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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 3, 2021



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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.

Waterfront committee gives conditional approval for development plans



Vote sends plan along to technical review,

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

Recycling Center hours:

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

Planning Board

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC) provided conditional approval to the Carthartes' development plans at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 31, allowing the project to move forward to Planning Board review.

The development plans include site plans and architectural renderings. CWDAC also recommends the project receive a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board for building height, which is 55 feet for that district.

The approval includes the condition for CWDAC for developer Cathartes, the City of Dover's planning and recreation staff, and the CWDAC's Park Planning Subcommittee to "work diligently and closely with the paddlesports community to ensure cooperation in any future plans for the design, permitting and construction for a paddle sports facility."

CWDAC's approval also encourages cooperation for the developer, city staff, CWDAC and the paddlesports community to create an access plan to the Cochecho River paddle sports dock, to the greatest extent possible, during the period of project construction. CWDAC members noted it would not be possible to always maintain access during site construction because of safety concerns.

Some members of the paddlesports community have expressed concern about development plans to remove the metal storage shed leased and utilized by the Great Bay rowing and the UNH rowing clubs. The developer and the City have been working with stakeholders to locate a new space for boat storage.

The development process now moves to the Planning Board for review, including initial review by the Planning Board's Technical Review Committee (TRC), once Cathartes submits their complete site review application.

CWDAC will continue to meet to work on the paddlesports facility and environmental permitting.

For more information, contact City Planner Steve Bird at 516-6008 or s.bird@dover.nh.gov.

The Aug. 31 CWDAC meeting can be watched at <https://dovern.viebit.com/player.php?hash=bNxC6neoFiZP>.





The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee approved site plans and architectural renderings for the waterfront project planned on River Street.



Candidate filing period for Municipal Election opens Wednesday, Sept. 8

The filing period for the City of Dover municipal election begins on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. and ends Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at 4 p.m.

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

The municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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

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

For more information, visit the [2021 Municipal Election](#) page on the city's website or contact

Supervisors of the Checklist in session Tuesday, Sept. 7

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, record changes of address, name and party affiliation, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist.

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

Absentee ballot applications available for Nov. 2 municipal election

Absentee ballot applications for the City of Dover Nov. 2, 2021 municipal election are now [available online](#) and at the City Clerk's Office.

Any registered voter unable to vote on Election Day or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance, or employment obligations may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail.

Absentee ballots will not be available until after the candidate filing period, and the municipal election ballots are printed, anticipated to be late September or early October.

The City Clerk's Office is located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall. Its regular business hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The mailing address is 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820. The online absentee ballot application is available at https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/open-government/election-information/absentee-ballots/2021_AbsenteeBallotRequest.pdf.

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

City administrative offices closed Labor Day

Curbside trash and recycling pick-up delayed by one day week of Sept. 6

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, for Labor Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Public Library is closed Saturday through Monday, Sept. 4 through Sept. 6, for Labor Day.

Recreation facilities at the McConnell Center and the Indoor Pool are closed on Labor Day. The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool and the Ice Arena are open on Labor Day. Trash pickup and curbside recycling will be delayed by one day all week for the holiday.

Labor Day is a "parking holiday." Metered parking is free on parking holidays.



City Council meets on Wednesday

The City Council meets for their first meeting of the month on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

The agenda includes a resolution to extend a lease agreement for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for space at the McConnell Center. The department leases 16,676 square feet of space in two McConnell Center office suites, and the lease is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2021. The resolution would extend the lease for two more years with the option to enter into a renewable lease. According to the resolution background material, the space would be leased for \$25,290 for year one and \$25,810 for year two.

Also on the agenda is a resolution that would adopt a fiscal year 2022 general fund budget amendment to appropriate \$1,561,230 in additional state education aid to be received by the school district. These unanticipated funds result from the State of New Hampshire biennial budget adopted on June 24, 2021. The City Council adopted the City of Dover's FY 2022 budget on June 2, 2021. This resolution requires a two-thirds vote by the Council to pass.

