

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 5, 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.



City Council to vote on plan to open warming center this winter

Council also to take up changes to Solid Waste Commission and budget schedule

Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The City Council will consider a resolution that would allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the cities of



Rochester and Somersworth to operate a warming center at the Dover-owned facility located at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth. The agreement would be for one year.

The proposal would allow the operation of the warming center on an as-needed basis during extreme cold weather events, determined by the emergency management directors of the tricities. The agreement would be similar to when the warming center operated during the 2020-2021 winter. Last winter, the three cities agreed to allow the warming center operation to occur daily and contracted with Community Action of Strafford County for operation.

Somersworth passed a similar resolution at its Monday, Aug. 1 meeting, where Mayor Robert Carrier and the mayors of Rochester and Somersworth spoke in support. Strafford County Commission Chair George Maglaras was also in attendance. He noted the commissioners' long-term vision to build a new Riverside Rest Home state-of-the-art nursing facility on county land and turn the current facility into a transitional shelter for those who are unhoused.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing on changes to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission. The proposed changes include making it a committee rather than a commission and expanding the membership of alternates from two to three. The resolution's background material states that the commission has had difficulty holding meetings recently for lack of a quorum.

The City Council is also expected to set public hearings for its Aug. 24 meeting on changing the city's annual budget adoption date and authorizing an amendment to the Terra Nova term sheet agreement approved by the Council in February.

The City Council seeks to move the budget adoption date from June 15 to April 15. According to the resolution's background materials, "an earlier budget submission and adoption provides better certainty to public employees and avoids the unnecessary issuance of notices of nonrenewal to teachers." By contract, Dover's public school teachers must be notified that their contract will not be renewed for the next school year by April 15. With the current budget adoption date of June 15, the School Board may issue a nonrenewal notice if it's unclear whether cuts to the school budget will be required. However, these notices may be unnecessary once the final budget is adopted. During the interim, the school district says there is employment uncertainty for these teachers, which may harm employee retention. The City Council and the School Board held a workshop on budget adoption dates on July 27. <u>Click here</u> to view the workshop.

The amended Terra Nova term sheet agreement is regarding the City Council's Feb. 23, 2022, <u>authorization of a development</u> <u>agreement</u> between the city and the property owner of parcels off Littleworth Road. The amended term sheet agreement would allow the developer to utilize a city-owned lot adjacent to the developer's property in exchange for an approximate equivalent acreage in conservation buffers and the creation of 80 units priced at or below U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) guidelines.

The City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. <u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda.



Rockingham Groove takes stage at Dover High School Auditorium for Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series

Concert moves inside due to weather forecast

The 36th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, August 5, with Rockingham Groove, sponsored by Breezline. This 15-piece Rhythm & Blues Orchestra blows down an eclectic range of Soul, Funk & Rock grooves that make your feet itch and your extremities twitch. The concert will take place in the Dover High School auditorium due to impending inclement weather beginning at 6:30 p.m. For the latest updates, visit www.dovernh.org/CAF.

The festival's headliner series underwriter is Dover Rotary.

The festival lineup for this week includes:

- Tuesday, Aug. 9, 12 p.m.: Juggler Bryson Lang, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by N. Granese & Sons;
- Wednesday, Aug. 10, 3:30 p.m.: Farmers Market Acoustic Series, Dover Chamber parking lot (550 Central Ave.), sponsored by First Seacoast Bank;
- Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6 p.m.: Rosie, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series, sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.
- Saturday, Aug. 13, 12 p.m.: Visual Arts Showcase, Upper Henry Law Park, sponsored by Atlantic Media.
- Saturday, Aug. 13, 8 p.m.: Encanto, Lower Henry Law Park, sponsored by Newburyport Bank.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August. This year's festival is underwritten by Orpheum Apartments & Cowork.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

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

Gulf of Maine Council honors Dover's Gretchen Young with visionary award

The Gulf of Maine Council on Marine Environment recognized Community Services' Gretchen Young last week with a 2022 Visionary Award for her "outstanding accomplishments as Environmental Projects Manager for the City of Dover."

The Gulf of Maine Council highlighted Young's work in facilitating the City Council's Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding, which earlier this year recommended the City Council create a stormwater utility to fund existing and future stormwater infrastructure needs. The City Council accepted the recommendation and declared its intent to create a stormwater utility, which is currently underway.



