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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

September 9, 2022



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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to hold public hearing, may vote on proposed zoning changes

**Follows public hearings and approval
by Planning Board**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed zoning changes at its Wednesday, Sept. 14, meeting. The Council is also slated to vote on the changes following the public hearing.

The Planning Board held three public hearings on the proposed zoning changes, beginning in late spring. The Planning Board unanimously recommended the City Council adopt the changes at its July 26 meeting. One of the amendments is to rezone part of the R-12 District to Heritage Residential and part of the Gateway District to Heritage Residential. The proposed changes

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

are included in the Council's agenda materials.

Other agenda items include authorization to purchase eight police cruisers for \$368,288 with Capital Improvement Program funds, and awarding a bid for four pedestrian crosswalk flashing beacons for \$33,000, among other items.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda and background materials. The meeting will be held in City Hall's Council Chambers and broadcast on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

School Board, DTU reach tentative contract agreement

The Dover School Board and the Dover Teachers Union have reached a tentative contract agreement, according to the DTU and Superintendent William Harbron.

The DTU is set to meet and vote to ratify the agreement on Monday, Sept. 12. The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, Sept. 19. Details of the contract have not yet been released.

The two sides have negotiated since last year to reach an agreement. This spring, an impasse was declared, and the School Board and DTU agreed to go into mediation to reach an agreement.

If both entities ratify the contract, it moves to the City Council for final approval. The DTU's previous contract expired on Aug. 31.



Mayor Carrier, City Council issue

proclamation ahead of 9/11 anniversary

At Wednesday's City Council workshop, Dover Mayor Robert Carrier issued a proclamation commemorating the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the the United States, and recognizing first responders.

Carrier said it is important to continue to remember the anniversary, adding that Dover began doing so in 2002 when Michael McShane, who is now Dover's fire chief, organized the first remembrance ceremony.

"It changed the world," Carrier said of the 9/11 attacks.

After reading the proclamation, Carrier presented framed copies to Police Chief William Breault and Dover Fire and Rescue Assistant Chief David Hanna.

Carrier also mentioned that the Dover chapter of the Knights of Columbus have organized a Blue Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Dover on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 5 p.m., to recognize first responders.

The proclamation reads as follows:

- *WHEREAS: every year we come together in solidarity as a nation to remember the first responders and civilians whose lives were cut short by ruthless acts of terror 21 years ago; and*
- *WHEREAS: on September 11, we pay tribute to the first responders and citizens who answered the call to save lives with tremendous acts of courage with no hesitation. We must remember to stand united, and to do so with understanding, love and respect for one another, regardless of race, background or religion; and*
- *WHEREAS: community organizations continue to observe the anniversary of September 11, including the Dover chapter of the Knights of Columbus, which organizes a Blue Mass each year that honors our first responders, and which will be held this year on September 11 at St. Joseph's Church in Dover at 5 p.m.; and*
- *WHEREAS: it is our duty to never forget the events that transpired on that painful day in our country's history, so future generations can be reminded that when Americans from all walks of life unite, we are stronger as a country; and*
- *WHEREAS: participating in services and remembrance activities on September 11 is a positive and respectful way to remember the lives of those lost, pay tribute to those who rose in service and honor those who continue to serve our country today, including active-duty and reserve soldiers and their families, veterans and first responders;*

Robert Carrier, Mayor of the City of Dover

The full proclamation can be viewed here: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/city-council/proclamations-and-awards/>.



State Primary Election is Tuesday

The [2022 Primary Election](#) is Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A complete guide to the election, including sample ballots, can be found at the City of Dover's 2022 Primary Election page here: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2022-primary-election/>.

Where to vote on Election Day

Polling locations:

- **Ward 1** – Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street, 78 Horne St. (formerly called Horne Street Elementary School)
- **Ward 2** – Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.
- **Ward 3** – Woodman Park Elementary School, 11 Towle Ave.
- **Ward 4** – Garrison School, 50 Garrison Road
- **Ward 5** – Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive
- **Ward 6** – Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road.

