

## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



November 11, 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:

## Budget process begins with School Board presentation

### FY2024 school budget to be unveiled Monday

Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni will present the School Department's budget at the School Board meeting this Monday, Nov. 14, kicking off the FY2024 budget cycle.

Following the general budget overview, the School Board will hold its first budget workshop on Monday, Nov. 28. Budget workshops will continue through December and early January. Per the recently <u>updated ordinance</u>, the School Board is to deliver its budget to the City Manager by Jan. 15 of each year, a month earlier than before. The City Manager, in turn, must submit their budget to the City Council by Feb. 15 each year, with a budget adoption date of April 15. The new fiscal year begins on July 1. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The City Council, in consultation with the School Board and School Department, moved up the adoption date from June 15 to provide "better certainty to public employees and avoids the unnecessary issuance of notices of nonrenewal to teachers," the ordinance resolution's background materials stated. 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 June 15 budget adoption date, the School Board has issued nonrenewal notices to teachers when it's unclear whether cuts to the school budget will be required. However, these notices can be unnecessary once the City Council adopts a final budget, but may harm employee retention because of the uncertainty.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in School Board Chambers, Room 306 of the McConnell Center. It will be televised on Channel 22 and streamed at <u>dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



## Veterans Day ceremony is today

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held today, Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 at 11 a.m., at Dover Veterans Park.

The ceremony will include an opening prayer, posting of colors, the laying of the wreath, the Dover High School Band, and Dover High School's Navy Junior ROTC. There will also be remarks by City officials, including Mayor Robert Carrier, and a guest speaker.

## **City offices closed for Veterans Day**

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed today, Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, for Veterans Day. Regular hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Public Library is also closed today for Veterans Day.

Trash pickup and curbside recycling are not affected by the holiday and will follow a regular schedule.

# Water ban remains in place to allow further recovery of groundwater aquifers

Drought conditions have improved in Dover and the greater region, and the U.S. Drought Monitor recently removed drought designations from southern Strafford County. However, despite improved conditions, the City of Dover's hydrogeologist consultant recommends the city continue its emergency mandatory water restrictions through November to allow further recovery of the aquifers the city utilizes for drinking water.

The city has relied on the Hoppers aquifer for much of its drinking water in recent months due to the Pudding Hill aquifer remaining offline and temporarily not utilizing another well because of low naturally occurring manganese levels. The hydrologists report the Hoppers aquifer currently has levels matching that of the 2016 drought.

"The combination of the recent drought, with the Pudding Hill supply offline, has really negatively impacted our aquifer levels," said Community Services Director John Storer, who oversees the city's drinking water division. "The immediate recent trends show the start of a positive recovery, but we still have a long ways to go."

The Pudding Aquifer can provide up to 40% of the city's drinking water needs and is expected to be online in late 2023 or early 2024 when the new water treatment plant is completed.

Because of the drought, the city will not conduct fire hydrant flushing this fall. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.



# Dover's election results, voter turnout available online

More than 15,000 votes were cast by Dover residents in the Nov. 8, 2022 election, a voter turnout of 66.3% election.

The election results and the voter turnout for each of Dover's six wards are available on the <u>2022 General Election page</u>. Certified election results for federal, state and county races will be posted to the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Election Division webpage, <u>www.sos.nh.gov/elections</u>, when available.

Ward 3 had the highest voter turnout, with 70.9% of registered voters casting a ballot. Ward 1 had the lowest turnout, with 60.3% of registered voters casting a vote.

The turnout for the Nov. 8 election was similar to the Nov. 8, 2018, non-presidential general

election, where 66.4% of registered voters in Dover cast a ballot. The 2014 non-presidential general election had a 52.4% voter turnout.

General elections with presidential candidates typically have higher voter turnouts. The 2020 general election had an 80.1% voter turnout in Dover, and a 70.2% turnout in the 2016 general election.

The <u>City Clerk's Election Information webpage</u> includes election information from 2006 onward. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018.

## EPA completes five-year review of Tolend Road Superfund site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its comprehensive review of the site cleanup of the former municipal landfill on Tolend Road, a National Priority List site known as a Superfund site. The EPA's review was one of 14 in New England conducted this year.