"We particularly appreciate your proactive efforts to reduce stormwater pollution by partnering with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership to bring residents, developers, and non-profit organizations together to develop innovative stormwater funding strategies," Gulf of Maine Council Coordinator Joan LeBlanc wrote notifying Young of the award. "Thanks to your leadership and personal dedication, Dover is at the forefront of sustainable efforts to fund stormwater programs in coastal New Hampshire."

Last week at a Portland, Maine, awards ceremony, NHDES Coastal Program Administrator Steve Couture presented Young with her award.

"Gretchen is a visionary leader whose personal commitment and professional dedication have helped improve Gulf of Maine waters by reducing pollution from stormwater runoff," Couture said. "Gretchen's visionary leadership and personal commitment have made a lasting positive impact on sustainability in New Hampshire and the broader Gulf of Maine watershed."

In her remarks, Young said she was thankful to work for a city that supports innovation and environmental stewardship. While she noted there wasn't always agreement between the diverse members of the stormwater committee, in the end, the committee voted unanimously to recommend the stormwater utility, which would be the first in New Hampshire.

"We still have some work to do, but I'm proud of what we've done so far," Young said.

The Gulf of Maine Council is a Canadian-American regional partnership that provides collaborative leadership on cross-border, including ecosystem conditions, water quality, and climate change within the Gulf of Maine watershed. Its mission is to maintain and enhance environmental quality in the Gulf of Maine to provide sustainable resource use by existing and future generations. Its annual Visionary Awards "recognize innovation, creativity, and commitment to protecting the marine environment."

Last year, Community Services Director John Storer received a visionary award from the Gulf of Maine Council.



Work begins on Whittier Street sidewalk project

Preparation work began this week on the project to install a new sidewalk on Whittier Street between Glenwood Avenue and Sixth Street. The project will connect existing sidewalks on Glenwood Avenue, Sixth Street and lower Whittier Street. The work will also improve drainage on the street.

Work this week mainly focused on project layout. The contractor, GW Brooks & Son, Inc., will continue work next week with drainage work. It is expected the project will be complete by mid-September.

Find more information about the project and sign up for project-specific updates on the dedicated project page, <u>available here</u>.

Why is some of the new pavement on Whittier Street being ripped up?

Earlier this season, Whittier Street was reclaimed with a base pavement layer installed as part of the city's annual street pavement program. A final coat of pavement will be installed next year following the project completion, and after a winter freeze and spring thaw allow soils to settle.

Reclaiming includes grinding the existing pavement in place and mixing it with the existing base gravel material to improve the strength of the base. In the case of Whittier Street, reclaiming also provided an opportunity to reestablish the roadway cross-slope to improve the drainage, which is critical to the long-term success of the project.

Reshaping the roadway and installing a base pavement layer before the sidewalk work is beneficial to establish the correct elevations of the drainage structures to promote drainage and establish the correct top of sidewalk elevations to achieve the required curb reveal.

The limits of the base coat of pavement on the east side of Whittier Street take into account the sidewalk project to minimize impacts to the new pavement as much as practicable. The city strongly discourages excavation within a newly paved roadway. Therefore, some residents are replacing private sewer services before the top coat of pavement in the spring; this private work is separate from the city's project. Excavated areas will settle over the winter, and the top coat

of pavement in the spring will be applied to provide a smooth riding surface.

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



Dover Police hold National Night Out event

The Dover Police Department hosted a National Night Out event this week, on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022. The event, held at the police station, was an opportunity for community members to meet with police officers and first responders, discuss issues, learn what the police do, and unite with the common goal of crime prevention and safety.

In addition to tours of the police station, specialized equipment and vehicles were also on display, including a police cruiser, the police motorcycle, the crime scene vehicle and the police tactical rescue vehicle. Other organizations and emergency providers were also on hand.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make neighborhoods safer and better places to live. Dover's National Night Out is an opportunity for citizens to meet and engage with their first responders.



Absentee ballots now available in City Clerk's Office

Sample primary election ballots on city's election webpage

Absentee ballots for the state primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, are now available at the City Clerk's Office.

Any registered voter unable to vote on either Election Day or who cannot make it to the polls because of a disability, religious observance, or employment obligations may request an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office in person or by mail. The online absentee ballot application is <u>available here</u>.



Voters may also request an absentee ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 8 general election. Absentee ballots for the general election will not be available until early October.