Please note that the polling places for Wards 2, 3, 4 and 5 are now at new locations. In August, the City Clerk mailed out notices to voters affected by polling location changes. Residents' polling location depends on where they live in Dover, as the city is broken into six wards or electoral districts.

What ward do I live in?

Dover's [Election Information webpage](#) links to the City of Dover's interactive Ward Map. Each property parcel on the map lists its ward and polling place. [Click here](#) to view the map. You may also contact the Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018.

Information about upcoming elections

The [2022 Primary Election](#) will be on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, and the [2022 General Election](#) on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both days.

FREE RIDES TO THE POLLS!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

COAST to offer free rides to the polls for State Primary Election

COAST is honored to offer free rides to anyone on their way to vote in the State Primary Elections on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

While the COAST public transit system does not provide transportation to each individual polling station directly, their hope is to encourage voters to get to the polls and participate in voting by eliminating the barrier of transportation costs. All passengers need to do is tell their driver that they are on their way to vote, or on the way back from voting, and they will not be charged for the ride. COAST will be following an honor system.

Not sure where your polling place is? The Secretary of State's website can help you find it - <https://app.sos.nh.gov/viphome>. Dover's polling places can be found here: <http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2022-primary-election/>.

ADA, Route 7 On-Demand, and Portsmouth Senior Transportation Clients: Please call TripLink for details 603-834-6010. Should we have capacity constraints for trips to the polls on these specific services, we may offer alternative travel times throughout the day.

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

Strafford County Delegation postpones vote on new nursing home bond

The Strafford County Legislative Delegation postponed its Sept. 6 meeting, where it was set to review plans and vote on a bond for constructing a new county nursing home.

According to the Strafford County government website, the meeting was postponed to "gather additional information." The meeting will be rescheduled "at a later date, yet to be determined."

The project is estimated to cost \$170 million, including site preparation, construction, and equipment and facility costs, according to the presentation. The Strafford County Commissioners plan to construct the facility within the property tax caps of Dover, Rochester and Somersworth. In addition to bonds, the commissioners' proposal includes grants and annual revenue offsets.

[Click here](#) to view the presentation.

Strafford County Commissioner Chair George Maglaras told the Dover City Council last month that if a new nursing facility was built, the commissioners' goal is to turn the current nursing facility into a transitional shelter for the unhoused.

Proposed six-year Capital Improvements Program to be presented Sept. 21

Presentation moved to accommodate earlier annual budget schedule

The City Manager will present his proposed FY2024-2029 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to the City Council and Planning Board at a joint workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The CIP presentation is earlier than in past years following the City Council's ordinance change last month that moves the citywide budget adoption date to April 15 from June 15. That moves other parts of the budget process earlier, starting with the CIP.

The CIP prioritizes all capital spending of \$25,000 or more for items with a useful life of three years or longer. Based on City Council's financing policy, funding sources include bonding, the annual operating budget, enterprise funds or other types of financing. Once adopted, the first year of the adopted CIP is built into the proposed citywide operating budget. The City Manager will present his proposed FY2024 budget by Feb. 15, 2023, per the new ordinance ratified by the City Council.

After its presented, the Planning Board and City Council will review the proposed CIP, and each body will hold a public hearing. The Planning Board reviews the CIP to ensure the proposed projects are based upon priorities established in the Master Plan and recommends whether the Council should adopt it.

The CIP page, [found here](#), will be updated with the proposed FY2024-2029 CIP with explainer videos after it is presented.

City seeks input on Court and Union streets project through brief online survey

The City of Dover seeks feedback through a brief online survey about the upcoming Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction Project. The survey is available at <https://polco.us/courtunion>.

The reconstruction project, which is in the design phase, will upgrade underground utilities and address drainage concerns and roadway/sidewalk conditions. The project will follow the City of Dover's Complete Streets and Traffic Calming Guidelines, including extending Court Street's sidewalk from South Pine Street to Hubbard Road.

