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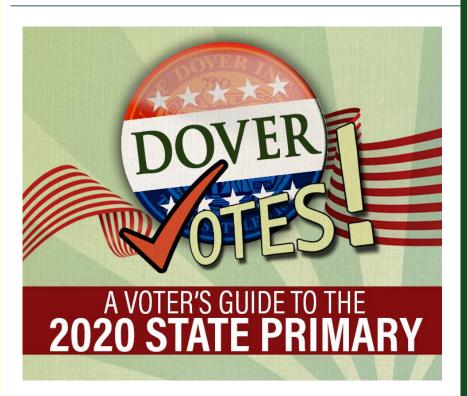
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Meetings this week:

Planning Board, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

City Council, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the <u>meeting calendar</u>

on the City's 2020 State Primary online resource.

Limited time to request an absentee ballot for the Sept. 8 State Primary

Dover City Clerk Susan Mistretta reminds citizens of the impending deadlines for those who wish to vote by absentee ballot for the upcoming State Primary Election on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Voters may still request an absentee ballot at the Clerk's Office at Dover City Hall up until Monday, Sept. 7. September 7 is also the deadline for those who want to vote by absentee ballot but still need to register to vote. **Please note: Monday, Sept. 7 is Labor Day, and the City Clerk's Office will be open from 3 to 5 p.m. for election-related requests only.**

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 form to request an absentee ballot is available at the <u>City</u> <u>Clerk's Election Information webpage</u>. The form will also allow a voter to request a ballot for the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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.

Deadline to return absentee ballots for State Primary

If returning by mail, absentee ballots must be received at City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on the day of the election, Sept. 8. The City Clerk's Office is located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall. The mailing address is 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820.

The Secretary of State and Dover City Clerk urge those mailing in ballots to do so as soon as possible to avoid possible postal delays and to ensure it is received in time and is counted. Election officials expect a high volume of absentee ballots for this election.

Returning an absentee ballot by mail requires a signed affidavit, which is included with the ballot and return envelope. If voting by absentee ballot due to COVID-19, sign under "Absence Because of Religious Observance or Physical Disability."

This year, the Secretary of State's Office will also allow absentee

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the latest updates.

ballots to be delivered directly to voter's polling place. These ballots must be received at the polling place by 5 p.m. to be counted. **Ballots must be received at the correct polling place**. Residents can utilize the <u>interactive Ward Map</u> on the City Clerk's <u>Election Information webpage</u> to help locate what Dover ward they live in, and the location of their ward's polling place.

Registering to Vote

Residents who plan to cast their ballot in person but have not yet registered to vote can do so on the day of the election at the voter's polling place. (See the City Clerk's <u>interactive Ward</u> Map to find out what Dover ward you live in and polling location.)

To be eligible to register and vote in New Hampshire, a person must be:

- 18 years of age or older on Election Day;
- A United States citizen; and
- Domiciled in the Dover ward where the person seeks to vote.

To register, you will need to provide proof of your identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. Documents may be presented in paper or electronic form. Documents include:

- A driver's license or non-driver ID from any state satisfies proof of identity and age.
- A birth certificate, U.S. Passport/Passcard, or naturalization document satisfies proof of citizenship.

If you do not have these documents, you can prove your identity, age, and/or citizenship, by signing an affidavit, under oath, in front of an election official.

For more information on Registering to Vote in New Hampshire, please visit the Secretary of State's "<u>Registering to Vote in New</u> <u>Hampshire</u>" information page.

Deadline has passed to change party affiliation

Per state law, the deadline to change political party affiliation in New Hampshire is 90 days before a primary. If you are registered as Undeclared, you will be declaring yourself as a Republican or Democratic Party member when voting in the State Primary. If you wish to return to undeclared, you can sign the checklist on the way out of the polls, or come into the Dover City Clerk's office after the election.

Polling Places

Dover has six polling locations, which is based on Dover six wards. To locate polling places and determine your correct voting location, see the Dover City Clerk's <u>interactive Ward Map</u>.

