

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 14, 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:

> Tuesday, Thursday,



Construction of Pudding Hill water treatment facility underway

Construction of the new water treatment plant off Stonewall Drive that will treat water from the Pudding Hill aquifer is well underway.

The foundation work is complete, and masons have begun building the facility's walls. The contractor, Penta Corporation, anticipates installing the roof and fully enclosing the building by Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. mid-December. All exterior piping to nearby wells is also scheduled to be completed by year's end.

In late September, the contractor took delivery of large granulated activated charcoal filters, one of three filters the treatment plan will use to purify the groundwater. Greensands Plus filters will be delivered in the coming weeks.

When the plant is operational, groundwater from the Pudding Hill aquifer will be pumped to the treatment plant and treated with caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) and chlorine (calcium hypochlorite). The pretreated water will be filtered through three Greensand Plus filters to remove iron and manganese. Next, hydrogen peroxide is added to the filtered water entering the two ultra-violet light reactors for the advanced oxidation process (AOP) to remove 1,4-dioxane and MTBE (methyl tert-butyl ether). After AOP, the water will be filtered through three pairs of granular activated carbon filters to remove PFAS. The filtering allows the Pudding Hill aquifer, capable of providing up to 40% of the city's drinking water needs, to be utilized again.

In 2019, the City of Dover voluntarily took offline three wells at the Pudding Hill aquifer when separate monitoring wells detected plumes of PFAS contaminants. No PFAS were found in the drinking water pumped from the wells; however, ongoing use of the aquifer could draw PFAS, known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, into the aquifer before a water treatment facility could be built. PFAS seeped into the ground from the former auto recycling plant off Knox Marsh Road that Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc. now owns.

Last year, the City Council approved a settlement and funding agreement between the city and New England Metal Recycling, LLC. The settlement provides \$11 million for the construction, engineering, and operational maintenance of a water treatment plant designed to remove contaminants from the drinking water, allowing the City of Dover to utilize the Pudding Hill aquifer again. The city has also received nearly \$5.2 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, administered through the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Remediation Grant and Loan Fund.

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



Dover continues mandatory water restrictions to aid aquifer recovery

The City of Dover will continue mandatory water restrictions to allow recovery of the aquifers the city relies on for public drinking water.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. declared a water emergency and instituted mandatory water restrictions on Aug. 22, 2022. The declaration occurred when the city was in the third week of severe drought conditions determined by the U.S. Drought Monitor.

While precipitation has increased since late August, overall, annual accumulation levels remain under normal, according to National Weather Service data. The rain has improved Dover's drought conditions, but it is still considered to be in a moderate drought.

Community Services Director John Storer recommended continuing the mandatory water restrictions after meeting last week with hydrologists with the city's groundwater consultant firm, Emery & Garrett, Ground Water Investigations, a division of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

The hydrologists noted there has not yet been a marked improvement in aquifer levels despite recent precipitation, as it can take weeks to months for rainwater to seep into the aquifers and raise its levels. Challenging the city's water supply is reduced output from Willand Pond due to a pump failure at one of the pond's two well pumps last month. The replacement pump and motor is on order. As preventative maintenance, the other well pump was taken offline, inspected and cleaned. That well pump is now online, but capacity remains limited. The Pudding Hill aquifer also remains offline and reserved for emergency use until the new water treatment plant is operational, which is expected early in 2024.

Because of the drought, the city does not plan to conduct fire hydrant flushing this fall.

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



Attending the Oct. 12 City Council meeting to accept a proclamation recognizing community planners were, from left, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair Chris Prior, Planning Board Chair Gina Cruikshank, Energy Commission Chair Bill Baber, Conservation Commission Chair Bill Hunt, and Planning Director Donna Benton. Mayor Robert Carrier, right, read the proclamation.

Mayor, City Council recognize community planners with proclamation

At the City Council's meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 12, Mayor Robert Carrier recognized the city's various land-use boards, as well as the Planning and Community Development Department, during National Community Planning Month.

"Community planning can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live," Carrier said, reading from a proclamation. "Community planning gives everyone an opportunity to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community. We recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners on behalf of the City of Dover, and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals."