The city held a neighborhood meeting earlier this summer to discuss the objectives and solicit feedback. Engineers seek further input about the project through the online survey.

This survey aims to identify unknown infrastructure deficiencies and understand resident preferences for proposed roadway improvements within the project area, including preference questions about on-street parking and bicycle lanes. Answers from the survey will help guide the engineers as they create final design documents.

[Click here](#) to take the survey, which requires an email and zip code to complete. To view the project page, which includes concept plans, documents and links to sign-up for project email updates, [click here](#).

The deadline to complete the survey is 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Ordinance Committee, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m.

The Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Conservation Commission, Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

Registration open for 2022 Citizens Leadership Academy

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the 2022 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.

Citizens Leadership Academy will meet on the evenings of Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3, as well as a morning session on Saturday, Oct. 22.

This year's Citizens Leadership Academy will include presentations by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker, Library Director Denise LaFrance, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Harbron, Fire Chief Michael McShane, Police Chief Bill 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 www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy, or contact Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Community Events Manager Hope Anderson by

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

Arts Commission, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

School Board, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

Heritage Commission, Sept. 14, 10:45 a.m.

The Heritage Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, beginning at 10:45 a.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

phone at (603) 742-2218 or email at events@dovernh.org.

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

City Hall radio antenna to be removed Monday

Locust Street entrance to be closed to allow removal

The Locust Street entrance to City Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 12, to allow the removal of the radio antenna from the City Hall roof. The antenna is expected to be removed in pieces throughout the day.

When the Locust Street entrance is closed, the Customer Service Center on the ground floor, where the Clerk's Office is located, will be accessible through City Hall's other doors, including the ADA-accessible entrance on Hale Street. Elevator service to City Hall's upper floors will also be available through that entrance.

The antenna removal is part of the City Hall clock tower restoration contract.



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.

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

Zoning Board, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

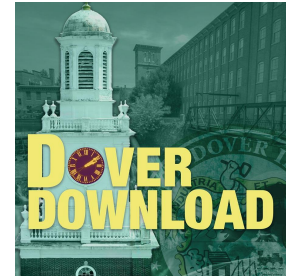
The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

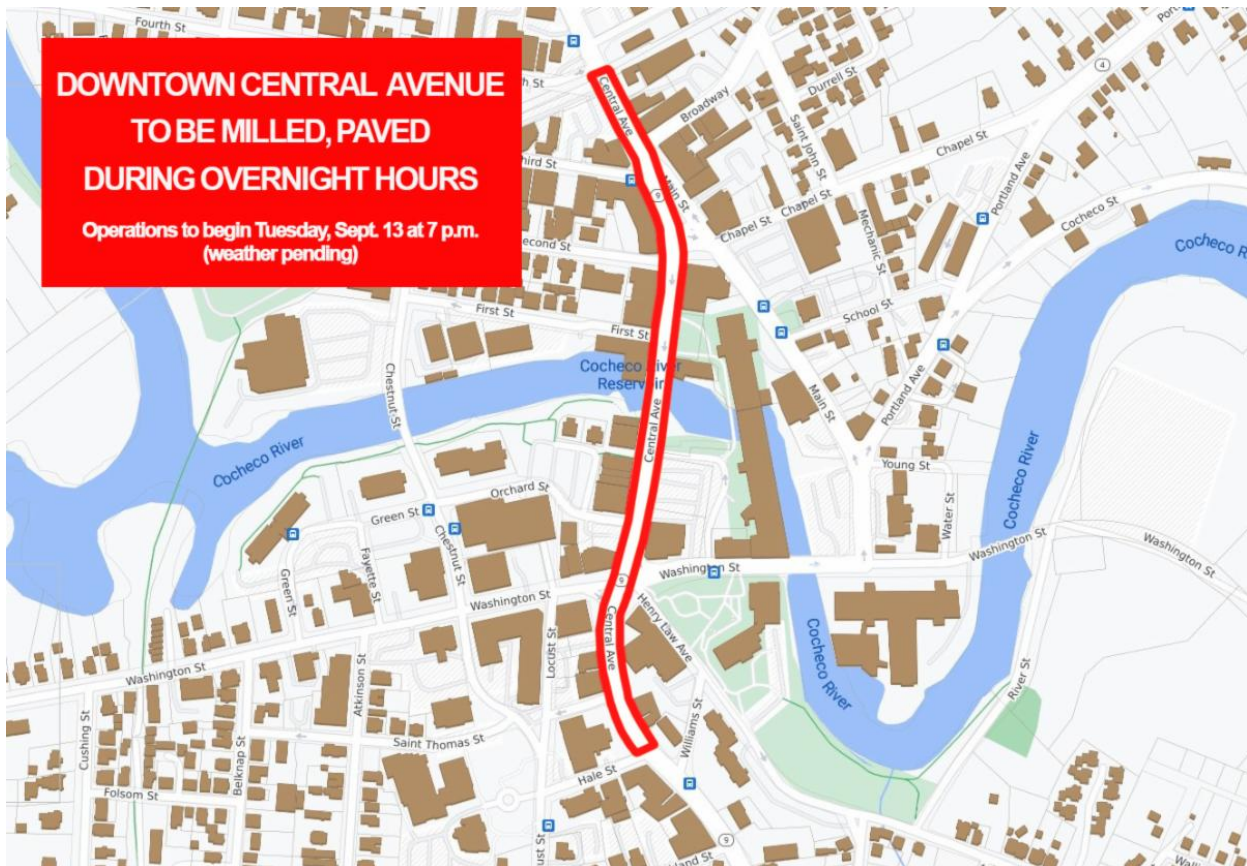
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