The Council will also refer proposed zoning ordinance changes to a public hearing at the Council's Oct. 13 meeting. At its Aug. 24 meeting, the Planning Board recommended the zoning changes to Chapter 170, "Zoning" of the City of Dover's code. The list of proposed changes is located in the Council's agenda materials starting on page 32. The full agenda and materials can be found at

https://publicrecords.dover.nh.gov/Tabs/Index/19766/public/1/deptnum/0/cab/Public_Meetings.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.

Road closures, parking restrictions in place Saturday for road race

Dover Police Chief William Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Cochecho Challenge Half Marathon and 5K footrace.

On Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., the 3.1- and 13.1-mile footraces will begin simultaneously on Silver Street, near Central Avenue, and end in front of the First Parish Congregational Church parking lot off Church Street. Brief street closures will be in effect on Silver Street and Arch Street to accommodate the 8:30 a.m. start. A portion of the 5K course will be run along the Dover Community Trail between Washington Street and Central Avenue, and will cross Fisher Street.



Motorists should expect and give way to runners wearing numbered race bibs on any Dover roadways between 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. These include Washington Street, Tolend Road, Glen Hill Road, County Farm Cross Road, Sixth Street, Glenwood Avenue, Horne Street, Fourth Street, Atkinson Street, and Nelson Street.

Church Street will be closed to all traffic between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Parking restrictions will be posted in the following locations on Saturday, Sept. 1:

- Sixth Street, even-numbered side only, between Horne and Grove streets;
- Washington Street, even-numbered side only, between Arch and Atkinson streets;
- Fourth Street, north side, from Grove Street westerly to the Cochecho River;

- Church Street, southerly side between Locust and Academy streets.

This event is organized by the First Parish Congregational Church and will raise funds to help sustain the church's various charitable programs. The course is USA Track and Field certified and includes a footbridge crossing over the Cochecho River. More information on the event, including a course map and registration information, can be found at www.cochechochallenge.com.

For traffic inquiries, contact the Police Department Traffic Bureau at 742-4646.

EasyParkUSA to phase out New Hampshire service

The in-vehicle parking payment device EasyPark that works with Dover, Durham, Manchester and Portsmouth parking meter systems will be phased out as customers use up their remaining balances. Existing customers have the option of adding funds to their dashboard EasyPark device one more time.



EasyParkUSA, the firm behind EasyPark, notified participating New Hampshire municipalities that it is phasing out the devices due to decreased use and increased availability of pay-by-phone options in most communities, including Dover with the Flowbird app. EasyParkUSA discontinued sales of its devices to participating New Hampshire municipalities earlier this year.

After adding the final amount of funds, device owners must notify EasyParkUSA to close their account. No annual or monthly service fees will be charged once the account is closed. When deciding how much to add for the final reload, users should understand that the device can only hold approximately 30 parking sessions in its memory. Users will be unable to download the memory once the account is closed.

EasyParkUSA will be alerting New Hampshire subscribers to the program's end via their account emails.

For more information, contact the Dover Parking Bureau at 516-6132.



Dover Fire and Rescue to host 9/11 remembrance ceremony on 20th anniversary

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

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

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

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



Northern Central Avenue water system work picks up next week

Work to upgrade critical water infrastructure along Central Avenue from Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to Glenwood Avenue ramps up next week.

Work planned from Tuesday, Sept. 7, through Friday, Sept. 10:

- Installing a temporary water main across Central Avenue at Old Rollinsford Road to feed two Central Avenue properties.
- Excavation of water valve pits on Lowell Avenue, requiring the closure of Lowell Avenue from Central Avenue to Mount Vernon Street.

The contractor plans night work beginning Sunday, Sept. 12 through Friday, Sept. 17, to install new water main piping through the Lowell Avenue and Central Avenue intersection, and continue south on Central Avenue towards Old Rollinsford Road.