Members of some of the city's land-use boards were in attendance to receive the proclamation, including Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair Chris Prior, Planning Board Chair Gina Cruikshank, Energy Commission Chair Bill Baber, and Conservation Commission Chair Bill Hunt. Planning Director Donna Benton was also in attendance. Benton thanked the many volunteers who comprise the city's land-use boards.

"I really appreciate all the work that the volunteers do, all the time and effort," Benton said. "Thank you very much for making Dover the place it is."



City now accepting Community Development Block Grant applications

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development is now accepting applications from public service agencies, qualified individuals and eligible organizations for grants for the fiscal year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The fiscal year spans July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Applications are available online at <u>www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/</u>, and at the Planning and Community Development Department, located at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820. The application submission deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, and must be submitted via email to Dave Carpenter at <u>d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</u>.

The City of Dover may reject incomplete or late applications.

Eligible CDBG activities include but are not limited to property acquisition, development or improvement of public facilities, clearance or demolition, public services, and special economic development activities.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must meet specific requirements. They include but are not limited to:

- Submission of a complete and timely application.
- Consistent with the FY2022-25 Consolidated Plan.
- Meet one of the following HUD national objectives:
 - Benefit low and moderate-income people;
 - Prevention of slums or blight;
 - Meet a particularly urgent community development need.

For more information about project eligibility or to learn more about Dover's Community Development Block Grant program, visit <u>www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/</u>.

The City of Dover has been a CDBG entitlement community for over 25 years. The HUD program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income people. HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. The entitlement grant is expected to be available in the summer or fall of 2023. The amount to be received by the City of Dover has yet to be determined by Congress.

For more information, contact Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner, at <u>d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</u> or 603-516-6008.

All electronic tolling to begin on the Spaulding Turnpike next week

Cashless system replaces toll booths in Rochester and Dover

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) will stop cash toll collection at Spaulding Turnpike (Route 16) toll booths next week and begin using an All-Electronic Toll (AET) system.

The change begins at the Rochester tolls for northbound and southbound motorists at 10 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, and at the Dover tolls, at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022.

Motorists are encouraged to create NH E-ZPass accounts to avoid fees if they haven't already. NH E-ZPass account holders with a funded account receive a 30% discount for passenger cars on all NH toll roads; E-ZPass account holders from other states pay the cash price toll fee.

Those who travel through the AET tolls without a transponder will be charged a toll via the vehicle's license plate. Motorists have seven days to pay a toll without a fee. After seven days, there are additional fees in addition to the toll fee.

A temporary E-ZPass Customer Service Center is located off Exit 16 in Rochester to help motorists sign up for NH E-ZPass accounts, accept payments if money is owed, and answer questions about using the NH E-ZPass system. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Motorists can also use the website, <u>https://www.ezpassnh.com/</u>, call NH E-ZPass customer service at 1-877-643-9727, or visit a Service Center in Concord, Nashua, or Portsmouth. The one in Portsmouth is located off Exit 1 at 14 Manchester Square in the Pease International Tradeport.

Work on the AET project will continue through the spring, including removing toll booths and paving the area. AET systems are safer for motorists because they allow everyone to maintain a consistent speed on the highway, according to NHDOT.



Community Services crews install last year's Christmas Tree at Henry Law Park. The City of Dover is looking for a new tree this year.

Share that perfect Christmas Tree with the entire Dover community

Each year, a new Christmas tree is raised at Henry Law Park, signaling the beginning of the winter holiday season in Dover. The City of Dover is seeking this season's tree, and is asking area residents to consider donating the perfect candidate, already growing in your backyard.

The ideal Christmas tree for Henry Law Park is an evergreen, preferably a White Spruce or Balsam Fir, between 25 and 35 feet tall, and growing evenly on all sides.

Have a tree that fits the description? Would you like to share it with the entire community this holiday season? Contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon, who will evaluate the tree. If it's the perfect tree for the park, the City will arrange to cut down the tree and relocate it to Henry Law Park by the end of November.

For more information, or to volunteer your perfect Christmas tree, contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon at 516-6401 or <u>g.bannon@dover.nh.gov</u>.