Dover Download podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past with a look back at the week in Dover's history.



The podcast is now available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh>.



Downtown Central Avenue paving operations begin Tuesday

Overnight work will be loud and require parking, traffic restrictions

Weather pending, paving operations for the downtown corridor of Central Avenue are set to begin the night of Tuesday, Sept. 13. Central Avenue from the railroad tracks to Hale Street will

be milled, followed by an overlay of new pavement.

The contractor, Brox Industries, Inc., plans to mill from the railroad tracks to Washington Street from Tuesday night to Wednesday morning. They plan to mill from Washington Street to Hale Street from Wednesday night to Thursday morning.

Milling work will involve grinding 1 to 1.5 inches of existing pavement, so the new pavement will maintain the current pavement-to-curb height, called "curb-reveal." Milling operations will take about three nights to complete, and the work will be loud. O

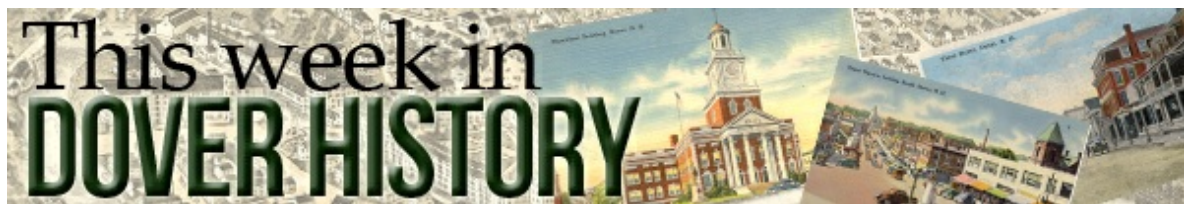
Once the milling work and the adjustment of any road structures, such as stormwater drain grates and maintenance hole covers, are complete, the contractor will begin paving operations. Weather pending, the goal is to finish all paving operations by Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The milling and paving must occur at night because traffic has to be restricted on the city's main corridor to allow the work to be safely completed.

Parking restrictions and traffic restrictions

Parking will be prohibited on both sides of Central Avenue between the railroad tracks and Hale Street beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The restrictions will remain in place until 6 a.m. the following morning. Parking will be available on side streets and downtown parking lots, including the parking garage. [Click here](#) for an interactive map of downtown lot locations. Traffic will also be curtailed through the project area.