The review, completed on Sept. 19, 2022, is the EPA's second five-year review of Dover's former municipal landfill, with the first finished on Sept. 25, 2017. The two reports and associated documents related to the site are available at <u>www.epa.gov/superfund/dover</u>. The reviews' purpose is to evaluate the implementation and performance of a remedy to determine if the remedy is and will continue to be protective of human health and the environment.

The Superfund program, a federal program established by Congress in 1980, investigates and cleans up the country's most complex, uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites and endeavors to facilitate activities to return them to productive use. In total, there are 123 Superfund sites across New England.

"Steadfast monitoring of Superfund site cleanup work is a priority for EPA, especially in communities overburdened by a legacy pollution," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash in a press release. "By completing reviews of the cleanups every five years, EPA fulfills its duty to remain vigilant, continuing to protect human health and the environment in these communities."

Throughout the process of designing and constructing a cleanup at a hazardous waste site, EPA's primary goal is to make sure the remedy will be protective of public health and the environment. At many sites where the remedy has been constructed, EPA continues to ensure it remains protective by requiring reviews of cleanups every five years. It is important for EPA to regularly check on these sites to ensure the remedy is working properly. These reviews can identify issues that may affect the protectiveness of the completed remedy and, if necessary, recommend action(s) necessary to address them. There are many phases of the Superfund cleanup process, including considering future use and redevelopment at sites and conducting post-cleanup monitoring of sites. EPA must ensure the remedy protects public health and the environment, and any redevelopment will uphold the protectiveness of the remedy into the future.

The City of Dover owns the 50-acre inactive landfill on Tolend Road and operated it from 1960 to 1980. The landfill accepted domestic and industrial waste, including leather-tanning wastes, organic solvents, municipal trash and sludge from the Dover wastewater plant. Facility operations contaminated groundwater with volatile organic compounds and arsenic. In 1977, the state installed monitoring wells around the area and found that organic solvents were entering the groundwater, posing a potential threat to nearby residential wells and public water supplies for Dover and Portsmouth. The site was added to EPA's National Priorities List in 1983.

For more information about EPA's Superfund program, visit <u>www.epa.gov/superfund</u>. For the other New England sites reviewed in FY2022, visit <u>www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-completes-reviews-14-superfund-site-cleanups-new-england-during-2022</u>.



## **Dover Holiday Parade is Nov. 27**

#### Organizers still seeking parade participants

Cochecho Friends, a local volunteer organization, will present the 2022 Dover Holiday Parade on 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.

During the parade, look for the new Dover Holiday Parade logo. Cochecho Friends recently announced the winner, Mya Kageleiry, a seventh grader at Dover Middle School, who plays on the basketball and softball teams.

Parade organizers are still accepting entries for parade participants, including commercial and non-profit groups, marching bands, youth organizations, and other parade participants. Visit <u>http://bit.ly/3WMyLdS</u> for more information or to apply as a parade participant.

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, contact Lori Nollet at <u>cochechofriends@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>https://cochechofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade</u>.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Conservation Commission, November 14, 5:30 p.m. Workshop to focus on market dynamics created by tax and land-use policies The Conservation Commissi on will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, 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, November 14, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

#### Waterfront Committee, November 15, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

#### Arena Commission, November 15, 7 p.m.

The Arena Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room at the Dover Arena. To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

#### Planning Board Technical Review Committee,

**Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m**. The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>. The Planning Board will hold a workshop this Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. with Joseph Minicozzi of Urban3 to discuss the revenue modeling analysis the firm completed as part of a contract with New Hampshire Housing (NHH).

Dover was one of 15 communities Urban3 studied in its comprehensive study of New Hampshire, where its revenue modeling analysis explains and visualizes market dynamics created by tax and land use policies. Minicozzi's presentation will be on the second phase of Urban3's research, where it conducted a fiscal health analysis comparing municipal costs with revenues.

