

# News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



November 25, 2022



### CITY OF DOVER, NH

288 Central Avenue Dover, NH 03820 603-516-6000

> City Hall hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:



# Dover Holiday Parade returns this Sunday

Cochecho Friends, a local volunteer organization, presents the 2022 Dover Holiday Parade this Sunday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. This year's theme is "Holiday Countdown to Celebrating our Past, Present, and Future." The parade route will begin by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce on Central Avenue and continue

to Cleary Cleaners, across from Pine Hill Cemetery.

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

The parade is presented by Dover Honda and is sponsored by DF Richard; Hopkins Enterprises; Martel Plumbing and Heating; Broadview Animal Hospital; Weibrecht and Ecker, PLLC; and Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller and Durkin.

For more information, visit <u>https://cochechofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade</u>.

# Portion of Central Avenue to close for parade from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Dover Holiday Parade, which returns after a three-year hiatus. The parade begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, and will follow its traditional route along Central Avenue (NH Route 108), starting at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave., and finishing at 120 Central Ave., next to Cleary Cleaners and across from Pine Hill Cemetery.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, Central Avenue will be closed to all traffic from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. from the intersection of Chestnut and New York streets to Stark Avenue and East Watson Street. Temporary traffic detours will be in effect.

Additional street closures will be in effect from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accommodate parade staging and setup. These include:

- Sixth Street, between Horne Street and Central Avenue;
- Maple Street, between Sixth and Hough streets;
- Grove Street, between Fifth and Hough streets;
- Mt. Vernon Street, between Sixth and Milk streets.

Parking restrictions will be posted to prohibit on-street parking on Sixth Street between Horne Street and Central Avenue, beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, and in other locations where necessary along the parade route. Parking is allowed on most of the parade route, but motorists will not be permitted to move their vehicles during the Central Avenue closure.

Dover Police are coordinating with CSX Transportation railways to temporarily suspend freight trains at the downtown crossings to accommodate the event. Amtrak Downeaster passenger train service will not be interrupted. For information about traffic, contact the Traffic Bureau at 603-742-4646.



# Public hearing, vote on Tax Anticipation Note resolution at Nov. 30 special meeting

# Workshop to follow on results of mental health crisis response study, pavement condition index assessment

The City Council, at a Wednesday, Nov. 30 special meeting, will hold a public hearing followed by a vote on a resolution to authorize the city to borrow up to \$10 million to meet its cash flow needs through a Tax Anticipation Note.

The potential need for a TAN is to make two significant payments for the FY2023 fiscal year next month before the city receives property tax revenue from tax bills. One is a \$4,026,966 payment for mid-year debt service payments; the other is to the Strafford County government for \$9,848,433. Strafford County residents pay a county portion of their property taxes to their local government, which is distributed to the county in a lump sum each December.

"Typically, we strive to have a certified tax rate from the Department of Revenue Administration and have tax bills mailed by mid-November with a due date for the first half tax payment no later than mid-December," Joyal told the City Council earlier this month. "The timing for the receipt of the certified tax rate and our issuance of tax bills is critical to ensure we have sufficient cash receipts on hand to make a debt service payment on Dec. 15 and the county tax bill, due in full, on Dec. 16 of each year."

Any interest costs for the TAN would be made from existing appropriations for bond issuance costs.

The city does not anticipate receiving a certified tax rate from the DRA until at least Nov. 30. If the DRA certifies the tax rate then, the first half of the FY2023 tax bill would likely be issued on Dec. 8 with a due date of Jan. 9, 2023. Typically, the bulk of property tax revenue arrives about two weeks after the bills are mailed, which would be after the two significant payments are due this year.

The city cannot produce and issue tax bills for the current tax year until the DRA certifies the city's tax rate. The DRA cannot set a tax rate until a municipality submits all required documents to the state. This year, the School Department did not submit its last document until Nov. 10, about a month later than usual. Once all documents are submitted, the DRA puts the municipality into its queue to review the records and certify the tax rate.

The special meeting agenda is available here.

#### Mental health response crisis response study

At a workshop following the special meeting, members of a Dover Mental Health Alliance Task Force subcommittee, comprised of representatives from key health, education, and safetyrelated organizations in the Dover community, will present its preliminary findings of its yearlong study: Services Response to Mental Health Crisis in the City of Dover. Max Latona, the executive director of the Center of Ethics in Society at Saint Anselm College, will lead the presentation.

In its draft report, <u>available here</u>, "the subcommittee identified five significant barriers to improved mental health crisis services in Dover: insufficient communication and coordination between mental health care providers and social service agencies, inadequate staffing and support in organizations providing support services, a lack of tracking and data in key areas, continued social stigma and prejudice surrounding mental illness, and the absence of a dedicated facility providing round-the-clock mental health crisis services."