The paving of Central Avenue is part of the city's 2022 paving program. Find more details about the paving program at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/engineering/paving/> or contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.



The following events are from a variety of historical records, sources and texts about the history of Dover.

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

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

Sept. 13, 1797 — Town officials voted to make land on Pine Hill available for a burying place, laid out, and have a plan returned to the Town Clerk. Pine Hill had been occupied as a burying ground from the time, probably, of the erection of the meeting house there in 1713, and in 1731 one and a half acres were by vote of the town, ordered to be laid out for that purpose. The action of the town at this time would indicate that the previous order had not been administered.

Sept. 10, 1843 — Former President John Quincy Adams passed through Dover on this day during a return trip from the White Mountains. While in Dover, he said to a resident that in all his travels, he had "never beheld natural scenery so imposing and beautiful as that to be met in New Hampshire." John Quincy Adams served as the nation's sixth President from 1825 to 1829.

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. 13, 1999 — The Dover Post Office on Washington Street moves customer operations temporarily to Chestnut Street as the parking lot at the Washington Street facility is expanded. The lot expansion would add 20 new parking spaces for post office customers. To expansion required that part of Green Street, parallel to the lot, be converted into additional parking. The trees in that area were relocated along Chestnut Street. The city leased the unused portion of Green Street to the Postal Service for the parking addition.



'Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier'

When Jackie Robinson took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, he made history by breaking Major League Baseball's longtime ban on Black players. His uniform number (42) is the only one permanently retired by all of Major League Baseball's 30 teams.

What's less well-known— and largely lost to history—is that a small army of men, women, and institutions of various types fought for many long and bitter years prior to Robinson's triumphant debut in Brooklyn, including three black players who tried out for the Red Sox.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Chronicle reporter and author Ted Reinstein tells the story of the little-known heroes who fought segregation in baseball in "Before Brooklyn: The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Break Baseball's Color Barrier". The program is virtual and sign up is needed to receive a link to the talk.

Reinstein has been a reporter for "Chronicle," WCVB-TV/Boston's award-winning—and America's longest-running, locally-produced—nightly news magazine since 1997. In addition, he has been a contributor for the station's political roundtable show and sits on WCVB's editorial board. He is also the author of "New England Notebook" and "Wicked Pissed".

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to sign up, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

Game Night at the Library

Join the Dover Public Library the third Wednesday of every month to play a fun selection of card and board games, and meet other board game enthusiasts in the community.

Game Night is starting up again at Dover Public Library on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 6 to 8

p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Games will be provided, but players are welcome to bring their own to share as well. Some of the games available include Carcassonne, Scrabble, Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, Uno, Forbidden Island, and Tsuro. This event is primarily geared towards ages 12 and up, but families and all ages are welcome to join in the fun.

You do not need a library card to come play. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

The Week at the Library

September VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The New England Orchard Cookbook* by Linda Beaulieu. 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. 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.ainaire@dover.nh.gov or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, September 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Multilingual Book Group

Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center will lead this group which will feature a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. The program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3. Caregivers are not required to attend, but are always welcome. Registration required.

Tuesday, September 13, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Mother Goose on the Loose

For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30 minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, other props and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

Tuesday, September 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

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

Tuesday, September 13, 6 to 6:45 p.m. Guitar Lesson

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Wednesday, September 14, 6 to 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7 - 12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings in order to share their ideas, help to plan future events/ services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

Wednesday, September 14, 6 to 8 p.m. Library Card Sign-up at Garrison City Beerworks

In honor of national Library card Sign-up month, staff from the library will be at Garrison City Beerworks to register new patrons. Join us at this popular downtown spot and find out all that the library has to offer.