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

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

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

Washington and Main water improvements update

Paving now planned for week of Sept. 13

The contractor continues to complete minor punch list items for the Washington and Main Water Improvements Project. The milling and repaving of trenches in the work area was scheduled to begin next week but now have been postponed until the week of Sept. 13.

Traffic and parking restrictions for the week of Sept. 6

- Monday, Sept. 6: Work area will be in the area of Central Avenue and Chapel Street, requiring a lane reduction on Central Avenue and no parking from Chapel Street to Days Inn driveway.
- Tuesday, Sept. 7, through Wednesday, Sept. 8: Work area will be Central Avenue and Chapel Street by Franklin Plaza and on Main Street by Janetos Plaza. Inbound Portland Avenue traffic will be detoured via Chapel Street, Saint John Street and Broadway. Main Street may be reduced to one lane.
- Thursday, Sept. 9 through Friday, Sept. 10: Work area will be on Main Street by Janetos Plaza, requiring a lane reduction.

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



UPDATE: Durham Road/Central Avenue traffic signalization project

Engineers have made further refinements to traffic signal timings deployed on Aug. 2 along Central Avenue and Durham Road in the area of Exit 7 and Back River Road.

Travelers along lower Central Avenue and Durham Road should have noticed some changes to signal operations this past week as traffic engineers made some significant changes to the signal programming through this corridor. In short, engineers simplified the signal phasing and shortened the overall cycle lengths, both of which should make the signals seem “snappier” and reduce delays noticeably for all movements.

The other significant change is to separate the pedestrian phasing between the Mill Street and Back River Road intersections. Before, if a pedestrian button was activated at Mill Street, vehicles were affected at Back River Road. With the new changes, the two intersections operate independently with regard to pedestrian activity. This change should also make a big

difference in the ability to pass through this corridor with less delay during times of high pedestrian activity.

Engineers will be monitoring the impacts of school traffic and will likely refine signal timings again after school traffic normalizes.

The City of Dover requests drivers to note any changes they see after the new traffic signal timings are deployed on Central Avenue/Durham Road this Monday and provide feedback at <https://conta.cc/2VfQP4S>. Feedback can be as simple as, "It seems better," or, "I experienced less delay this morning while exiting Mill Street."

The City of Dover, through a Federal Highway Administration grant administered through the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, is deploying new signal timings at 17 critical traffic signals along the Central Avenue corridor that have already been upgraded with new hardware and software. The city has contracted with Sebago Technics to upgrade the signals, deploy and adjust traffic signal timings.

Learn more about the project here: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/news-events/news-2021/federal-grant-traffic-signalization.html>. For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.



Dover400 lecture series continues with “Treasures of the Woodman Museum”

Dover400, a committee of residents organizing Dover’s 400th Anniversary, continues its virtual lecture series on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at 7 p.m. with an online presentation about the origins and collections of Dover’s Woodman Museum. [Click here](#) to register online.

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

- **The Woodman House** (1818) houses a large collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils, an extensive display of taxidermy specimens including animals of all sizes, marine life, birds, and butterflies, and the War Memorial Rooms on the third floor.
- **The Damm Garrison House** (1675), housed under the protective white canopy mid-campus, is the oldest house in Dover and displays over 800 artifacts from the colonial era.
- **The Hale House** (1813) holds an eclectic collection of diverse objects which detail the social, economic, cultural, and industrial history of Dover. Formerly the home of Abolitionist U.S. Senator John Parker Hale, the home also includes some primary examples of early seacoast-built furniture and related artworks.
- **The Keefe House** (1825) contains a small library, as well as the Thom Hindle Art Gallery and museum offices. The adjoining barn displays early examples of Dover carriages and tools.

Our presenter for this month’s webinar is Mike Day, Operations Director for the Woodman Museum. Mike, a lifelong resident of the area, has a background in teaching and carpentry and began volunteering at the Museum as a docent in 2011. He was hired as a Tour Guide in 2013

and was promoted to Operations Director in 2017, after an apprenticeship with former curator Thom Hindle. Mike's decade-long service at the Museum has resulted in updated displays, refreshed exhibits, and creative programs which have attracted many new visitors.