- Ward 1 Horne Street Elementary School, 78 Horne Street
- Ward 2 Woodman Park Elementary School, 11 Towle Avenue
- Ward 3 Parish of the Assumption St. Joseph's, 150 Central Avenue
- Ward 4 Elks Lodge, 282 Durham Road
- Ward 5 St John's Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Avenue
- Ward 6 Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road (PLEASE NOTE: NEW POLLING LOCATION)

Information for the Nov. 3 General Election

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

Absentee ballots for the State General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 are available at the City Clerk's Office. Applications for an absentee ballot are available online <u>here</u> or at the City Clerk's Office. Voters are urged to request and return absentee ballots as soon as possible to avoid potential postal delays. Any registered voter unable to vote on Election Day, or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance, due to employment obligations, or any reason relating to COVID-19, may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail.

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

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

Election officers needed in all wards

The City Clerk's Office is seeking election officers to help staff Dover's polling places during upcoming elections, including the State Primary in September and the General Election in November.

The City Clerk's office provides training to all election workers. These are paid positions. Election workers must be at least 18 years old and a Dover resident.

Election officers assist with various duties on election day, including aiding voters, maintaining order, opening and closing the polls, and processing the vote counts. Election workers are needed in all of the City's six wards.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 516-6018 or email City Clerk Mistretta at <u>s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov</u>.

Processing and preprocessing of state election primary ballots

Dover City Clerk Susan Mistretta announced that in accordance with the Secretary of State's Office rules, Dover's Ward Clerks will begin the processing of State Primary Election absentee ballots at their perspective polling locations starting at 9 a.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The preprocessing of absentee ballots for many of Dover's wards occurs today, Sept. 4, in the Dover City Hall Auditorium, and it is open to the public. The preprocessing of the absentee ballots is a procedure election officials follow to ensure absentee ballots have the required signed affidavit. NOTE: The actual ballot will not be opened during the preprocessing. The procedure of opening absentee ballots can begin at 9 a.m. on Sept. 8. The auditorium is located on the second floor of Dover City Hall, located at 288 Central Avenue.

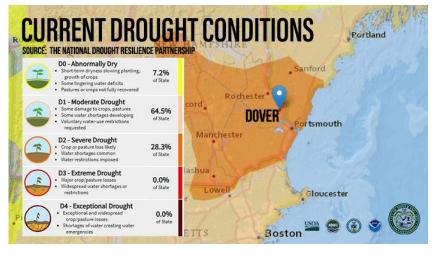
Preprocessing times are set by ward, as follows:

- Ward 1 1 p.m.
- Ward 2 2 p.m.
- Ward 3 No preprocessing
- Ward 4 9 a.m.
- Ward 5 To be determined
- Ward 6 11 a.m.

More information

For more information about the Sept. 8 State Primary Election, visit the City of Dover's online resource here: <u>https://go.usa.gov/xG4yg</u>.





As drought conditions persist, water conservation and restrictions help city reduce water use

Adherence to mandatory water restrictions because of Dover's severe drought conditions has reduced demand on the City's drinking water supply by 28 percent since Aug. 13, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., announced this week.

"This reduced demand will help to ensure we can meet essential public drinking water needs in the weeks ahead until more beneficial precipitation occurs," Joyal relayed to the City Council in a Sept. 1 email.

Community Services Director John Storer, whose department oversees the City's drinking water supply, said this week that while recent rain on Wednesday and last Saturday "certainly helps," it's not near enough water to counter the deficit. "To recharge the aquifer, it needs to be a longer, sustained rainfall."

Mandatory water restrictions are expected to remain in effect until appreciable rain replenishes the City's aquifers.

Severe drought conditions expand in New Hampshire

In its weekly update posted Thursday morning., the U.S. Drought Monitor concluded that severe drought conditions had expanded in New Hampshire by nearly five percent over the past week. The U.S. Drought Monitor is produced through a partnership between the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The City of Dover, the Seacoast region and most of Strafford County are part of the 28.3 percent of the state to have severe drought conditions, according to Drought Monitor calculations. Nearly 93 percent of New Hampshire is considered to have drought conditions, with the rest classified as abnormally dry. The Drought Monitor has classified the Garrison City as being in a severe drought since Aug. 18, moderate drought since June 23, and abnormally dry since June 2.