#### Pavement condition assessment report

The consultant the city contracted with earlier this year to assess the pavement conditions of all city streets will present its findings at the workshop. The consultant, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., of Burlington, Massachusetts, also analyzed the reflectivity of all city roadway

signs.

The assessment, completed per national standards of pavement assessment, will help support city decision-making for roadway infrastructure for the next several budget cycles.

The workshop agenda is available here.

The special meeting begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, with the workshop to start immediately afterward. Both will be available on Channel 22 and online at <u>dovernh.viebit.com</u>.

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# School Board budget workshop is Monday

The School Board continues its fiscal year 2024 budget discussions with a budget workshop on Monday, Nov. 28.

Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni presented their preliminary budget at the Nov. 14 School Board meeting. They said the budget was still being refined and a more thorough budget would be presented on Nov. 28. The preliminary budget, which includes a list of requested positions, is <u>available here</u>.

At the budget workshop, department heads will be on hand to discuss the new position requests with information on the positions, why they are requested, and the data to support the need for them, Harbron told the School Board on Nov. 14. The School Board has until Jan. 15, 2023, to finalize its FY2024 budget.

The workshop begins at 6 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center. <u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda. Please note, Citizen's Forum comments are limited to agenda items only as it's a workshop and not a regular meeting. All budget documents and videos of budget discussions will be added to the FY2024 Budget Revealed webpage at <u>www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2024-budget/</u>.



# City of Dover Christmas Tree in place at Henry Law Park

Community Services crews this week cut, trimmed and installed this year's Christmas Tree at

Henry Law Park in preparation for the holiday season and the City of Dover's 37th annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 2.

This year's tree was donated by Brian Belkas of Fourth Street in Dover.

Early on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, Community Services crews assembled at the Fourth Street property to cut down the tree, a 35-foot blue spruce. Once cut and moved with the help of a lift and service donated by Urban Tree Service/SavATree, the tree was measured, cut to 30 feet, and trimmed before being loaded onto a flatbed truck. Once at the park, the tree was lowered into place and secured in a tree sleeve by Community Services.

In the coming days, the tree will be strung with lights and readied for the annual tree lighting, when the lights will be turned on for the first time.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022. Nancy Gurick will lead attendees in singing popular Christmas songs around the tree. Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held each holiday season, and to bring a weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree. Event organizers are also holding a food drive for local food pantries during this year's event. Nonperishable food items will be collected at Henry Law Park during the tree-lighting festivities.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6401.



# **Dover Fire Toy Bank seeking donations**

The 2022 Dover Fire Toy Bank continues to collect toys for its annual toy bank.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank has been coordinated by current and retired members of the Dover Fire and Rescue for more than 43 years. The Toy Bank started out all those years ago helping a dozen families in the city, it has now grown to help over 350 families. While Christmas typically conjures up visions of Santa and toys, the Toy Bank also provides educational aids, warm clothing, and boots to many children in Dover.

The Dover community - area businesses, seniors, families, school groups, civic groups and others have been very supportive and generous in the past. Donations of toys, games, clothing, personal hygiene items, gift certificates, and monetary donations have enabled us to help those less fortunate. The Toy Bank would not be successful without continued help from the

community.

#### Here's how to help:

Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 12 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-12 age groups are always in need for both boys and girls. If you need a collection box, please call 603-516-TOYS, leave a message, and we will get you one for your business.

Purchase gift cards to area businesses, mall stores, and grocery stores are always appreciated.

Shop for hats and mittens, gloves and scarves that are needed for the cold winter. These gifts help ensure each child receives these essentials.

Collecting monetary donations within an organization and shopping for gifts helps greatly. If you don't have time to shop for these items, the Toy Bank will do it for you.

Toy Bank volunteers will pick up donations on site or drop off new, unwrapped items at these locations: Dover Central Fire Station (9-11 Broadway), South End Fire Station (27 Durham Road) or the North End Fire Station (262 Sixth St.) by Friday, Dec. 16. Toy collection boxes are also located at the following businesses:

- Kennebunk Savings, 701 Central Ave.
- Wentworth Home, 795 Central Ave.
- Herbal Path, 835 Central Ave.
- Hannoush Jewelers, 863 Central Ave.
- Statix, 827 Central Ave.
- Timeless Salon, 1 Webb Place
- Wentworth Health Partners, 10 Members Way, fifth floor
- Watson Fields, 201 Watson Road
- Holy Rosary Credit Union, 490 Central Ave.
- Harvey's Bakery, 376 Central Ave.
- Brick House, 2 Orchard St.
- City Hall, City Manager's Office, 288 Central Ave.
- St. Mary Academy, 222 Central Ave.
- TD Bank, 353 Central Ave.
- Noggin Factory, 53 Washington St.
- Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.
- Philbrick's Sports, 161 Portland Ave.
- Tasker's Funeral Home, 621 Central Ave.
- Greater Dover Chamber Of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.
- Peoples United Bank, 537 Central Ave.
- Moose Lodge #443, 45 Chestnut St.
- Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St.
- Everproven Crossfit, 50 Crosby Road
- Dr. Peterson Dentistry, 240 Locust St.
- Sawyer Mills Apartments, 1 Mill St.
- Dover Honda, 1 Dover Point Road
- Patty B's Restaurant, 34 Dover Point Road
- Bellamy Fields, 150 Garrison Road
- Maple Suites, 30 Holiday Drive

The final collection day for toys at the locations above is Friday, Dec. 16.

Monetary contributions can be picked up on location or mailed to Dover Fire Toy Bank, P.O. Box 1712, Dover, NH 03821-1712. Please make checks payable to The Dover Fire Toy Bank.

For more information, call 603-516-TOYS (8697)

# Support local merchants on Plaid Friday and Shop Small Saturday

Show your support for the local merchants who help Dover thrive by shopping local this holiday season.

Many Dover businesses are participating in Plaid Friday, Nov. 25, and Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Plaid Friday is an alternative to Black Friday and encourages people to do their holiday shopping with locally owned and independent businesses. Small Business Saturday is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Check out plenty of special offers from local merchants this weekend and throughout the holiday season.

Both days are parking holidays, and no payment at the meters is required, except at the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is paid parking at all times, including holidays.

# Downtown Dover Holiday Stroll on Dec. 1

On Thursday, Dec. 1, Dover businesses will stay open late for an evening of festive fun. A group of downtown business owners has coordinated the event to celebrate Dover's downtown and to promote all of Dover's small businesses.

The event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m., and participating stores will have special promotions such as in-store sales, refreshments, snacks, gifts, and more. Get



some hot cocoa, shop, write letters to Santa and enjoy the beginning of the Holiday Season.

The Downtown Dover Holiday Stroll is a light-hearted and fun community event, and all are invited to participate in the fun while supporting the Dover business community.

All updates and special promotions being planned by Dover businesses will be posted on the Facebook event page <u>www.facebook.com/events/1192437751359585</u>



# Chamber City Lights committee and local businesses illuminate downtown

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee, along with local businesses and community volunteers, spent several hours on Friday, Nov. 18, decorating Dover's downtown with lights in preparation for the upcoming holiday season.

The City of Dover, Leavitt Electrical Contractors, Martineau Electric, Breezeline, Urban Tree Service, and Eversource all generously donated time and resources to help with the project. Ladders were donated by ServPro of the Seacoast.

Thanks to Harvey's Bakery and Coffee Shop for volunteering to hang lights in Dover for 14 years. Also, a thank you to Dover Chamber City Lights Committee volunteers for lending a hand.

Several downtown businesses and property owners allow the committee to plug lights into their buildings to illuminate these lights. These businesses include Harvey's Bakery and Coffee Shop, Hopkins Enterprises, Summit Land Development, Kostis Enterprises, and Sonny's Tavern.

The Dover City Lights Committee is funded by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's annual Festival of Trees. This event features over 35 trees elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations. The trees are then auctioned and raffled off. This event is free and open to the public. The 2022 Festival of Trees is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rivermill at Dover Landing. See below for more information.

In addition to hanging lights during the holiday season, the Dover City Lights Committee also hangs American flags on Central Avenue during the summer months.

For more information, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218 or visit <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.



# **Dover's Festival of Trees returns December 2**

The 13th annual Dover Festival of Trees will take place on Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rivermill at Dover Landing. The event is free and open to the public.

The festival will feature more than 35 elaborate trees sponsored and decorated by local businesses, all available to be taken home through silent and live auctions or raffle drawings. The event also includes live choir performances (sponsored by Palmer Gas & Oil), refreshments, free goodie bags for kids (sponsored by Mr. Electric of Southeast NH), a scavenger hunt for kids (sponsored by Breezeline), and even a visit from Santa (sponsored by Hammond Lumber Company). The main attraction will be the raffle tree, which will be fully decorated with hundreds of dollars in gift cards to local restaurants and retailers. Tickets for the raffle tree will be \$5 each, or five for \$20.