IGNE member James Flynn, center, presents a check to SEED member Craig Alie, left, and SEED member Jason Gaskell.

SEED selected as benefactor of charitable golf event

Insurance Group of New England Donates \$7,000

The Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover public schools, was selected as the sole benefactor of the Insurance Group of New England ("IGNE") Charitable Golf Event held at the Ledges Golf Course, in York, Maine. The event raised \$7,000 for SEED to fund future academic grants in the Dover School District.

SEED prepares Dover public school students for post-secondary education and career challenges by providing funding to Dover teachers to bring into the classroom innovative new tools and teaching techniques. SEED appeals to Dover educators to apply for SEED funding by submitting applications describing projects they would like to initiate. Applications are evaluated by a committee of SEED board members and advisors representing the larger Dover community. Grants are awarded twice a year.

IGNE member, John Flynn of Flynn Insurance nominated SEED and James Flynn was on hand to present the check to SEED.

"We are grateful to be selected as the recipient of the golf event," said Jason Gaskell, Treasurer of the SEED Board of Directors. "These funds will further our mission and help underwrite our fall grant period which is currently underway."

Founded by Len Sevigney in 1997, the Insurance Group of New England was formed as a service company that allows small, independent agents to remain independent, yet gain access to the economies of scale found in the larger agencies. The group affords access to multiple insurance companies which translates to competitive pricing for its clients.

SEED is celebrating its tenth anniversary promoting the teaching and learning of 21st century skills to create a legacy of academic excellence in Dover public schools. To date, more than \$275,000 has been granted to educators to purchase tools and curriculum. To learn more about SEED, please visit <u>http://www.DoverSEED.org</u>.

Upcoming Meetings:

Utilities Commission, October 17, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

Energy Commission, October 19, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, October 20, 10:30 a.m.

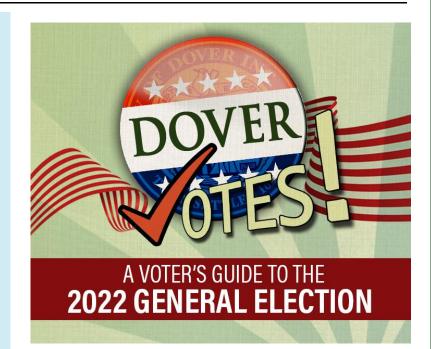
The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, October 20, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

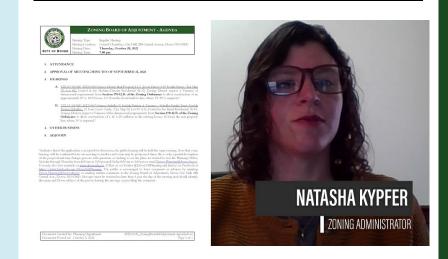
To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.



General Election is Nov. 8

The state general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For a voter guide to the election, including information about how to register to vote, polling places, sample ballots, and more, visit the the City of Dover's online resource here:

https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/opengovernment/election-information/2022-general-election/.



On the Agenda: Zoning Board, 10/20/2022

In a video released this week, Zoning Administrator Natasha Kypfer reviews what's on the agenda at the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?</u> hash=x5sUi40fRuBK. For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit https://www.dover.nh.gov/go vernment/opengovernment/publicmeetings/.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online.

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.



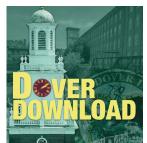
Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

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 https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh.

Lids for recycling bins

now available

Lids for recycling containers are now available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall and the Pierre B. Bouchard Public Works Facility and Recycling Center on Mast Road.

The lids will help residents keep their recycling containers in the bin, especially on windy days.

Lids are free for those who have already purchased the new style recycling container. New recycling containers, which now include the lid, can be purchased at the Clerk's Office and the public works facility for \$8.