According to the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Gray, Maine, the area has accumulated just over 8.5 inches of rain since Jan. 1, where typically Dover averages 16 inches of rain during the same period. Using the U.S. Geological Survey's Rainfall Calculator, that's a deficit of about 3.8 billion gallons of water for the City.

State climatologist and assistant professor of geography at the University of New Hampshire, Mary Stampone, said the lessthan-an-inch-of-rain the City received Saturday was included in this week's Drought Monitor update. While the water was welcome, she found the rain had only penetrated the soil of her Dover home by 3 to 4 inches.

"Below that was bone dry," she said. The region needs consistent, steady rains to help make up for the precipitation deficit, Stampone noted.

Water restrictions remain in effect

The City Manager told the Council recently his decision to declare mandatory water restriction was based on the City's future water capacity. He said the City's "water supply would not be able to fully meet the essential needs of the community" within two months without reduced demand or significant rainfall.

Joyal called for voluntary water restrictions on Aug. 13, which resulted in the reduction of roughly 300,000 gallons of water per day. While Joyal said the reduced demand was "very noticeable," within a few days, he learned drought conditions had worsened without "any noticeable precipitation in the nearor longer-term forecasts to replenish our aquifers."

Because of the drought outlook, Joyal issued an emergency order enabling the mandatory water restrictions allowed per City Ordinance 121-51 on Aug. 21. Within four days, water usage had dropped by nearly another 400,000 gallons per day, he told the Council.

Historic water usage

Before Aug. 13, the wells operated by Community Services had pumped out an average of 2.73 million gallons of water a day (MGD). That translates to about 86 gallons per Dover's 32,000 residents per day. Joyal told the City Council that usage was a historical high and speculated that it could be due to more people at home because of Coronavirus. Typically, the City has used an average of 2.5 million gallons of water per day during the summer, he said.

The voluntary restrictions reduced the daily water production to 2.43 MGD. After the City announced mandatory water

restrictions, daily water production had dropped to 2.10 MGD by the Aug. 26 City Council meeting and then to 1.97 MGD by Sept. 1. That's a little less than 61 gallons per person per day. Under the emergency order, the following outdoor water use restrictions are in place:

- No outside lawn watering or irrigation, including automatic sprinklers, automatic irrigation systems, and no unattended lawn watering
- No washing of vehicles, including automobiles, trailers and trucks
- No filling of swimming pools greater than 100 gallons

Hand watering of gardens and new plantings is allowed. Commercial car washes, agriculture operations, flower shops and garden centers are not affected by the restrictions at this time.

Water conservation efforts by all water users, including well users, will reduce the demands on Dover's water supplies, 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 to those in violation, and fines of up to \$250 per violation, if necessary. 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.

As Mayor Robert Carrier said at the Aug. 26 City Council meeting, simple conservation actions multiplied by the City's 32,000 residents "means a lot."

Stampone, the climatologist, also urged people to conserve water, as it's unclear what the fall weather will bring. "We don't know if the fall will be wet or dry. Really do your best to conserve," she said.

Some city wells remain offline

Complicating the City's water needs during this severe drought, the City's primary drinking water source has remained offline to prevent contamination.

The City voluntarily has taken three wells offline that draw from Pudding Hill Aquifer, capable of meeting up to 40 percent of the daily water needs. Storer said that two of the three wells had been impacted by contamination from the nearby former Madbury Metals site. The third well has remained free of contamination. Under the direction of Dover's hydrogeologic consultants, Community Services have limited the use of the well until an artificial recharge facility is constructed, which could begin in 2021 if state approvals are met.

The artificial recharge facility would draw water from the Bellamy River when sufficient water is flowing through the river for two purposes, Storer said. The prime goal is to supplement the capacity of the Pudding Hill Aquifer. The project would also serve as a hydraulic barrier with hopes that it would keep contaminants from being drawn into the aquifer. Storer said the City is also working with a consulting firm to design a state-ofthe-art treatment facility to remove any possible contamination to "non-detect" levels. Storer hopes the construction of the facility also will begin next year.