Trees are still available for sponsorship by local businesses and organizations. Sponsorship is \$65 for Chamber members and \$90 for non-members. Sponsorship includes the tree and tree stand. The sponsor is responsible for providing all decorations and promotional items for the tree. Wreaths are also available for sponsorship (\$15 for members, \$20 for non-members). Organizations interested in sponsorship should reach out to Community Events Manager Hope Anderson at hope@dovernh.org or call 603-742-2218.

The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser that benefits the Dover Chamber's City Lights Committee, a volunteer group of residents and Chamber members dedicated to illuminating downtown Dover during the holiday season and hanging American flags on Central Avenue during the summer months.

The event's underwriting sponsor is Kennebunk Savings.

For more information on the Festival of Trees, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218 or visit <u>www.dovernh.org/FOT</u>.

# Dover's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is Dec. 2

The 37th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will be held on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Nancy Gurick will lead attendees in singing popular Christmas songs around the tree.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held each holiday season, and to bring a

weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree.

Please dress warm and join in for some caroling around the tree.

Event organizers are also holding a food drive for local food pantries during this year's event. Nonperishable food items will collected at Henry Law Park, during the tree lighting festivities.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6401.

# Thanksgiving holiday hours for City offices and facilities for remainder of the week

City administrative offices, including **City Hall**, will remain closed today, Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, for Thanksgiving.

The **Public Library** is closed today, Friday, Nov. 25, and will be closed on Sunday, Nov. 27, for the Holiday Parade.

The Dover Community Senior Center is closed today, Friday, Nov. 25.

Inspection Services, located at the North End Fire Station, is closed today, Friday, Nov. 25.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup is delayed one day on Thursday and Friday only.

# Land acknowledgment plaques to be installed at city facilities

## Unveiling of first plaque to be held Nov. 28

On Monday, Nov. 28, the City of Dover will unveil the first of several bronze plaques bearing a land acknowledgment to the area's indigenous peoples. The ceremony will be held at the Dover Public Library, beginning at 6 p.m. The bronze plaques are



made possible thanks to a generous grant by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The unveiling will be followed by a special presentation on indigenous land stewardship, with guest speakers Paul and Denise Pouliot, the Sag8mo and Sag8moskwa (Male and Female Head Speakers) of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People; and Kathleen Blake, affiliate faculty of the University of New Hampshire Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor.

The New Hampshire Humanities Council grant, which was approved by the City Council earlier this year, helped create Indigenous Dover, an initiative to help better understand and appreciate the history of the indigenous peoples who were here in what is now called Dover, thousands of years before the first European settlers.

The City Council adopted a land acknowledgment last year, which had been proposed by the Council's ad-hoc Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion (CREI). Dover's land acknowledgment at city facilities will state: *"This facility is located at Cochecho (CO-chi-co) within N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia."* 

# Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Nov. 26, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the main entrance of Dover High School. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers and safety vests available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <u>https://fb.me/e/1mpMoh8Fv</u>.

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

School Board, November 28, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a budget workshop on Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

### Transportation Advisory Commission, November 28, 6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., at Police Department Community Room, 46 Chestnut Street, Dover.

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

#### McConnell Center Advisory Board, November 28, 7:10

**November 28, 7:10 p.m.** The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, 2022,



# Dover Welfare's 2022 Toy Bank now accepting applications

If you need help providing a gift for your child or children for the holidays, the City of Dover Welfare Department's Toy Bank is accepting applications through Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022.

Children must be 12 years old or younger and a Dover resident. Proof of residency is required by showing a current utility bill and picture ID. Please provide the child's name and date of birth only. No specific gift requests will be taken.

Apply at the City of Dover's Welfare Office, located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Suite 334, Dover.

Pick up date and time to be announced.

For more information, contact Dover Welfare at (603) 516-6500.

immediately following the non-public session, in Room 323 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

### Housing Authority, November 29, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

#### City Council, November 30, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, November 30, 7:10 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022, immediately following the special meeting, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/go</u> <u>vernment/open-</u> <u>government/public-</u> 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 <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

## 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 available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <u>https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh</u>.



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 <u>located here</u>.

**Nov. 25, 1816** — The town voted to sell the public land on the south side of the road over Pine Hill and apply the proceeds towards the expense of fencing the burying ground.

**Nov. 25, 1831** — The barn of Mr. Jacob Sawyer, at Garrison Hill, was lost to fire, along with 11 cows and a large quantity of hay.

**Nov. 26, 1855** — Elections for ward officers under the new city charter were held on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

**Nov. 25, 1939** — The Dover High School Football team trampled Portland High School in a game held on this bitterly cold day. The Green Wave would end up with a shut out, beating Portland's team 14-0. Under the headline " Dover Air Raids are Fatal to Portland," the Portland Press Herald would write of the game, "Football of the Granite State brand proved too much for the Pine Tree type here this afternoon as a sterling Green Wave eleven from Dover High turned back Portland High 14-0. Both clubs went scoreless in the first half, Dover tallying its scores in the third and fourth periods, both via Portland's one weak defensive link in the entire ball game." The newspaper would go on to report that the frigid weather kept the crowd to "a meager 1,500."

