayor Robert Carrier, who serves on the committee. "Dover400 needs your help to represent all that Dover is now, our heritage, and our future."

Every religious group, community organization, cultural group, civic organization, business, and school are welcome to join Dover400. Does your organization want to design a parade float? Offer space for an event? Plan your own celebration as part of Dover400? Sponsor? Volunteer? Dover400 needs everyone.

Those interested in participating can contact the Dover400 committee online at <https://bit.ly/32EOG3T> or by emailing committee member Elizabeth Worboys Burr at e.burr@dover.nh.gov. When contacting the committee, let Dover400 know how you and your group will be a part of the celebration. Please include:

- Organization
- Contact name
- Address
- Phone number
- Email

Also include how you want to be a part of Dover400. Options include:

- Volunteering
- Hosting an event
- Creating an event
- Creating a parade float
- Sponsorships
- Or describe how you want to be involved

For more information, contact Dover400 Chair Kevin McEaney at k.mcneaney@dover.nh.gov.

Ongoing railroad culvert work to reduce

Broadway to one lane beginning Monday, Sept. 21

Expect traffic delays on a section of Broadway beginning Monday, Sept. 21, 2020. The road will be reduced to one lane with alternating traffic to allow contractors to complete work on the Broadway culvert project.

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

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

Other traffic restrictions:

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

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

The project plans can be viewed here:

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

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



A guide to curbside recycling: Don't let your recycling be rejected

Dover's Community Services Director John Storer requests that curbside customers ensure the items placed in recycling containers are recyclable consistent with local guidelines. Compliance is needed so the City's waste management costs do not increase, and what is recyclable is recycled. It also ensures that people do not have their recycling rejected at the curbside due to unacceptable materials.

"Unfortunately, product packaging is not consistent with current recycling standards," Storer said. "Even if the package says it can be recycled, it doesn't always mean it can be. Packaging manufacturers don't necessarily have to ensure compliance with local recycling guidelines."

Storer likens this packaging challenge to disposable wet wipes. While the packaging of wet wipes often says the product is "sewer and septic safe," sanitary sewer operators know otherwise. These wipes are notorious for clogging up sewer pumps that increase sewer costs for all users.

To help residents know what is recyclable, Storer recommends they utilize the website [RecycleSmartMA.org](https://www.RecycleSmartMA.org), which is operated by the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Services. While it's not Dover-centric, it is a helpful site to evaluate what is acceptable.

One of the frequently asked questions on Recycle Smart is: "Can't I toss anything with a recycling triangle in the bin? Isn't it better to recycle more and put less in the trash?"

Their answer:

You sound like someone who wants to recycle as much as possible - which is great - but not every item with the recycling triangle can be recycled with the rest of your household items. In fact, some items with the recycling logo, like plastic bags, create real problems at the recycling facility because they get caught in machine gears, causing work shutdowns, worker injuries and increased recycling costs. These items may be recyclable elsewhere.

For plastic packaging with recycling triangles, such as #1, Recycle Smart states:

The numbers on plastics are not great indicators of whether something can be recycled in a typical recycling program. Our advice is to think about the shape of your plastics. If they are clean and empty plastic bottles, jars, jugs or tubs, they are what we are looking for!

On July 1, Waste Management took over as the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste vendor. The City Council approved the new five-year contract in February, following a five-year contract with Pinard Waste Services. Recycling accounts for \$600,000 of the \$1 million increase in waste collection costs due to changes in the recycling market and challenges dealing with contaminated recycling.

What is acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover:

- Plastic: #1, #2 and #5, provided the items are bottles, tubs and jugs. Rinse and dry. Bottle caps can be recycled if removed, washed, and placed back on the bottle. Loose caps, which fall through processing screens, cannot be recycled.
- Glass: only bottles and jars. 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.
- No plastic bags are accepted.

Plastics that are not accepted include plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, plastic wrap, tarps and colored cups.

Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker. See full details of Waste Management's curbside pick-up here:

<https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/city-operations/2document/community-services/waste-recycling/Waste%20Management%20Brochure.pdf>

"The state of single-stream recycling has changed on a global basis," Storer said. "There is a dwindling market for single-stream recycling, so in order to keep recycling fiscally viable, we need cooperation from residents in what gets placed for collection."