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

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

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

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

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

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



COVID-19 vaccine booster shots

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

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

For more information, visit the [CDC's information page here](#).

Vaccines are available on demand

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

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

ConvenientMD (walk-in)

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

Walgreens (schedule online)

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

Hannaford (walk-in or schedule online)

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

CVS (schedule online)

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

For additional locations and options, visit [vaccines.gov](#).

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

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

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

The federal government has contracted with Walgreens and Rite Aid pharmacies to offer COVID-19 tests at no additional costs for persons without insurance with symptoms of COVID-

19. Visit the website of these pharmacies or contact your local Walgreens or Rite Aid pharmacy to learn more about their free testing program.

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

Dover area COVID-19 testing locations:

CVS (Ages 3 and up)

50 Sterling Way, Dover

Type of test: PCR

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

Rite Aid (Ages 4 and up)

679 Central Avenue only, Dover

Type of test: PCR

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

ConvenientMD

14 Webb Place, Dover

Type of test: PCR

<https://convenientmd.com/covid-19-testing/>

Walgreens (ages 3 and up)

1 Glenwood Ave., Dover

Type of test: PCR and Rapid

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

Quest Diagnostics (Ages 2 and up)

311 Route 108, Somersworth (inside Goodwin Health Center)

5 Clark Way, Somersworth

Type of test: Rapid

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

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital

789 Central Ave., Dover

Type of test: PCR

Scheduled through affiliated PCP only

City of Dover offers local business assistance program for coronavirus impacts

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

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

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

The logo for the Dover CARES program. It features the word "DOVER" in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. To its right, the word "CARES" is written in a white sans-serif font, with each letter of "CARES" contained within a separate blue square.

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

- To reimburse incurred business expenses to plan, prepare and respond to the

- coronavirus; or
- Offset a business disruption that occurred because of the coronavirus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The review consists of:

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

Applications for the Microenterprise Business Assistance Grant are available [online here](#).

Applications for the Small Business Assistance Grant are available [online here](#).

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

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

Upcoming Meetings:

**City Council,
September 8, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

Dover Greek Festival returns this weekend

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Dover will hold its annual Dover Greek Festival on Friday, Sept. 3 and Saturday, Sept. 4. This event was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but is returning this year.

The Dover Greek Festival features authentic homemade Greek food and pastries including braised lamb shanks, pastitsio, spanakopita and baklava. It is one of the largest ethnic food festivals in New England, both in terms of attendance and variety of food served, according to the event organizers.



"We are very excited to hold our annual Dover Greek Festival this year after cancelling it in 2020," said Abby Sykas Karoutas, president of the Parish Council of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Dover. "Our volunteers have been working for weeks to prepare the authentic Greek food and pastries using family recipes that have been passed down for generations."

The festival will take place rain or shine at the Hellenic Center on Long Hill Road in Dover. Admission is free with ample parking on site. Festival hours are Friday, Sept. 3 from 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Proceeds from the Dover Greek Festival support the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Dover as well as several local charities and scholarship programs.

For additional information and directions, or sponsorship opportunities, visit our website at www.DoverGreekFestival.com.