**Nov. 29, 1998** — Thousands of spectators visited downtown Dover for the annual holiday parade, which was led by Grand Marshal Thom Hindle, Dover's Citizen of the Year that year. Then Gov. Jeanne Shaheen also marched in the parade along with several local officials, including then Mayor Wil Boc. Businesses, civic groups, and schools showcased floats with variations of that year's theme, "Celebrating the Spirit of the Holidays." The Holiday Parade returns to Dover this year after a hiatus. The parade kicks off on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. Visit <a href="https://cochechofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade">https://cochechofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade</a> for more information.

# DOVER TURNS 400 IN 2023

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO KICK OFF THE YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION AT THE



# GALA EVENT

# DECEMBER 31, 2022

6:30PM - MIDNIGHT

9:00PM FIREWORKS

CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

HORS D'OEUVRES BY MEZZANINE CATERING

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE BLACK AGNES BAND

CLICK HERE TO ORDER TICKETS.

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL.



# Dover Library announces Foster's Daily Democrat from 1873-1926 available online

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce that Foster's Daily Democrat, from 1873 to 1874, and 1895 to 1926, is now available online. This project was funded by a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. These newspapers are an invaluable source of historic information for



# NEW HAMPSHIRE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

the seacoast area of New Hampshire that were previously only accessible on microfilm at the Dover Public library. Now this resource can be accessed from any web browser, offering the public unparalleled access to New Hampshire and Dover area history and heritage. Researchers can browse, search, view, clip and share articles, headlines, pages, and stories recorded in the pages of the Foster's Daily Democrat. Just type a search and hit "enter" or browse to a specific year, month, day or page in any publications contained in the Digital Archive. These early editions of the Foster's Daily Democrat join the digitized versions of the Dover City Directories and Dover High School Yearbook already included in the <u>Digital Archive</u>.

This project fulfills two of the Dover Public Library's major goals; to function as a community repository, preserving, and making accessible, an extensive collection of historical materials about Dover, the seacoast region, and New Hampshire; and to provide access to digital, electronic, and streamed content via our website and through outreach on popular, customer-

focused social software platforms.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.



Denise and Paul Pouliot, pictured, will discuss Dover's indigenous peoples during a presentation at the Dover Public Library on Nov. 28.

# Celebrate N'Dakinna and the life of indigenous people on the Cochecho

Join the Dover Public Library on Monday, Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m. for a lecture on indigenous land stewardship. This event is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.



Around 12,000 years ago, indigenous tribes began to make their home along the Cochecho River. Collectively these tribes were known as the Abenaki or "People of the Dawnland."

Throughout the month of November, the City of Dover is recognizing and celebrating the indigenous peoples and tribes of what is now Dover.

The Nov. 28 presentation will be held in person, with the option to view it virtually. Speakers include Paul Pouliot, Denise Pouliot and Kathleen Blake, affiliate faculty of the University of New Hampshire Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor, as well as members of the Indigenous New Hampshire Collective Collaborative.

The lecture will feature a short history of indigenous foodways and the traditional use of waterways and land along the Cochecho. The presentation will also focus on contemporary efforts being made by indigenous groups to care for the ancestral homelands and how attendees can support these programs.

Attendees are invited to meet before the lecture at 6 p.m. for a special ceremony as the library unveils a new land acknowledgment plaque, a citywide initiative funded by a generous grant through New Hampshire Humanities in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Paul and Denise Pouliot are the Sag8mo and Sag8moskwa (Male and Female Head Speakers) of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People. Paul is an indigenous historian, lecturer, and a founding member of the New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs, where Denise currently serves as Vice Chair. In her spare time, Denise creates coil, bark or woven baskets and produces traditional ceremonial clothing. Together they serve as Federal Religious Advisors and are recipients of the UNH Platinum Sustainability Award for community building. They were also named as one of The Nature Conservancy's 60 individuals and organizations that have positively impacted the natural world in honor of TNC's 60 years of conservation in New Hampshire.

Kathleen Blake is a retired teacher of biology, ecology and earth science. She spent several years as a science curriculum and assessment specialist. She is of mixed heritage whose indigenous descendancy is from the Wendat (Huron), Algonquin, Anishinabe, and Mi'kmaq peoples. Blake served as chair for the New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs for several years. She is currently serving as a board member of the Racial Unity Team, a member of the Dover Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee, and the Dover School Department Vision Keepers. She is dedicated to supporting and serving the first peoples of this land.