City continues to monitor Willand Pond

Earlier this year, Community Services began drawing drinking water from a newly dug well connected to Willand Pond Aquifer, located adjacent to Willand Pond.

"We are required (by the state) to monitor the water levels of Willand Pond," Joyal told the Council. "There is a hydraulic connection between the levels of the pond and the underground aquifer, so there are limits on how low that pond can go before we have to shut the wells off up in that area."

Storer has told residents nearby Willand Pond that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services requires the City to cease pumping from the aquifer when the pond drops to a level of 184 feet.

Burn permits required

Fire Chief Paul Haas reminded residents that drought conditions present a fire danger, including wildfires.

"We encourage residents to use caution with any outdoor activities that can lead to fire," Haas said. "Our mandatory burn permit process is a dependable way for residents to determine whether conditions are suitable for outdoor fires of any kind," which include small campfires.

Online burn permits are available at <u>https://nhfirepermit.com</u>. Select Dover from the list of communities.

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

The emergency declaration and order can be accessed below:

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

City administrative offices closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, for Labor Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Public Library is closed Saturday, Sept. 5 through Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day.

The City Clerk's Office, located in the Customer Service Center at City Hall, will be open on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., for election information and requests only. The office will not be staffed for other business on Labor Day.

Recreation facilities at the McConnell Center, the Indoor Pool and the Ice Arena are also closed on Labor Day. The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool is open on Labor Day for reserved Iap swim from 8:45 to 11 a.m., and for limited-capacity recreational swim from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 to hold public hearing on parking and traffic updates

The City Council is scheduled to meet for a regular meeting Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The agenda can be viewed here: <u>https://go.usa.gov/xGbSG</u>.

There is one public hearing scheduled for the meeting on changes to Chapter 141 - Vehicles and Traffic. The proposed changes are to the chapter's Schedules B, C, I, and L. The Council is likely to vote on the resolution following the public hearing.

The proposed changes include adding seven stop signs in one neighborhood, creating no parking zones to aid with winter snow removal, adding a section of metered parking, and bringing the code up to date base on the completion of recent road construction.

The full resolution can be found in the Council packet starting on page 20. Below is the background on the proposed changes included with the Council packet:

This ordinance enacts recent recommendations of the Parking Commissions, the Transportation Advisory

Commission ("TAC"), or in some instances City staff. An overview of each amendment is provided below.

Overview of Amendments to Schedule B:

- Boston Harbor Road: With the progression of the Newington-Dover Spaulding Turnpike project and recent reconfiguration of the Exit 6 interchange, Boston Harbor Road no longer has a direct onramp near the Motor Vehicle Substation. The revision is proposed and is editorial in nature because this intersection no longer exists.
- Chestnut Street: This revision was previously recommended by the TAC, conditioned upon intersection reconfiguration related to the 104 Washington Street (Orpheum Apartments) project. This development resulted in a widening of the northerly approach of Chestnut Street to Washington Street, which now accommodates a dedicated northbound left-turn lane that is incorporated into the traffic signal phasing.

Overview of Amendments to Schedule C:

 Salem Avenue, Winston Avenue (two instances), Kent Avenue (two instances), and Newport Road: The TAC endorsed these amendments after consideration of resident concerns regarding the absence of stop signs throughout this neighborhood. In particular, this revision will clarify the right-of-way rule at the four-way intersection of Kent, Winston, Applevale, and Middlebrook where no stop signs are present, and it is unclear which is the "through" roadway. This revision will add a total of seven (7) new stop signs in this neighborhood (Salem Avenue intersects with Applevale at each end).