Nationwide, Waste Management estimates that 25 percent of items placed in recycling bins are actually trash. This 25 percent of trash can contaminate the good recycling commingled with it.

"Recycling contamination happens when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables," says Waste Management in their [Recycling 101 webpage](#).

For example, food or liquid placed recycling that saturates paper and cardboard can contaminate it. "Once contaminated, these recyclables can no longer be recycled. They become trash."

One way to help reduce the amount of non-recyclable plastics is to avoid single-use plastics. Last year, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution calling for the voluntary reduction in the use and distribution of non-biodegradable, single-use plastics.

All trash and recycling should still be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.

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>.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6073.



General Election absentee ballots not yet available

City Clerk Susan Mistretta said absentee election ballots for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, are not ready, but expects them from the Secretary of State's Office by month's end, if not sooner.

Once the City receives the ballots, the City Clerk's Office will mail them to Dover voters. Dover's State Primary Election

results, [available here](#), have been certified by the Secretary of State's Office. Mistretta said each Dover polling location, as well as every town and city ward in the state, have different ballots. The process of printing a separate ballot for each polling location ballot can take time.

Requesting an absentee ballot for the General Election

While absentee ballots are not yet available, voters can complete the process of requesting an absentee ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. Applications for an absentee ballot are available [online here](#) or at the City Clerk's Office. Any registered voter unable to vote on Election Day, or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance, due to employment obligations, or any reason relating to COVID-19, may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail.

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

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

Register to vote

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

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

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

National **Preparedness** Month **2020**

HAVE A PLAN

Know what to do in an emergency

- ✓ **Emergency Alerts and Warnings**
- ✓ **Household Communication Plan**
- ✓ **Preparedness Kit**
- ✓ **Evacuation Route**
- ✓ **Shelter Plan**

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ReadyNH.gov
TAKE ACTION. BE SAFE.



National Preparedness Month: Have a plan and know what to do in an emergency

Dover Fire Chief Paul Haas and New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management remind residents that September is National Preparedness Month, which is a perfect time to either make or review your family's plan to respond to an emergency.

National Preparedness Month is to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. This year's theme is "Disasters don't wait. Make your plan today."

"It's important to be proactive rather than reactive when a disaster event strikes," Haas said. "While we are lucky that major disaster events are not frequent, they still happen. Losing power for multiple days from a blizzard, high winds or a tornado is not an uncommon occurrence in New England every year. While we can't predict the future, we can get ready the best we can."

Haas said people should plan to be self-sufficient for at least three days in the event of a disaster.

Haas reminded generators users to exercise extra caution. There are numerous deaths each year from the exhaust fumes or electrocutions from misuse of generators.

He recommends everyone with a generator consider the professional installation of a power transfer switch, which protects both themselves and utility workers who might be repairing downed lines in the area. Haas reminds residents to make sure generators are never run indoors, and should be a minimum of 20 feet from the house, with the exhaust facing away from any doors or windows.

He also urges people to:

- Be informed. Pay attention to news and sign-up for emergency alerts. City of Dover residents can sign-up for CodeRED alerts to get city-wide alerts and alerts from New Hampshire Homeland Security. Visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/dover-download/> and <https://www.readynh.gov/>.
- Make a plan. Families should develop an emergency plan that accounts for either evacuation or sheltering-in-place, creating meeting locations and establishing emergency contacts. Once plans are created, they should be shared and practiced.
- Build an emergency kit. An emergency kit should have at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and at least one gallon of water per person per day. Kits also include first-aid kits, battery-powered radios, flashlights, and extra batteries. Don't forget personal hygiene items and medications, masks, waterproof matches, and sleeping bags or blankets.
- Support your community. Talk to youth about what it means to be prepared. Take a first-aid or CPR course. Keep an eye on your neighbors and do what you can to help others who may not be as prepared as you.

There are many resources available to help you and your family be prepared in the event disaster strikes. See [ReadyNH.gov](https://www.readynh.gov/) for disaster planning resources. Sign-up for local and state alerts at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/dover-download/>.

Celebrate the 35th annual Apple Harvest Day Festival at home throughout October

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) will host the 35th annual Apple Harvest Day Festival in a safe and enjoyable format throughout the month of October.