The program is free and open to the public. Sign up is needed to get a link to view the program virtually. For more information or to register, visit the library's website at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call 603-516-6050.

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# Virtual discussion with award-winning author and LGBTQ+ historian Eric Cervini

Join the Library for a Zoom discussion with award-winning author and historian Eric Cervini on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Cervini will be discussing his painstakingly researched and engagingly written book "The Deviant's War: The Homosexual vs. the United States of America."

A New York Times bestseller and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, "The Deviant's War" uncovers the secret history of the fight for gay rights that began a generation before Stonewall, told through the life and unprecedented legal efforts of astronomer Franklin Edward Kameny.

Cervini is an award-winning historian of LGBTQ+ culture and politics. He graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College and received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Cambridge, where he was a Gates Scholar. "The Deviant's War" is his first book.

This discussion is in partnership with Nashua Public Library, PBS NH and other New England libraries. It will be moderated by Jasmine Allen of NHPBS. In order to view this virtual event, attendees will need to sign up to receive a link.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information and to sign up, visit the library's website at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call 603-516-6050.

## The Week at the Library

#### November VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook* by America's Test Kitchen. Throughout the month of November, 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. Your creations will be shared on the library homelands, and how attendees can support these programs. Register to attend virtually.

#### Tuesday, November 29, 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 social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov</u> or tag the library on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

#### Sunday, November 27 Library Closed for Dover Parade

#### Monday, November 28, 10 to 10:45 a.m. STEM Pre-School Storytime

Preschool programs are designed for children (aged 3-5) to learn independence from their caregivers. Children attend this storytime without an adult. Each week, the focus will be on a different theme, using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to enhance the books, songs and activities of the storytime. *Registration required.* 

#### Monday, November 28, 11 to 11:45 a.m. STEM Pre-School Storytime

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#### Monday, November 28, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Fresh Air Storytime

Rain, snow, sunshine, or cold. Kids in grades K3 are invited to join us on the library lawn as we explore the outdoors through books and activities. *Registration required.* 

#### Monday, November 28, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adults

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every other Monday 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.

#### Monday, November 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Indigenous Land Stewardship

Presenters Denise Pouliot, Kathleen Blake, and Paul Pouliot will present a short history of Indigenous foodways, and the traditional use of waterways and land along the Cochecho. The presentation will also focus on contemporary efforts being made by Indigenous groups to care for their ancestral promotes early literacy skills.

#### Tuesday, November 29, 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 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.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 30, 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.

#### Thursday, December 1, 10 to 11 a.m. Cover 2 Cover Book Group

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. December's selection is *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

#### Thursday, December 1, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.* 

#### Thursday, December 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cocheco River Writers

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

#### Friday, December 2 Library closed for Staff Development

#### Saturday, December 3, 9 to 11 a.m. Polar Express Family Event

Families are invited to experience the joy of the classic Christmas book The Polar Express by Chris van Allsburg. Wear your pajamas and listen to the story read aloud at 10:00 am. There will also be crafts and activities based on the book. Hot chocolate and breakfast items will be available.

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# Willand Warming Center seeks volunteers

SOS Recovery Community Organization seeks job applicants, volunteers and donations to operate the emergency warming center at 31 Willand Drive in Somersworth.

The warming center will begin operating on an emergency basis starting Friday, Nov. 25 and continuing through March 31, 2023. For information on volunteering or paid positions, visit <u>www.sosrco.org/what-we-do/willand-warming/</u>. There are also many items needed for donation, which can be found on the warming center's Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/warmingcenterofsc</u>.

Strafford County, through a partnership with the cities of Dover, Somersworth and Rochester, has contracted with SOS Community Recovery Organization to run the warming center through the 2022-2023 winter months.

# **BE INFORMED**

# Sign up for parking ban alerts today

Text DoverNH to 99411 to receive parking ban alerts Sign up for text alerts at bit.ly/dovercodered Sign up for e-mail alerts at bit.ly/doverdownload Current ban status: bit.ly/doverban or 516-PARK





# Sign-up for winter parking ban alerts

Parking Manager Bill Simons reminds City of Dover drivers to sign-up for parking ban alerts ahead of the upcoming winter season.

Users can receive text and/or email alerts if a winter parking ban is declared, which requires the removal of all vehicles from public ways to allow street and sidewalk plowing. To receive text alerts, visit <u>https://bit.ly/dovercodered</u> or text "DoverNH" to 99411 from your phone. To receive email alerts, visit <u>https://bit.ly/doverdownload</u> and add "Parking Ban Alerts" to your subscriptions.