Overview of Amendments to Schedule I:

- Baker Street, Belknap Street, Elm Street, Everett Street, Fifth Street, Hamilton Street, Plaza Drive, St. Thomas Street (two instances), West Concord Street, Fourth Street, Lincoln Street, Third Street: After the transition to a storm-based Winter Parking Ban, Community Services discovered that certain streets were too thin to allow for plowing and the passage of emergency vehicles. Accordingly, these additions/changes were identified this past winter season by Community Services as needing to be added or amended.
- Charles Street: This amendment is recommended by staff. It formalizes a restriction that has historically been in place with a yellow line across from the City's sewer pump station, which maintains sight distance for this intersection where the two streets intersect at an acute angle and allows for traffic passage to be maintained while City staff perform maintenance at the Charles Street sewer pump station.
- Lisa Beth Drive: This amendment is editorial in nature. There is no regulation in place and no need to show the street in an incomplete row in the schedule.
- Richmond Street: This revision was endorsed by the TAC

after consideration of resident concerns regarding the street width and emergency vehicle access. Richmond Street averages only 25 feet, 6 inches in width. By comparison, Atkinson Street has an average width of 31 feet, 6 inches, yet is already restricted on one side. The fire hydrant servicing this neighborhood is on the westerly side of Richmond Street.

Overview of Amendments to Schedule L:

 Atkinson Street: This amendment has been requested by tenants and management of the McConnell Center in order to create turnover parking on the northerly side of the building. The Parking Commission voted at its July 2020 meeting to include the section of Atkinson Street from Washington Street to St. Thomas Street to the metered parking program. Much of the pressure was due to the Court System and nearby bank enforcing their private property rights as the Orpheum Apartments opened up.

City Council declares second Monday in October Indigenous People's Day

The Dover City Council recently passed a resolution that declares the second Monday in October to be Indigenous People's Day.

The Dover School Board passed a similar resolution in July, which was sponsored by Board member Zachary Koehler. Koehler also spoke to the City Council at its Aug. 26 meeting in favor of the non-binding legislation, as did other city residents.

The City Council resolution "acknowledges that Dover is built upon the traditional and ancestral homelands and villages of the indigenous people of this region" and that "in many instances, the indigenous people of what is now the Americas have been and continue to be subjected to brutal, unjust, and violent treatment."

The resolution aims "to celebrate the culture and values of indigenous people, and to reflect upon the historical offenses against and ongoing struggles of indigenous people." The resolution calls on the Dover citizens to use the day "to reflect on and learn about the history and contributions of all indigenous people."

The second Monday in October is the same day as the state and federal holiday known as Columbus Day. City Councilor At-Large Lindsey Williams, one of the resolution's co-sponsors, said the council does not have the authority to replace the Columbus Day Holiday with Indigenous People's Day. However, the resolution calls for the State of New Hampshire to consider making the change as well. "This is a good step forward to have some conversations that will help us all grow stronger," Willams told her councilors.

Ward 5 Councilor Dennis Shanahan, another co-sponsor, said, "This is just the starting point," and that there was additional learning to do too. "As we go to celebrate the 400th (anniversary of Dover's founding), it is vital that we understand that celebrating the 400th is diminished by what happened after we got here in 1623."

The complete resolution <u>can be viewed here</u>.

The Aug. 26 City Council meeting can be viewed here.



Parking and traffic restrictions in place for upcoming paving work

Paving work began this week on the following streets:

- Mast Road, from Durham Road (Route 108) to Spruce Lane
- Rainbow Drive
- Kelly Drive
- James Street

The work is scheduled to take place weekdays between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting, and it expected to conclude in three to four weeks. Drivers should expect traffic restrictions on Mast Road, with one lane closed and alternating traffic.

During work hours, on-street parking will not be permitted on these roadways.

The project will consist of milling, raising structures such as catch basins and maintenance holes, milling, and trimming of driveways. Work will not occur on all streets simultaneously, but staggered between the four streets until the work is completed.

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

Dover Chamber, City to host Citizens Leadership Academy in October The Greater Dover of Chamber of Commerce will host the 2020 Eastern Bank Citizens Leadership Academy in partnership with the City of Dover this October. The free program offers Garrison City



residents a firsthand look at local government and municipal operations and provides attendees a role in shaping the future of the city.

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

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

This year's Citizens Leadership Academy will include presentations by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Assistant City Manager/Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives Christopher G. Parker, Economic Development Director Daniel Barufaldi, Library Director Denise LaFrance, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, Fire Chief Paul Haas, Police Chief William Breault and Recreation Director Gary Bannon. The program will also include a visit to the North End Fire Station, Police Station, and a bus tour of the City's Community Services facilities led by Director of Community Services John Storer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The workshop can be viewed here.