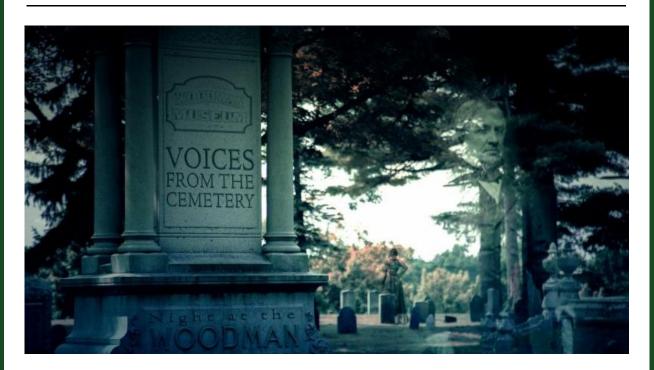


For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Dover Rotary and Gather to hold food drive this Saturday

The Rotary Club of Dover and Gather will host a Food Drive on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event will be held in the parking lot next to Tucker's Restaurant at 238 Indian Brook Drive, in Dover.

Bring non-perishable food items and help support those in need in the community



Woodman Museum fundraiser, 'Voices from the Cemetery,' to be held Oct. 22 and 23

Dozens of reincarnated spirits from Dover's past will arise from their graves at Pine Hill Cemetery, located at 131 Central Ave., to entertain, amuse, and recount their living achievements. Meet noted, nefarious, or notorious Dover citizens who will come to life beside their headstones, regaling visitors with tales of mirth, woe, and amazement. Among the residents lifting their voices in the cemetery will be several strong women who accomplished remarkable feats, some entrepreneurial businessmen, two tragic souls, and a few intrepid early colonial settlers.

The Woodman Museum "Voices from the Cemetery" takes place on Saturday, Oct. 22 and Sunday, Oct. 23. Guided tours are approximately 40 minutes long and will leave from Pine Hill's Ricker Chapel every 30 minutes. Tours begin at 10 a.m. each day and the last tour departs at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Woodman Museum, online at <u>www.woodmanmuseum.org</u>, or at the event. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Woodman Museum.

This is a family-friendly tour, suitable for all ages. Because of the uneven ground in the cemetery, the tour is not wheelchair accessible and no pets are allowed in the cemetery.

Prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

For additional information on the "Voices from the Cemetery" event, call the Woodman Museum at 603-742-1038 or visit <u>www.WoodmanMuseum.org</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>.

Oct. 19, 1652 — The General Court ordered that the northern bounds of Dover should extend from the first falls of the Newichawannock River (Salmon Falls) upon a north and by west line four miles.

Oct. 15, 1693 — At 10 o'clock in the morning, a great rumbling noise was heard by many in Dover towards the northeast, thought to be a considerable earthquake.

Oct. 16, 1746 — The Governor declared a day of public fasting and prayer on this day on account of the French fleet, which had arrived off the New Hampshire coast, and because of a diminished harvest.

Oct. 15, 1931 — All Dover businesses closed for several hours on this day during funeral services for former Mayor Arthur Whittemore. Then Mayor Jewett Chesley, by proclamation, ordered the offices of City Hall closed for the afternoon, as well. Whittemore's funeral was attended by many local and state dignitaries, including all former mayors living at that time. Throughout his life, Whittemore had been a prominent champion for Dover.

Oct. 15, 1998 — Rod Doherty, then the corporate executive editor for the former George J. Foster & Company Inc., which included Foster's Daily Democrat, was honored on this day with one of the top awards presented to New England journalists, the Yankee Quill Award. The award was presented during an Academy of New England Journalists banquet. Doherty joined Foster's Daily Democrat in 1981. At the time of the award, Doherty also oversaw all Foster's publications, including The Citizen of Laconia and the Sanford (Maine) News. Doherty retired in 2014. The family owned George J. Foster & Company Inc. was sold in 2014 to the New Media Investment Group for \$5 million. New Media Investment Group also owned Seacoast Media Group, which included the Portsmouth Herald. Both Foster's Daily Democrat and the Portsmouth Herald are now owned by Gannett, which acquired New Media Investment Group in 2019.



Friends of the Dover Public Library to hold annual book sale beginning Oct. 28

The Friends of the Dover Public Library are having a book sale beginning on Friday, Oct. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 30 in the Library Lecture Hall. All leftovers will be free on Monday, Oct. 31. Hours will be Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The Library will have hundreds of items for sale including fiction and non-fiction books, biographies, DVDS, CDs, children's books, cookbooks and more. Prices range from 50 cents to \$3, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library.