In the first phase, Urban3 analyzed revenue and value per acre at a statewide and local level to measure the financial productivity of various development types, which he presented in October 2020 and is available at <u>www.nhhfa.org/housing-challenges-solutions/projects/</u>. Urban3's New Hampshire case study is also available on its website <u>www.urbanthree.com/case-study/new-hampshire/</u>.

In New Hampshire, property taxes are the key revenue source for local governments. Tax rates, land use and land value from one end of town to the other often vary in surprising ways, NHH <u>states</u>. The non-profit organization contracted with Minicozzi to "analyze what types of development create the greatest tax return in 15 communities around the state" in efforts "to better understand the economic and policy implications of these three property tax elements." Minicozzi, an American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), is the principal of the Ashville, North Carolina-based Urban3. The urban planner is "imagining new ways to think about and visualize land use, urban design and economics," according to his <u>bio</u>.

The workshop will be held in City Hall's Council Chambers.

## 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.

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>.



## 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>.

## Forum on Dover's mental health challenges and response seeks community feedback

Join the Dover Mental Health Alliance on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 to hear the preliminary findings of a yearlong study: Services Response to Mental Health Crisis in the City of Dover.

Like many communities, Dover has experienced a dramatic rise in demand for mental health crisis services in recent years. Facilitated by the Center for Ethics in Society at Saint Anselm College, a subcommittee of the Dover Mental Health Alliance Task Force was asked to develop a set of recommendations that reflect trends, obstacles, opportunities, and best practices to follow as they relate to ongoing City response to mental health related calls for service and needs.

In this third public program on Dover's mental health crisis services, the subcommittee will

share its final recommendations with the community for feedback and comment. These recommendations are the result of nine months of work in collecting research and data, consulting local experts, and hosting public discussions about mental health crisis intervention in Dover.

The discussion will be held in the Dover High School Library. Those who attend in-person are invited to arrive at 8:45 a.m. to grab coffee and informally review the recommendations before the event begins. The live webinar will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

Register to attend virtually or in person here: <u>https://www.anselm.edu/ethics-society/dover-mental-health-challenges-and-response-community-feedback</u>.

## Energy Commission to hold public hearing on draft Electric Aggregation Plan for Dover Community Power program

The Energy Commission will hold its first of two public hearings on the draft Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP) at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the McConnell Center cafeteria, the first step of creating a Dover Community Power program. Following public input, the Energy Commission will schedule a second public hearing.



The EAP would serve as the Dover Community Power program's operation blueprint. The Energy Commission, which Dover's City Council designated as the city's Electric Aggregation Committee (EAC) for the program, will take feedback at the public hearings and finalize its recommendations for the City Council's consideration. If approved by the Council, implementing the EAP would require further steps, including review by the Public Utilities Commission. The draft EAP is available at <u>bit.ly/dover-community-power</u>.

The Community Power program is authorized under state law RSA 53:E. It allows municipalities and counties to aggregate retail electric customers to "access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services" on a voluntary basis. The program will only launch if it can initially offer residential default electricity rates lower than those provided by Eversource. The program will be self-funded through revenue generated by participating customers and not use taxpayer funds to cover program expenses. Once operational, as envisioned under the current draft plan, residents and businesses on default electricity supply through Eversource would be enrolled in the Dover Community Power program with the ability to opt out of Eversource's default energy supplier or choose a competitive energy supplier. Customers enrolled with competitive suppliers can opt into the program. All customers will be notified well before the potential launch date, estimated to be around the start of 2024.

For more information, contact Planning and Community Development at 603-516-6008.

## Dover Point Road design work underway; construction pushed out to later date

Engineered design work for the planned improvements to the intersection of Dover Point Road with Pointe Place and Sheffield Drive continues to be developed by consultant Green International Affiliates, Inc, of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. However, construction of the roundabout will not occur next year as planned to allow the completion of higher-priority projects.

The project <u>was added</u> to the Capital Improvements Program last year, covering fiscal years 2023-2028. It called for design work during FY2023, which is underway, and construction in

FY2024.

The project was pushed out to a future CIP to allow other projects in critical need of funding to move forward. With construction prices on the rise, the funds allotted for the roundabout were reallocated towards those critical projects and not included in the FY2024-2029 CIP projects approved by the City Council on Oct. 26. However, the project remains a priority on the city's long-range capital project list and may be moved up as funding allows.