### 'As-needed' winter parking bans

During winter storm events or post-storm cleanups, the Community Services Director may declare a winter parking ban to allow crews to clear roads efficiently. When a parking ban is declared, all vehicles must be off public ways by the time the ban goes into effect. If vehicles are not removed, they may be ticketed and/or towed.

Most residents know not to park on the roads when there is an active storm. However, Community Services struggles with compliance with parking bans for post-storm cleanups when crews remove high snow banks or push snow back so streets and sidewalks are passable and ready for the next storm.

"More than half of parking tickets for winter parking ban violations come on cleanup nights," Simons said. "The goal is not to give out any tickets or have any cars towed and let Community Services do their job."

A parking ticket is \$50. A tow is likely to be above \$150.

Unless a parking ban is declared, vehicles may be parked on the street except for areas covered by the seasonal winter parking restrictions.

### When a winter parking is declared

A parking ban will be declared by 3 p.m. to begin at a designated time later that evening. When a ban is declared, parking is prohibited on city streets, sidewalks and adjacent parking areas, such as the angled spaces on School or First streets. Vehicles must be parked on private property, at an authorized public parking lot, or in the parking garage. Vehicles that violate the parking ban may be ticketed and towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

Apartment building owners are encouraged to alert all tenants about announced parking bans.

The parking ban for the downtown area typically starts later than all other parts of the city. <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> for the downtown parking ban map.

### Many options to receive parking ban notifications

The City of Dover utilizes its website, social media accounts, Channel 22, text and email alerts, and press releases to local news media to notify residents about parking bans. The current ban status is always posted at <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/parking-bans.html">https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bans.html</a>. People can also call 603-516-PARK (7275) to check the parking ban status.

For email notifications, visit <u>https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</u> and select the "Parking Ban Alerts" option. For text-based notifications via the City of Dover's emergency notification system, CodeRED, sign-up by texting "DoverNH" to 99411. Please note that cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Text alerts are also available by creating an account and logging into the city's emergency notification system, <u>CodeRED</u>. After creating an account, select the option for Parking Ban Notifications under "Additional Notifications." Users must provide a phone number capable of receiving text alerts. Cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Users should receive a confirmation email or text after a successful sign-up. If not, call the City of Dover's Media Services at 603-516-1641 for assistance.

### Where to park during a parking ban?

Some public parking lots have areas available for overnight parking. <u>Click here</u> to view a map of municipal parking lot locations in the downtown area. The Orchard Street Parking Garage has limited short-term spaces and is for permit parking only above the second floor (look for signs). Overnight parking is available in spaces 101-278 for \$1 per hour. Paid parking in the garage is 24/7, including holidays. Users may pay for parking or extend parking time through the smartphone "<u>Flowbird parking</u>" application. Users must know the number of the space where the vehicle is parked.

#### Seasonal winter parking restrictions

In addition to winter parking bans that can be called at any time, there are several streets where seasonal winter parking restrictions are in place from Dec. 1 to April 1, regardless of the current weather conditions. These streets, listed below, do not allow parking at any time, day or night, between Dec. 1 and April 1.

The following streets are included in the seasonal winter parking restrictions:

- Baker Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered);
- Belknap Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered), from Washington Street to Silver Street;
- Belknap Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered), from Silver Street to Fisher Street;
- Cushing Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered);
- Everett Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered);
- Elm Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered);
- Essex Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered);
- Everett Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered);
- Fifth Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street;
- Fifth Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), between Grove Street and Tammany Park;
- Folsom Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered);
- Forest Street, no parking on the northwesterly side (even numbered);
- Fourth Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street;
- Hamilton Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered);
- Hancock Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered);
- High Ridge Drive, no parking on the southerly side;
- Lexington Street, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered);
- Lincoln Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street;
- Nelson Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Locust Street to Atkinson Street;
- Plaza Drive, no parking on the easterly side (even numbered), from Norway Circle northerly to end of street;
- Richmond Street, no parking on the westerly side (odd numbered);
- Rogers Street, no parking on the southwesterly side (even numbered);
- Saint Thomas Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered), from Atkinson Street to Belknap Street, and two spaces in front of 33/35 Saint Thomas Street;
- Summer Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered);
- Third Street, no parking on the southerly side (even numbered), from Chestnut Street to Grove Street;
- West Concord Street, no parking on the northerly side (odd numbered);
- Young Street, no parking on the southerly side.



Children's Museum of New Hampshire staff, from left, Emily Zaleski and Meredith Brustlin help pack the Play-based Learning Kits being created and shared with libraries, child care centers, and family resource centers across New Hampshire as part of the museum's latest outreach project.