You can also get a piece of history at this year's book sale. The Dover Public Library recently replaced the slate roof that was original to the building built in 1904-1905. The Friends are selling the old slate for \$15 for one or \$10 each when buying multiples. They are being sold as is and will come with a certificate of authenticity with some history of the library. They all have holes drilled in them so they could make a nice wall hanging, garden decoration, or other repurposed use. The Friends will be selling only 1,500 of these pieces, so purchase one while you can! All proceeds from the sale of the slate goes into the Friends funds which are used to help support the library in many ways. The Friends pay for programs throughout the year, support the Summer Reading Program, purchase all of the museum passes available to patrons, and much more.



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

Local historian helps sort fact from fiction in Smuttynose murder case from 1873

For almost 150 years the moonlight ax murder of two Norwegian women on the rocky Isles of Shoals has haunted New England.

Join Dover Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. for "Case Closed on the 1873 Smuttynose Ax Murders" with historian and lecturer J. Dennis Robinson. Cut through the hoaxes, lies, rumors, and fiction surrounding this dark day in New England history including the arrest, trial and execution of 28-year old Louis Wagner, who claimed his innocence to the end.

A longtime summer steward of Smuttynose Island, Robinson lays out the facts based on his book-length study, "Mystery on the Isles of Shoals." If you read Anita Shreve's bestselling novel "The Weight of Water" or saw the Hollywood film – that's not what happened. Learn the truth in this program.

J. Dennis Robinson has published over a dozen books and 3,000 articles on history focused primarily on the seacoast region. He is the author of richly illustrated books on the Isles of Shoals, Strawbery Banke Museum, Wentworth by the Sea Hotel, and Privateer Lynx. His new award-winning hardcover, Music Hall, tracks the 400-year evolution of the performing arts in Portsmouth. His first novel, Point of Graves, is a character driven "history mystery" that explores Black history in New Hampshire's only seaport. He is currently completing a history of New Castle, a provocative study of the first NH settlement in 1623, and a comic book history of Portsmouth for kids with children's book illustrator Robert Squier. His work can be seen at jdennisrobinson.com online.

This program is free and open to the public. It was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

For more information about this event or to sign up, visit the library's website at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call (603) 516-6050.

Explore indigenous versus western knowledge of plants in book discussion

In celebration of National Native American Heritage Month, the library and New Hampshire Humanities are co-sponsoring a book discussion of "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The discussion will be held on Monday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees can choose to meet in person or virtually. Virtual attendees will need to sign up in order to receive a link to the meet up.

As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In "Braiding Sweetgrass", Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together to take us on a journey that author Elizabeth Gilbert calls "every bit as mythic as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, as clever as it is wise."

Copies of the book are available at the library's front desk to either keep or share with others. The group will be facilitated remotely by NH Humanities scholar Damian Costello of Montpelier, Vt.

Costello received his Ph.D. in theological studies from the University of Dayton and specializes in the intersection of Catholic theology, Indigenous spiritual traditions, and colonial history. He is an international expert on the life and legacy of Nicholas Black Elk and the author of Black Elk: Colonialism and Lakota Catholicism. Costello was born and raised in Vermont and his work is informed by five years of ethnographic work on the Navajo Nation. Costello serves the Director of Postgraduate Studies at NAIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community, an Indigenous designed and delivered ATS accredited graduate school. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information about this event or 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

October VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Half Baked Harvest Super Simple* by Tieghan Gerard. Throughout the month of October, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at <u>e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov</u> or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, October 16, 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. All skill levels are welcome to play. Registration required.

Monday, October 17, 3 to 4 p.m. Monday Afternoon Book Group

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register if you would like to attend remotely.

Monday, October 17, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Multilingual Book Group Educators from the UNH Community

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

Monday, October 17, 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 Tuesday, October 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Haunted Cookie Houses Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to make their own haunted houses using cookies and candies! All supplies will be provided, and you bring the creativity!