City engineers have directed the design consultant to bring the design work to 90% completion, incorporating feedback from the Aug. 2 neighborhood meeting. Once brought to 90%, the project will be tabled until funding is available. Bringing the project to 90% completion allows the consultant to incorporate any necessary modifications to the design when the project nears the construction phase.

When the project moves toward the construction phase, a neighborhood meeting will be held to review the project and any planned disruptions.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450. Project documents are available at the roundabout's dedicated project page, <u>https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/dover-point-road-roundabout/</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. 14, 1656 — The people in arrears on saw mill rents were ordered to settle up.

**Nov. 13, 1833** — Meteoric shower of stars observable, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, which attracted much attention throughout the country.

**Nov. 12, 1845** — All the necessary preparations for the execution of Andrew Howard this day, were made. The gallows was erected in the jail yard, and there was a collection of several thousand persons to witness the execution, when the reprieve of the prisoner to the 8th of July, 1846, was announced.

**Nov. 12, 1923** — The "opening gun in the campaign against Sunday athletics was fired yesterday" when the football game scheduled at Guppy Park was prohibited and about 800 persons were sent away disappointed. The action was taken by the police after an objection to the contest had been entered at the police headquarters by the members of the Men's Bible Class at the Washington Street Baptist Church.

**Nov. 14, 2004** — On this day, then Gov. Craig Benson nominated Stephen Morrison as Dover District Court's new judge, replacing Robert Cullinane, who would retire in December of that year. Morrison, then 55, had been the associate justice at the court since 1986, when Gov. John H. Sununu appointed Cullinane to full-time status. A special justice works part-time as a judge, while still maintaining a private law practice. A Dover native, Morrison had also been a former prosecutor with the Strafford County Attorney's Office and served as Dover's city attorney. A graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, as well as Assumption College and Suffolk University Law School, Morrison had been in private practice since 1977. In 1979 Morrison became a partner in Gregoire, Morrison & Indorf. Morrison announced his retirement as Dover District Court judge in 2016, but did remain involved as a senior active

## **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

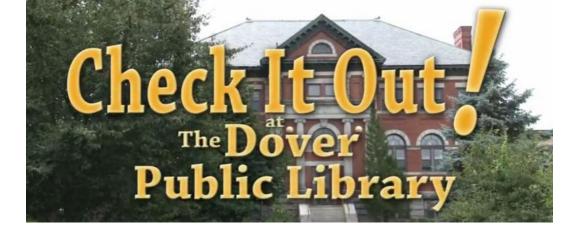
CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

HORS D'OEUVRES BY MEZZANINE CATERING

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE BLACK AGNES BAND

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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 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 acknowledgement 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.

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

#### Monday, November 14, 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.*  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. 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 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, Nov. 16, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Caregiver Café

Join Cornerstone VNA as they introduce their newest monthly Caregiver Café to support Dover area family caregivers. Come for a morning of support, education and Monday, November 14, 11 to 11:45 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 14, 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 14, 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 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.

#### Tuesday, November 15, 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, November 15, 4 to 5 p.m. Farm Animal Play Day Join UNH Students, including sisters from the Sigma Alpha Agricultural Sorority, for a farm animal play day. Filled with animal fun

facts, games, and arts & crafts where you can learn the different parts of cows and horses!

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#### conversation.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6 to 8 p.m. Family Game Night Join the library on 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! All ages welcome!

#### Thursday, November 17, 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, Nov. 17, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Crafternoon for Kids: Glove Turkey Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to make and take a Thanksgiving glove turkey decoration.

#### Friday, November 18, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby! This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. 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, November 18, 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.* 

Saturday, November 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m. STEM Saturday: Build a Potato Battery Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to make a battery out of a potato! All supplies will be provided.

#### Saturday, November 19, 2 to 3 p.m. Lego Club

Come build at Lego Club. There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or children can build their own creations. This is a family event open to people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library.