# Children's Museum of NH helps with state's childcare crisis

As has been reported over the past year, there is an overburdened childcare system in New Hampshire. Childcare centers have faced staffing shortages and others have closed, leaving long waiting lists and a lack of available spaces. Families are turning to home-based childcare, family members and community resources like family resource centers, libraries and the Children's Museum of NH (CMNH) to fill in the gaps and nurture their children's growth.

"The Museum has prided itself on being a trusted resource for play-based learning for nearly 40 years," said Jane Bard, CMNH President. "When we saw the childcare crisis growing, we began reaching out to childcare providers, surveying families and speaking to other partners like UNH about ways we could use our expertise to help."

What emerged was the need to reach young children wherever they were and to provide the adults caring for them with the tools they need to support healthy cognitive growth. This includes licensed childcare centers, small in-home care settings, libraries, family resource centers, families and grandparents caring for their own children.

"Once we realized the need was so great and so widespread around the state, the challenge was how to best serve all of these audiences," said Bard. The solution was to give all of these audiences different tools and ways to participate in a variety of activities over the course of the year.

The first and most exciting, according to the childcare providers, is the Museum curated Play-Based Learning Kit, a 40-pound jumbo box filled with quality materials for children ages birth – five being distributed to 83 childcare providers, libraries, and family resource centers throughout the state of New Hampshire reaching over 9,000 children.

"I would love to show parents more ways to encourage play-based learning," shared Nicole Daniels from the River Center, a family resource center in Peterborough. "I think with COVID, a lot of children lost the art of play, especially with peers and in groups, and we want to help bring that back."

Christi Mooney from High Street Child Care Center in Littleton agrees. "Our facility is primarily play-based, and after COVID, we are seeing a lot of the 2- to 4-year-olds who do not know 'how' to play. It has been a struggle to just get them to show us their creativity, use their imaginations, etc."

Each kit will come with monthly activity guides giving educators ideas on ways to use the materials in new ways to engage children and sites get to keep the kits beyond the end of the grant.

"I love the idea of having more resources for the children, but especially love the idea for the teachers," shared Alicia Tonelli from the Seacoast Community School in Portsmouth. "It is always helpful to have different ideas, and perspectives. It sparks creativity."

Beyond the kit, the Museum is collaborating with the University of New Hampshire's Department of Human Development and Family Studies to host two free Play-Based Learning Open House events at their Dover location and four online workshops, open to all early childhood educators.

"Partnering with CMNH has been extremely rewarding," said University of New Hampshire Associate Professor Kimberly Nesbitt. "We have united our expertise on active playful learning to empower our early care and education providers to share enriching and joyful learning experiences."

"The online workshops are being created for childcare providers who find it challenging to take time from their day to participate in professional development," said Xanthi Gray, the Museum's Education Director. "We want to support both existing and new childcare providers entering the field, and share ways they can create play-based learning experiences that support children's developmental milestones."

Back at the Children's Museum of NH in Dover, the education team has launched three new weekly drop-in programs for visitors to spark ideas on ways to use common household items to create play-based learning experiences at home. Tinker Time Tuesdays are held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Baby Storytimes are held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., and Little Learners Play Groups are held every Friday at 9 a.m. All three of these programs are included with normal museum admission, and free for museum members. In addition to giving kids a chance to practice play-based learning, these programs serve as a way for parents to connect and socialize with each other in a supportive environment.

These play-based learning experiences are funded thanks to an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) INSPIRE! grant for small museums. The Children's Museum of New Hampshire was one of 59 museums nationwide to receive this highly competitive grant. These programs are also funded in part by the NH Preschool Development Grant, sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (Award# 90TP0060).

To learn more about the Children's Museum of New Hampshire and its programs, visit <u>www.childrens-museum.org</u>.





# Fall leaf collection in final week

The City of Dover 2022 fall leaf collection continues for one more week, from Nov. 28-Dec.2

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling. Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste are also accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition to these regular hours, the Recycling Center will also be open on Sundays through Dec. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

## **Dover School District employment opportunities**

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- Special Education Teacher Dover High School
- Special Education Paraeducators Dover High School
- STEM Teacher Dover Middle School
- Special Education Paraeducators Dover Middle School
- Special Education Teachers Dover Middle School
- Lunch Supervisors- Dover Middle School
- Special Education Teacher Garrison Elementary School
- Special Education Paraeducator Garrison Elementary School
- Special Education Paraeducator Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School

For more information about these positions, click here.

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## **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
- Maintenance Mechanic Utilities
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic / Automotive Technician
- Account Clerk II
- Account Clerk II Assessing
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- City Planner
- Arena Attendant
- Utility Systems IT Administrator
- Public Safety Systems IT Administrator
- Business Development Coordinator

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

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