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 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, October 19, 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, Oct. 19, 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 conversation.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m Halloween STEM Event Kids in Grade 1 and up can join this spooky Halloween STEM event. Make a flying bat or a spider web; or a scary ghost or scarecrow that moves with a little bit of science.

Wednesday, October 19, 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, October 20, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime For children ages 3-6, each session focuses on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and art activities will all be part of the fun. Registration required.

Thursday, October 20, 6 to 7 p.m. Adult Escape Room: Zombie Outbreak A strange genetic mutation has led to a zombie outbreak. Re-sequence the mutated all skill levels are welcome to play.

Monday, October 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday Evening Book Group

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register if you would like to attend remotely.

Tuesday, October 18, 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, October 18, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

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Friday, October 21, 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, October 21, 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, October 22, 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. Open to grades K-4.All LEGO creations stay at the library.





Dover Band Show sounds off Saturday

The annual Dover Band Show takes place on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Dover High School's Dunaway Field. Enjoy performances from nine local high school marching bands and their color guard.

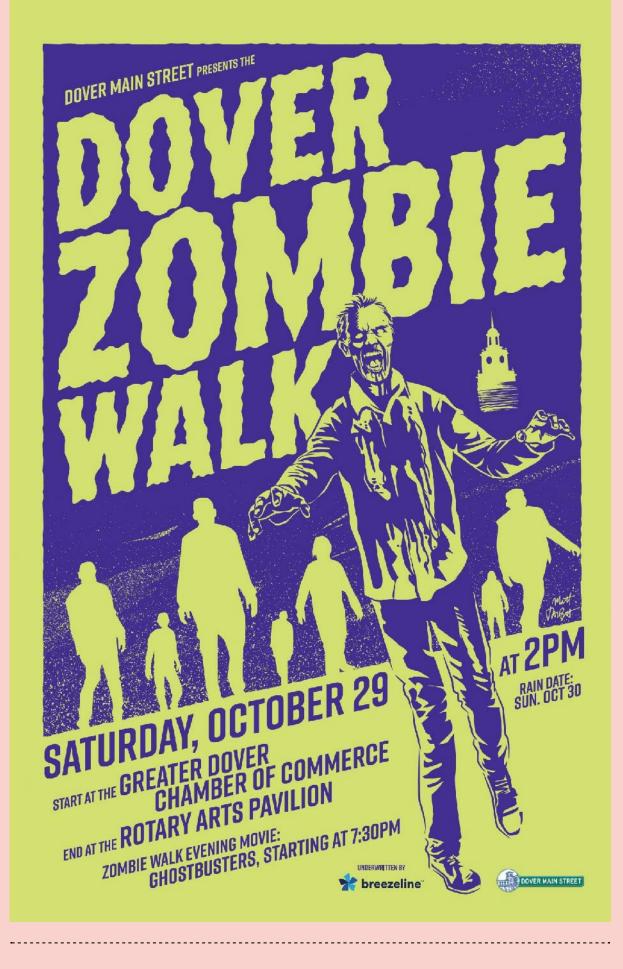
Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, free admission for those under 5, and \$25 for a family of two adults and their children. All profits support the Dover Music Department.



Trick-or-Treat in Dover is Oct. 30

Trick-or-Treat in Dover is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, from 5 to 8 p.m., the day before Halloween, as is the tradition in Dover.

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



DOVER DOG HOWLOWEEN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 11 AM - 3 PM



Dover Dog Howloween Celebration and Costume Contest is Saturday

Dover Dog Howloween is a community celebration and gathering of dog lovers and owners dressed in family-friendly costumes with their canines. Contestants will be judged as they parade up Central Avenue trick-or-treating at dog-friendly area shops.

The fourth annual celebration takes place at the Rotary Arts Pavilion in Henry Law Park on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit sponsor booths, food trucks, and beer garden, complete the Scavenger Hunt, and watch demos.

Cash prizes and raffle winners will be announced at the event.

Tickets are \$10/dog. No dog? Pay only \$5/person. Proceeds will be donated to Pope Memorial Humane Society.

Online registration closes Friday, October 14 at 12 p.m. In person registration, and check in, starts at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 15 at Henry Law Park.