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

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



View Dover maps and property data online

The City of Dover offers online access to City maps and property records through a web-based mapping platform. Explore neighborhoods and access local property data including:

- When is trash pickup at this address?
- What ward is this address and where do I vote?
- What zoning district am I in?
- What is the valuation of properties on this street?

To begin, find the area of interest by zooming in on the map or clicking on the "Search" button to search by address. Next, click on the "Themes" button to find select information such as wards and polling places, conservation and recreation lands or zoning maps. Maps may be customized using "Markup" draw and measure tools. Save and share maps via a link or print.

Visit <u>maps.dover.nh.gov</u> to view the online maps.



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

When in public, wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth.



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

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



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

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

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

Why it is important to wear a cloth face covering

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

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

For more information,

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







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

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



Sept. 10, 1777 - It was voted that "thirty dollars be given to each soldier who enlists for the Continental Service until the last of November next, and that the Selectmen pay each soldier said sum when mustered."

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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.

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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.

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

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

Historic Walking Tours: Summer 2020

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

Group size will be limited to no more than 10 and participants will be required to wear masks. Participants will also be encouraged to bring their own water, wear comfortable shoes, and wear a head covering. Tours run about 90 minutes long.

To schedule a tour, call the chamber at 603-742-2218 or email <u>info@dovernh.org</u>. The fee for the walking tours is \$10 per person, with a \$25 limit for families.

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



September children's programs from the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library will be offering several children's programs, both virtual and in person, beginning the week of September 14. On Mondays, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., children can "Read with a Librarian" online. This program is designed for emerging readers who would like to practice their skills or children who would like to listen to a story. Visit <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> to register for a time slot. The program will also be offered on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. at the library on a drop-in basis. All participants are asked to wear a mask.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This Week at the Library

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

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Magnolia Table* by Joanna Gaines. Throughout the month of September, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.fortin@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

<u>Sunday, September 6, 2 to 4 p.m.</u> 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 7, Library Closed Labor Day

<u>Tuesday, September 8, 7:30 to 9:45 p.m.</u> Movies on the Front Lawn

Enjoy the throwback film La La Land (2016) starring Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Rosemarie DeWitt. While navigating their careers in Los Angeles, a pianist and an actress fall in love while attempting to reconcile their aspirations for the future.Showing will be limited to the first 50 people. No registration is required. Attendees are welcome to bring a snack and a blanket or chair to sit on. In order to stay safe, the library will be practicing social distancing measures and ask that moviegoers wear a mask when they are not seated. Rated PG

City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

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

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

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

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

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

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

Trash and recycling reminders

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

• The pick-up time on your regularly scheduled collection day may be different than it was prior to July 1. To ensure trash and recycling are picked up, please remember that

all items must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before.

- <u>By City ordinance</u>, the maximum weight of trash bags is 35 pounds. Waste Management may reject trash bags that exceed the weight limit. Bags should be tied or sealed and should not be overloaded. Please note that the smaller, 15-gallon bags are rated for 20 pounds maximum.
- Dover trash bags can be purchased from a variety of local merchants, as well as the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, and the Recycling Center. For a list of local merchants selling Dover trash bags, visit <u>https://go.usa.gov/xfXAs</u>.
- Curbside trash and recycling pick-up will follow the existing holiday schedule. Collection during a holiday week will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week beginning on the holiday. For a list of holidays, see the city's website here: <u>https://go.usa.gov/xwApG</u>.
- All non-metal items too large to fit in a Dover trash bag, such as furniture, mattresses, toilets and carpets, require a bulky item tag. Bulky item tags can be purchased at the City Clerk's Office, the Community Services facility on Mast Road, the Recycling Center and at most locations where city trash bags are sold.

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

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

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

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

Follow these simple recycling guidelines:

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

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

CITY OF DOVER 🛞 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? <u>Sign up now</u> to receive special announcements via email.

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

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates,<u>click here</u>. An email address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

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

- Police Officer
- Director of Public Welfare
- Assistant City Engineer
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Arena maintenance/lce resurfacer
- Lifeguard
- Gym Attendant

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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