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

Sample ballots, polling locations for state primary available on city's 2022 State Primary webpage

The City of Dover's <u>2022 State Primary Election webpage</u> has sample ballots for the Republican and Democratic primaries for each of Dover's six wards. The page also has the polling locations for each ward. Please note, some polling locations have changed since the last election.

What ward do I live in?

Dover's election pages also have an interactive map showing which ward a residence is in. For some, the ward they live in has changed since the last election, as the City Council approved ward redistricting earlier this year based on the 2020 Census results. <u>Click here</u> to view the updated ward boundary map.

For more information or questions, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018.

Dover Police to conduct active shooter training at High School and Middle School

The Dover Police Department will conduct active shooter training exercises for Police Department staff during the day beginning today, Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, and ending Aug. 12, excluding the weekend. These exercises will occur at Dover High School and Dover Middle School.

Residents are advised there may be heavy police presence in these areas during training days. The training area will be marked with "Police Training" signs.

For more information, contact Dover Police at (603) 742-4646.

Section of Bellamy Road closed to through traffic at Sophie Drive Aug. 9 and 10 for utility work

Closure occurs from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day

Bellamy Road will be closed to through traffic between Durham Road and Alumni Drive from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9, and Wednesday, Aug. 10. Bellamy Road will be closed to all traffic at Sophie Drive to allow the connection of underground utilities to the new development under construction.

During the closure, local access for Bellamy Road residents from numbers 54 and higher will be via Durham Road only. Residents at numbers 51 and lower will use Alumni Drive for local access. <u>Click here</u> for a map of the closure.

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

Space still available for final summer swim lesson

Spots also open for lifeguarding and water safety instruction courses

Space is still available on the Recreation Department's final swim session of the summer session that begins Monday, Aug. 8. Swim lessons are open to children six months and older.

The session runs Monday through Thursday, through Thursday, Aug. 18. The cost is \$60 for Dover residents and \$80 for non-residents. Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations must be completed online at <u>getactive.dover.nh.gov</u>.

Water safety instruction course

One spot remains for the American Red Cross water safety instruction course that runs from Monday, Aug. 15, through Thursday, Aug. 18. This course is geared toward those seeking to become swim instructors.

The training runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and participants must attend all sessions in their entirety. The cost is \$375.

Click here for the required prerequisites. Register online at getactive.dover.nh.gov.

American Red Cross lifeguard training and recertification course

Space is still available in the American Red Cross lifeguard training program that runs from Monday, Aug. 22, through Thursday, Aug. 25. This course is geared toward those seeking to

become a lifeguard or recertify as a lifeguard. Participants must attend all classes. Recertification will be held on Aug. 25.

The training runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and participants must attend all sessions in their entirety. The course cost is \$300; the recertification is \$60.

Click here for the required course prerequisites. Register online at getactive.dover.nh.gov.

For more information, visit the <u>Dover Indoor Pool webpage</u> or contact Aquatics Manager Erika Friedman at 603-516-6427 or <u>e.friedman@dover.nh.gov</u>.

Upcoming Meetings:

Conservation Commission, Monday Aug. 8, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

School Board, Monday Aug. 8, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 11 a.m.

Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold an Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, beginning at 11 a.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Waterfront TIF



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

Advisory Board, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 3:30 p.m.

The Waterfront TIF Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

City Council, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, Thursday, Aug. 11, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, 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> <u>meetings/</u>. 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 <u>https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh</u>.



Trash and recycling pickup tips

Community Services Director John Storer reminds the public of the following trash and recycling regulations:

- All trash for pickup is required to be wholly contained in Dover trash bags, secured and tied;
- 15-gallon bags have a 20-pound limit;
- 30-gallon bags have a 35-pound limit;
- All recycling is to be contained in Dover recycling bins;
- Cardboard must be broken down and flat;
- Recycling plastics are limited to #1, #2 and #5;
- Bulky waste, such as furniture, toilets, mattresses, box springs, couches, chairs, and other large, nonmetal items, must have a Dover bulky tag to be picked up. Bulky tags are available where Dover trash bags are sold;
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up any remaining debris from trash pickup.

The city's complete trash and recycling regulations are contained in "Chapter 145 Waste Management" of the city ordinances, available at <u>https://ecode360.com/33404878</u>.

For more information, 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, <u>located here</u>.