Beginning **Thursday, Oct. 1**, [AppleHarvestDay.com](https://www.AppleHarvestDay.com) will be live for festival goers to explore a variety of virtual vendors. On the Chamber's website are links to vendor storefronts, social media pages, and vendor videos. This will be live for the entire month of October, so be sure to check back regularly to see what vendors have to offer.



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

The 12th annual Apple Harvest Day 5k will take place in a virtual format this year from **Friday, Oct. 9 through Monday, Oct. 12**.

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

APPLE HARVEST DAY



2020 VIRTUAL 5K

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

10-10:45 a.m.- Juggler Bryson Lang

Free (Registration required)

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

11-11:45 a.m.- Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate

Free (Registration required)

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



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

Free (Registration required)

Dust off those old family recipes! It's time for another delicious and fun apple pie contest. There will be some great prizes and the entries are always delicious. Awards will be given to in two divisions: Adult, ages 15 and over, and Youth, for those participants 14 years of age and younger.

4:30-6:30 p.m.-Acoustic Radio
\$10 per vehicle (Registration required)

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



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

Stay up to date on all things Apple Harvest Day by joining the [mailing list](#).

Lincoln Street parking restrictions in effect Monday

Parking will be prohibited on Lincoln Street on Monday, Sept. 21 while Community Services crews clean catch basins.

The restrictions will be lifted as the work progresses. All work is expected to conclude by 2 p.m. on Monday.

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

Schools now providing free meals to all Dover children

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, as part of the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option.

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

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

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.

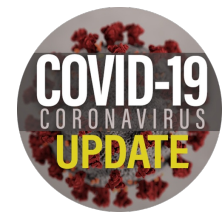
Beginning Sept. 29, two additional distribution locations will be added:

- Strafford Farms - 58 New Rochester Road
- Janetos Market - 77 Main Street

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

City expects Trick or Treat decision Oct. 1

A decision has not yet been made on whether Trick or Treat will be held this year in Dover. Citywide Trick or Treat is traditionally held on Oct. 30, the evening before Halloween.



State health officials have not yet issued guidance about Trick or Treat and how the annual event may be affected due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Guidance is expected from state health officials by the end of September and a decision about whether Trick or Treat will be held in Dover this year is expected by Oct. 1.

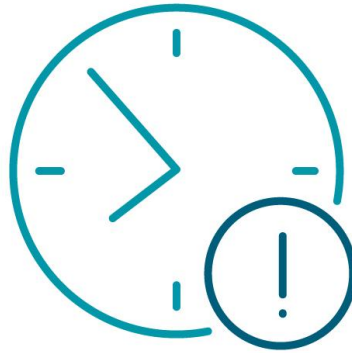
"We will make a decision regarding Halloween on October 1st, after consulting with the State Department of Health and receiving guidance on the current status of the pandemic in our local area," said Fire Chief Paul Haas. Haas is also the city's Emergency Management Director.

Once a decision is made, information will be posted on the city's website at www.dover.nh.gov; distributed in the city's weekly newsletter, Dover Download; Channel 22, social media and shared with the local news media.

It's not too late: Respond now to the 2020 Census

Respond to the 2020 Census today to help make sure communities across the country do not miss out on funding and representation for the next 10 years. Learn more and complete your form at 2020CENSUS.GOV.

Time is running out. Respond now.



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During the week of Sept. 21, 2020 paving work will continue on the following streets:

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

This work is to 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.



Find It Downtown!

Whether you're looking for a one-of-a-kind gift, something a bit exotic or handmade, new decor, or even a new wardrobe, you'll find what you need in downtown Dover. Visit downtown's many unique shops and boutiques for that gift you just can't find anywhere else, explore a museum or two, and then enjoy a meal and a cocktail at one of downtown Dover's top-rated restaurants.

As the fastest-growing city in New Hampshire, Dover is bustling. With so much to see and do in downtown Dover, look for public parking throughout the downtown and begin exploring today.

In addition to the City's public parking garage on Orchard Street, which provides ample parking for visitors, there are several other public parking lots throughout the downtown, as well as on-street parking.