## Dover Chamber's City Lights Committee seeks volunteers to hang holiday lights

The Chamber's City Lights Committee is seeking volunteers to help hang holiday lights in downtown Dover on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022. Volunteers will assist bucket trucks, hang lights on poles, and/or remove any dead lights and extension cords. The activity will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Dover.

Anybody interested in helping, even for an hour or two, should reach out to Hope at <u>hope@dovernh.org</u> for more details.

The Dover City Lights Committee is funded by the Dover Chamber of Commerce's annual Festival of Trees, which features over 35 trees and wreaths elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations. The trees are sold via auction and raffle. The 2022 Festival of Trees is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rivermill at Dover Landing, located at 2 Washington St., Dover. Visit <u>dovernh.org/festival-of-trees</u> for more information.

## American Red Cross lifeguard training and recertification course

The Dover Indoor Pool will host the American Red Cross lifeguard training program the first two weekends of December at half the regular price of the training. Participants seeking to become lifeguards must attend all training sessions and be at least 15 years old on the last day of the class. The training will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 and 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Recertification will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11.

The American Red Cross lifeguarding training program teaches participants the knowledge and skills to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. The course includes the latest science in first aid, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, emergency cardiac care, and lifeguarding rescue skills and safety protocols.

Those seeking to take the course must meet the following prerequisites.

- Swim 300 yards continuously;
- Tread water for two minutes;
- The participant must be able to do the following within 1 minute and 40 seconds, starting from the water: swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7 to 10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the 10-pound object and exit water without using a ladder;
- No refunds will be given for failing to meet prerequisite requirements.

The holiday season discounted price of the complete course is \$150 (regularly \$300). To be recertified, the price is \$60. <u>Visit the Dover Indoor Pool website</u> for more information or contact Erika Friedman at 603-516-6427. Register online at <u>https://getactive.dover.nh.gov</u>. The registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 28.

## SEED donates \$25,000 to Dover schools

#### Second largest grant cycle in SEED history

Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover, New Hampshire public schools, recently awarded approximately \$24,825 for enhanced learning curriculum for Dover public schools. This is the second-largest grant cycle since SEED's inception.



Pictured are, from left, Julianna Tarbell, Michelle Zitta, Briana Collins, Lisa Simk and SEED members Craig Alie and Mindy Marcouillier.

**Woodman Park School Teacher Lisa Simko** was awarded \$4,416 to purchase **Space Saver Color Changing Light Tables** and accessories to allow multisensory play and learning for all kindergarten students, which will be particularly beneficial for neurodiverse learners. These materials will also allow each classroom to more effectively integrate play with the curriculum,

foster social skills such as cooperation, and impact student achievement in both literacy and math.

Fellow **Woodman Park School teacher, Katie Theriault** was granted \$3,769 to purchase the **Green Bronx Machine Curriculum and Tower Garden**, an immersive whole-school curriculum that aligns the art and science of growing vegetables with daily academic instruction in all subject areas. This project-based and standards-aligned learning experience help students learn critical thinking and problem-solving as they explore, discover, and create their own ecosystems.



Pictured are, from left, Stephanie McKenney Erin Marshall Katie Gorski Andreia Curless and SEED members Mindy Marcouillier and Craig Alie.

In 2018, SEED awarded **Katie Gorski** with an initial grant to implement the **Zones of Regulation** program in her classroom. Not all students can sit and listen throughout the school day; by learning the *zones* and accessing tools, students learn strategies to be better listeners, learners, and active participants in the learning environment. In this grant cycle, Gorski was awarded \$1,685 to provide self-regulation tools and information on the "Zones of Regulation" throughout the entire school, benefiting all classrooms, teachers, and student families.



Pictured are, from left, teachers Caitlin Duffy and Jill Fredrickson and SEED members Marcouillier and Craig Alie.

Also at **Woodman Park School, Jill Fredrickson and Caitlin Duffy** partnered to request a \$925 SEED grant for podcast equipment bundles to create "*Podcast at the Park*" pilot program. The equipment will create two podcasting stations for third and fourth-grade students to increase competency in collaboration, critical and innovative thinking, communication, and citizenship.