Aug. 7, 1661 — Dover and Portsmouth discussed the lack of a sufficient bridge for horse and foot traffic over the Cochecho River. The Court ordered a committee be formed by the two towns to determine if it was necessary to construct a bridge.

Aug. 7, 1826 — From the Dover Enquirer: "A very heavy thunder shower, during which the house of Moses Hodgdon, Esq. on Silver street, was struck by lightning. A beautiful sycamore tree in front of the house received the electric fluid, an immense body of which ran down the trunk, ripping off the bark, a portion of the lightning entering the house by a limb of the tree. The house of Mr. John Evans, about 50 rods distant, was struck at the same instant: a man was struck to the floor, but recovered in a few minutes. About the same time, a barn belonging to Mr. Benjamin Kielle, about 2 1/2 miles from the village, was struck and considerably injured."

Aug. 8, 1828 — The "Dover Society for the Promotion of Temperance" was formed, the members of the new group pledging themselves to abstain entirely from the use of "ardent spirits," except for medicinal purposes. It was the first society of its kind in Dover.

Aug. 7, 1908 — A severe lightning storm, accompanied by heavy rains, is blamed for the derailment of a Boston & Maine passenger train at the railroad yard in Dover. Passengers on the train, which was en route from Boston to Portland, were taken by carriage to the railroad station and boarded onto other trains. The train was travelling at a slow speed when it derailed at the washout. No one was injured. The heavy rains and lightning were described as some of the heaviest experienced in Dover in many years. Lightning struck a home on School Street and a barn on the outskirts of the city, both of which were lost to fire. The storm also forced the Atlantic Shore Line railroad and the Dover, Somersworth and Rochester street railroad offline for several hours.

Aug. 7, 2004 — The years-long effort to open an aquarium in Dover or on the Seacoast changed its name to Friends of the Earth, Sea and Space Center. The aquarium's backers had proposed and aquarium complex in Dover since 2000, including a 55,000-square-foot aquarium and science center on the city's waterfront parcel on River Street. That plan was rejected by the Dover Economic Development Corp. in February 2002 when an extension to lease the site was not granted. The group, according to its website, is still seeking to construct the complex in Dover.



The Week at the Library

Sunday, Aug. 7, 2 to 4 p.m. Virtual Dungeons & Dragons: Teens Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Discord with Dungeon Master Andrew. This group will meet every other Sunday and there is no commitment to attend all sessions. Registration required.

Monday, Aug. 8, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group 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 two hours of 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, Aug. 8, 6:30 to 7;30 p.m. A Culinary Memoir of Portsmouth NH by Chef James Haller of Blue Strawbery Memoirs of people and places that existed in Portsmouth in the seventies and eighties before big money moved in. The book is about people who arrived in Portsmouth with only a dream. The town with it's affordable properties and caring people who owned those properties made it possible. Tuesday, Aug. 9, 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.

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 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 *The Lakota Way* by Joseph M. Marshall III. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla

Friday, Aug. 5, 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 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.

Dover High School and St. Mary High Class of 1962 reunion planned

A 60th reunion is planned for Dover High School and St. Mary High Class of 1962. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at Blue Latitudes Bar and Grill in downtown Dover from 2 to 5 p.m. Appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available. Cost is \$25 per person. Classmates should RSVP by Aug. 15 by sending a check to: Mary Ulinski, 200 First St., Unit 206-2, Dover, NH 03820.

The following day, Sept. 18, classmates will gather for a bring-your-own picnic that will be held at Hilton Park.

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 <u>CochechoFriends@gmail.com</u> or Dennis Shanahan at <u>d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov</u>.



Coming up at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire:







Dino-themed story time, coloring sheets, and more!

Saturday, August 6

Start Times: 10:30am, 1:30pm





Author & Illustrator AJ Smith



"Tea Time for Dinosaurs" Book Reading with Author AJ Smith Saturday, Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. <u>https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/author-visits</u> (picture attached)

The Science of Bubbles with Sages Entertainment Sunday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/programs/performances

COVID-19 vaccines and testing

Vaccines are available at most local pharmacies, including walk-in service at some. For more information, visit <u>vaccines.nh.gov</u> 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 <u>https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/testing-guidance</u>.

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
- Account Clerk II Water and Sewer Billing
- Planning Office Assistant
- Camera Operator
- Truck Driver Utilities
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- Laborer Public Works Streets and Stormwater
- Maintenance Mechanic Streets

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

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