For a list of public parking lots, including an interactive parking map, visit drivingdover.com and select public parking.

National Septic Smart Week a good time to check septic systems

Even though most Dover residents are connected to the sanitary sewer line, there are still thousands of Dover residents who rely on a septic system to handle wastewater. This week is National Septic Smart Week to encourage septic tank users to follow best practices to avoid costly bills and polluting the environment.



Every home generates wastewater - via toilets and showers, sink drains, and dish and clothes washers - which must be treated and disposed of properly to protect human health and the environment. Wastewater exiting your septic system seeps into the ground where it joins the groundwater and then travels to our streams, rivers and lakes. It can also enter the aquifer from which we get our drinking water.

Your system - if it is properly designed and functioning - treats this effluent so that it does not carry harmful bacteria with it as it leaves your property. Pumping, inspecting and

maintaining your septic system will help keep your septic system functioning correctly and head off catastrophic failure, ensuring your money doesn't go down the drain. Regular maintenance will help prevent wastewater from backing up into your home or overwhelming your leach field, which would turn your yard into a soggy mess.

You can expect to pay \$250-\$500 every 3-5 years for regular maintenance. If your system fails, expect it to cost \$6,000-\$15,000 to replace a typical residential leach field. Home and septic inspections are a part of every real estate transaction in New Hampshire. Regular maintenance will protect your investment.

If the stuff in your tank ends up in your yard, where will it go next? It will run off into nearby surface water, and could potentially contaminate your drinking water and prevent the recreational use of our lakes and streams. Learn more about managing [stormwater runoff](#) and the New Hampshire [Beach Inspection Program](#).

Only human waste and toilet paper are flushable

Product labels can be misleading. Some items that claim to be "flushable" can clog your septic system and end up costing you a pretty penny. Flushable may mean that it fits through the pipe, not that it's safe for your septic system.

Regular care and upgrading of your septic system are crucial to protecting New Hampshire's water quality. In addition to the threat of bacteria and viruses entering groundwater and surface waters, excess nutrients like nitrogen from septic systems can trigger algal blooms. These blooms can reduce oxygen in the water when they die, leading to illness or death of fish and other aquatic species. Some algal blooms produce harmful toxins that can cause disease and even death to pets and humans.

Dos and don'ts

- Conserve water! Fix leaky faucets and toilets immediately. Water conservation will extend the life of your system by not washing away the healthy bacteria that your system needs. Visit [NH is for Water](#).
- Space out your washing machine loads and other large water uses (dishwashers, showers, etc.).
- Don't flush anything but human waste and toilet paper! Check out DES' [What's Flushable](#) document and visit the New Hampshire Association of Septic Haulers (NHASH) website for more information on [septic systems](#).
- Don't use a garbage disposal. Waste from garbage disposals will fill your system more rapidly, requiring more frequent pumping.

Locating your tank

If you don't know where your septic tank is, you can request records through the [NHDES subsurface archives online form](#).

When to pump

Septic tanks should be pumped every three to five years for optimal function. It's never too late to get ahead of septic failure. Schedule a pump-out now and save! For a limited time, NHASH is offering a \$10 rebate for New Hampshire residents who get their septic tank pumped from NHASH member hauler in 2020. Find a [list of participating professionals in the area](#) on the NHASH website. Funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Print the rebate form here: <https://getpumpednh.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/rebate-form.pdf>

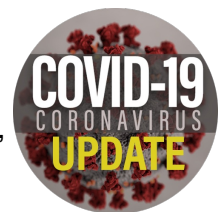
For more information, contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (603) 271-3503.



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

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

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



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

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

Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

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

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

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



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The advertisement features a light blue background with a faint image of a clock tower. At the bottom center is the official seal of the City of Dover, New Hampshire, which includes the text 'CITY OF DOVER, N.H.' and '1783'.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in

1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, and several other historical sources.

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



Sept. 18, 1724 - The town appointed Capt. Paul Gerrish and Capt. Benjamin Wentworth agents or attorneys to prosecute all actions of trespass upon the town's commons "already begun or hereafter to begin and to substitute attorneys under them as they see cause."



Sept. 21, 1843 - The new Freewill Baptist Meeting House on Washington street was dedicated this day. (This was the building afterwards converted into the Freewill Baptist Printing Establishment, which had an office in the basement when originally built.)