Pictured are, from left, SEED member Audrey Gladu, DMS teachers Kim Conrad and Jane Salach, and SEED members Markus Brave and Andrea Russano.

At **Dover Middle School**, two SEED grants were given. The first to Language Arts Teacher **Kim Conrad** for an **Author in Residency** program for the entire 7<sup>th</sup> grade. With \$750 of SEED funding, students will participate in video conferences with Ben Mikaelsen, author of *Touching Spirit Bear*. Pupils will have the opportunity to interact with a professional writer and learn about Mikaelsen's writing process, how he came to be so involved and invested in the process of restorative justice, and hear his anti-bullying message.

The second **Dover Middle School** SEED grant went to **Jane Salach** to purchase **Whiteboard Collaborative Table Sets**, valued at \$4,846. The whiteboard tabletop allows students to freely brainstorm, take notes or collaborate on ideas and can be easily rearranged for larger groups and suit a variety of activities.



Pictured are, from left, DHS teacher Eric Salmonsen, SEED members Mindy Marcouillier and Jennifer Fried, DHS teacher Kim Kelly and Principal Peter Driscoll.

Meanwhile, at **Dover High School**, ESOL teacher **Kiley Hemphill** earned an \$8,159 SEED grant for her proposal to purchase **iPads** to provide linguistic support for beginning English learners. Integrating iPads into the ESOL program will provide a tool for students at all levels of English language proficiency to engage deeply in their learning. iPads benefits include increased student engagement and collaboration, an international keyboard, a print translator, and visual dictionaries. iPads can also provide students with alternative, multimodal means to demonstrate learning until their oral language in English is more developed.

**Dover High School** is currently without a broadcasting class, radio station, or TV studio, which limits student exposure to 21st-century communication tools. History teacher **Eric Salmonsen** was awarded a \$275 SEED grant to purchase equipment to allow students to create and edit regular podcasts for the student body. Project-based learning helps students develop teamwork and problem-solving skills, along with the ability to communicate effectively with others. The collaborative nature of projects also reinforces the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programs.

SEED has more than 10 years of underwriting tools, technology, and training in Dover public schools needed to create a 21st-century learning environment. Completely funded by philanthropic giving from businesses and individuals, SEED has provided more than \$300,000 in grants to provide students with the skills needed for post-high school success. To learn more, volunteer, or donate, please visit <u>www.DoverSEED.org</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.

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

### **Reusable bag program supports Dover Main Street**

Dover Main Street has been selected as the nonprofit for Shaw's "Give Back Where It Counts Reusable Bag Program" during November. By simply making a \$3 "Give Back Bag" purchase at Shaw's at 851 Central Ave., shoppers give back \$1 to Dover Main Street. It's a win-win for the Dover community and the environment.

The Shaw's Give Back Where It Counts Reusable Bag Program makes it easy for shoppers to support their communities and environment by buying durable, reusable shopping bags. Donations from this program support groups focused on education, civic, health and wellness, hunger relief and military/veteran organizations. Learn more about the program at <a href="https://shaws.2givelocal.com/program/give-back-bag/">https://shaws.2givelocal.com/program/give-back-bag/</a>.

Dover Main Street is a non-profit community program designed for the historic preservation and revitalization of the downtown. Dover Main Street programs include Adopt-a-Spot, Dover Dollars, and Faces of Dover. Recent events include the Dover Zombie Walk, Movie Night, and Restaurant Week. Learn more about Dover Main Street and how to get involved <u>here</u>.

## This week at The Dover Adult Learning Center

Join Dover Adult Learning Center for Tai Chi Easy. This fourweek program includes postural alignment, gentle movement, self-massage, and meditation that can be done standing, sitting, or even lying down, making it accessible to people of all abilities. Register here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/5n6ee78s</u>



Are you thinking about moving? Get all the inside information supervision on how to navigate the housing market from a professional realtor in our How to Buy a House workshop on Nov.17: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mrxet7wk">https://tinyurl.com/mrxet7wk</a>



## Fall leaf collection ongoing

The City of Dover 2022 fall leaf collection is underway. Upcoming dates are as follows:

- Nov. 14-18
- Nov. 21-26
- 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.

### **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

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

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