Thursday, September 15, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime

For children ages 3-6, each session focuses on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. Registration required.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. VIRTUAL Botticelli: Beauty, Virtue and the Bonfire of the Vanities

Sandro Botticelli was a leading artist of the early Italian Renaissance with a distinctive linear style. This program will focus on how his explorations of beauty and myth dramatically shift after the rise of the religious leader Savonarola and his Bonfire of the Vanities. Register to attend.

Friday, September 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years (older siblings always welcome). We

Drop in for a free guitar class taught by Mike Rieder from Musical Arts of Dover! Please bring your own guitar, as they will not be provided. This program is open to participants ages 10 and up.

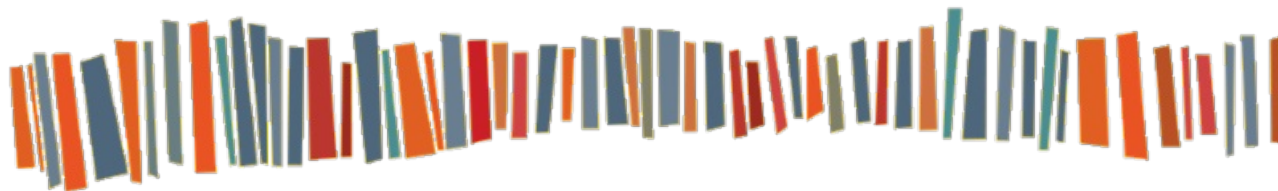
Wednesday, September 14, 10 to 11 a.m.

Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club
Dover Public Library's book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *A Fatal Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* by Emma Southon. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla.

will dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

Friday, September 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Sensory Storytime

Sensory Storytime is for children, ages 3-6, with autism, sensory challenges, developmental delays, and their caregivers. This fun, interactive program will engage the senses through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs, rhymes and movements as well as tactile and sensory activities. Registration required.



Joe B. Parks public gardens seeks help with weeding, painting

Want to work out stress or frustration by doing some good in the community? On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., stop by the Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens and help clean out the weeds and invasive plants or help with lighter pruning and some painting.

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens, created in 2008, has a "critter corridor" along the Cochecho River supported by yews installed in the 1970s. Weeds, small bushes, and shrubs have invaded the area and need to be cleared out by cutting back and digging out the roots so the yews can be seen and not enveloped in the future. Lunch, snacks and water will be served, and a parking pass will be provided.

Please bring work boots, gloves, sunscreen and a hat. Other items needed include shovels, pruners, loppers, and chainsaws.

Those able to participate are asked to contact Beth Fischer, the project coordinator, at 603-817-1843 or fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com to help ensure an accurate lunch count.

For more information, visit <https://joeparksgarden.org/>.

Dover Holiday Parade seeks volunteers

Cochecho Friends, a local volunteer organization, is organizing the 2022 Dover Holiday Parade, the theme of which will be, "Holiday Countdown to Celebrating our Past, Present, and Future."

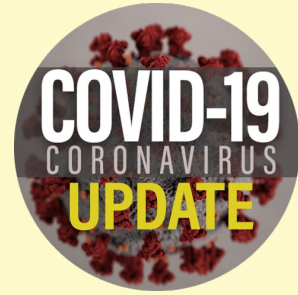
The parade will be held on Nov. 27, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The parade organizing committee, which has been meeting since spring, is seeking volunteers to help prepare for this year's event, including in the days leading up to the parade. Volunteers are needed to assist with safety, fundraising/sponsorship, and logistics, and to fill other committee positions. Parade organizers are also seeking marching bands, along with commercial and non-profit groups, youth organizations, and other parade participants.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Lori Nollet at CochechoFriends@gmail.com or

COVID-19 vaccines and testing

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. For more information, visit vaccines.nh.gov and click on "Find COVID-19 Vaccines".

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.



For more information about COVID-19 testing, including where to get tested, visit the State of New Hampshire's online resource at <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance>.

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 for the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Account Clerk II**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Deputy Director - Operations and Construction**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Arena Maintenance - Ice Resurfacers**

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