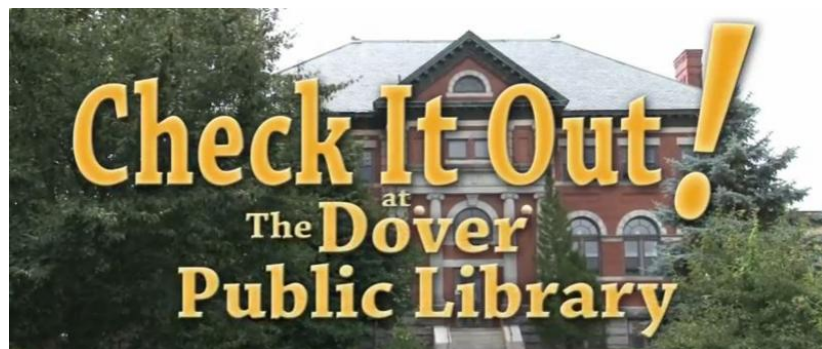
Sept. 20, 1853 - Gas lights were first used in Dover this evening, the mills and many stores having been supplied with it by the Gas Co., which was established this year.



Sept. 20, 1853 - A gold medal was presented to Hon. John P. Hale by the sailors of the U. S. Sloop of War Germantown, as a testimonial for his success in procuring the abolishment of flogging in the Navy.



Sept. 17, 1857 - In digging the cellar for a house on Nelson street, the foundations of a chimney and part of a cellar wall were disinterred, which are supposed to be the remains of the garrison house of the son of Peter Coffin, or of that of the first tavern opened in Dover, which it is known stood in that vicinity. Within the abutment were also found human bones judged to be those of a female, and a spoon differing entirely from anything that had been in use for more than 150 years. (Dover Enquirer)



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 is prohibited and will result in disqualification.

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

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

September children's programs from the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is now offering several children's programs, both virtual and in person. 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 library.dover.nh.gov 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 library.dover.nh.gov 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](https://www.instagram.com/doverpubliclibrary).

Saturday, September 19, 2 to 4 p.m. **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.

Sunday, September 20, 2 to 4 p.m. **VIRTUAL Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and Under**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! The group will meet every other Sunday 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.

Monday, September 21, 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 21, 3 to 4 p.m.

VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday Afternoon Book Group
Join us VIRTUALLY via RING CENTRAL or in-person at the Library to discuss *The Revisioners* by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton. Copies of the digital book are available for borrowing from Hoopla. Please register for this event if you plan to attend virtually. Log in information for Ring Central will be sent to registrants via e-mail 60 minutes before book club begins.

Monday, September 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL and In-Person Monday Evening Book Group
Join us VIRTUALLY via RING CENTRAL or in-person at the Library to discuss *The Revisioners* by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton. Copies of the digital book are available for borrowing from Hoopla. Please register for this event if you plan to attend virtually. Log in information for Ring Central will be sent to registrants via e-mail 60 minutes before book club begins.

Monday, September 21, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

Movies on the Front Lawn

Enjoy the throwback film *Dirty Dancing* (1987) starring Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey, and Jerry Orbach. Spending the summer at a Catskills resort with her family, Frances "Baby" Houseman falls in love with the camp's dance instructor, Johnny Castle. Showing will be limited to the first 50 people. No registration is required. Attendees are welcome to bring a snack and something 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-13

Wednesday, September 23, 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.

Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL Backyard Birds

Join Open World Explorers for this engaging and interactive online presentation featuring common and migrant visitors in New England. Learn identification tips, how to use feed to attract a diverse population and get to know the birds in your backyard! The free program will be held online through Ring Central and registration is required to access the login information.

Thursday, September 24, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

In-Person Adult Knitting Group in the Lecture Hall

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather in the Lecture Hall with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please

remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules.

Thursday, September 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

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: <https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp>

Thursday, September 24, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Storytime on the Front Lawn

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



City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

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

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

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

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

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

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

CITY OF DOVER  **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stay informed with City of Dover

special announcements, project newsletters and updates

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

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

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator**
- **Arena maintenance/ice resurfacers**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Gym Attendant**

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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