This week in DOVER HISTORY

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

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

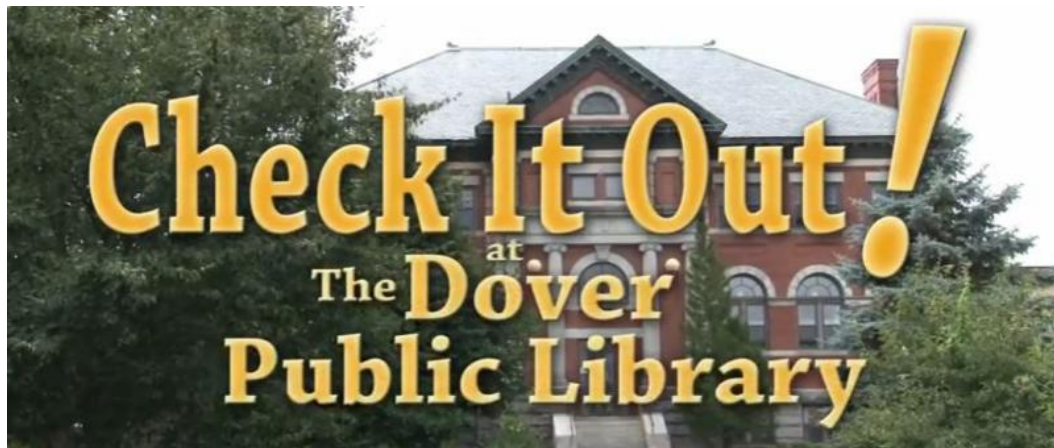
Sept. 4, 1838 — Due to a "great scarcity of water," all mills are shut down half of each day.

Sept. 8, 1844 — Thomas W. Waldron, aged 30, the United States Consul and Naval Agent at Canton, dies in Hong Kong, China. He was son of Daniel Waldron, late of Dover, the last possessor of the Waldron Homestead.

Sept. 9, 1851 — Incendiary fires being very prevalent at this time, a town meeting was held at which the selectmen were authorized to offer suitable rewards for the apprehension of the incendiaries, and to appoint a night watch and committee of vigilance.

Sept. 5, 1860 — Judge A.S. Sloan is nominated for Congress by the Republican Convention of the Third District in Dover.

Sept. 7, 1863 — The Cocheco Manufacturing Co., after a year's suspension, recommenced work.



Sign-up for a library card this month

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

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

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

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

being extra competitive this September.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Surviving September 11th: Lessons Learned on the 20th Anniversary, a virtual program

Dan Holdridge knows he is lucky to be alive. On September 11, 2001 he was standing only ten feet away from the blast of a commercial airliner crashing into the Pentagon. Everyone on the other side of the wall next to him was killed, while he survived.

Now Holdridge has a personal mission to honor the 184 heroes who died at the Pentagon that day. On Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m., Holdridge will speak virtually at the Dover Public Library about Surviving September 11th: Lessons Learned on the 20th Anniversary. In the presentation, Holdridge shares a message that challenges audiences to understand the value of life through gratitude, respect, appreciation of others, and hope for a better world. He believes the way to end terrorism in our world is to understand differences between cultures and to respect them, eliminate feelings of entitlement, and honor the heroes that serve.

In 2001, Holdridge was one of the youngest Program Directors at General Dynamics Corporation in Needham, Mass., where he oversaw computer engineering operations. In April he was sent to the United States Pentagon to support the construction of a newly renovated section.

Today, Holdridge lives in Rhode Island and serves as president and chief executive officer of Eagle Industries Incorporated, overseeing the entire operation of the electrical engineering and manufacturing corporation. He is a member of the National Speakers Association, and published the book *Surviving September 11th* about his life-changing experience.

This program is free and open to the public. It will be held live online through RingCentral and registration is required to access the login information. For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov/events or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

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The Week at the Library

September VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Now and Again* by Julia Turshen. Throughout the month of September, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@doover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, September 5, 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8, 10 to 11 a.m. Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club

A book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla

Wednesday, September 8, 6 to 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Board on 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

Virtual Dungeons & Dragons: Teen A

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. Registration required.

Tuesday, September 7, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: 18+ Trustees Rm

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

their ideas, help to plan future events and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

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Rotary Club hosts mobile shredding fundraiser

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

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

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

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

NHDOT warns about reports of scams

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

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

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation does not send unsolicited text messages to consumers. Any unsolicited text message that claims to be from the NHDOT is a scam. Additionally, the NHDOT does not issue driver's licenses. Driver's licensing is administered by

the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles.

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

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

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

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

- **Police Officer**
- **Police Secretary I**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Gym attendant**
- **Arena maintenance / resurfacers**
- **Custodian**
- **Utilities Project Engineer**

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