Dover Dog Howloween is a production of Greg West Photography and Golden Dog Adventure Co.

This event is rain or shine. For all the details, visit DoverDogHowloween.com.

Whether you're looking to downsize or upsize, Dover Adult Learning Center has you covered

Clutter got you down? Thinking of moving into a smaller space or looking to simplify a bit? Come to DALC's Downsizing workshop on Monday, Oct. 17, from 6-8 p.m: <u>https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/downsizing-4</u>

In this housing market, it's good to have inside tips and tricks to help you get the best house for the best price. Learn from a professional realtor in this two-hour workshop on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 6-8 p.m.: <u>https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/how-to-buy-a-house-september-</u>

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Learn about digital fashion technology in this online course for students who already have a basic understanding of garment construction. This class meets online on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon: <u>https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/digital-fashion-technology/</u>



Fall leaf collection begins later this month

The City of Dover 2022 fall leaf collection will take place on the following weeks:

- Oct. 24-28
- Oct. 31-Nov. 4
- Nov. 7-12
- 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.

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

Sponsorships now available for Festival of Trees

The 13th annual Festival of Trees will be held on Friday, December 2, 2022 from 4 to 8 p.m., at Rivermill at Dover Landing, 2 Washington St.

Festival of Trees will feature over 35 trees, elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations, to be auctioned and raffled off to benefit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee.

The event also includes live choir performances, raffles, refreshments, Santa and more.

Tree sponsorship is \$65 for Chamber members and \$90 for nonmembers. The Chamber will provide the tree and tree stand. Tree sponsors provide all of the decorations, promotional items, and "swag" (gift cards, concert tickets, toys, etc.), all to be auctioned off at the end of the night.

Reach out to Hope Anderson at <u>hope@dovernh.org</u> or (603) 742-2218 to inquire about how your organization can sponsor a tree.

For more information, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at <u>https://www.dovernh.org/festival-of-trees</u>.

Dover Holiday Parade seeks volunteers,

sponsors and participants

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, seeks 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 still 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>.

Additional information about the parade, including participant, sponsor and volunteer information, can be found at <u>https://cochechofriends.com/</u>.

Electricity, fuel and rental assistance available through Community Action Partnership of Strafford County

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) provides financial assistance to those who qualify for electricity, fuel and rental bills. If a client was denied before, CACSC encourages them to apply again, as program parameters may have shifted.

Eligible clients may receive a discount on their monthly electric bill, from 8% to 76%, and/or an additional fuel benefit depending on gross household income and household size. Earlier this month, the state legislature allocated \$35 million for a new emergency energy assistance this fall and winter to New Hampshire residents earning from 60% to 75% of the state's median income. Households that do not fall into the traditional fuel assistance program are eligible for the new program. The income requirements for all programs are based on the number of people in a household.

- Household of one: \$38,970 to \$48,711
- Household of two: \$50,960 to \$63,699
- Household of three: \$62,951 to \$78,688
- Household of four: \$74,942 to \$93,676
- Household of five: \$86,932 to \$108,634
- Household of six: \$98,923 to \$123,653
- Household of seven: \$101,171 to \$126,463
- Household of eight: \$103,420 to \$129,274

The state has not yet implemented the program, but CAPSC urges those who are eligible to apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP). If clients are determined to be over the income requirements for that program, CAPSC will have their information ready when the state's expanded emergency energy assistance program is finalized. Those who are below the above income requirements would be eligible for regular assistance and should also apply for LiHEAP.

Strafford County residents seeking to apply for assistance should set up an appointment via CAPSC's online scheduler at https://straffordcap.itfrontdesk.com/apptonline/landing.html?client_code=STRAFORD. The appointment scheduler includes all the information clients need to bring to qualify for assistance.

Detailed information about available programs is available at the CAPSC website <u>https://straffordcap.org</u>, including:

- Fuel assistance (LiHEAP): https://straffordcap.org/fuel-assistance/
- Electric assistance: <u>https://straffordcap.org/electrical-assistance/</u>
- Rental assistance: https://straffordcap.org/our-services/housing-homeless-outreach/housing-nherap/

For more information, contact CAPSC at 603-435-2500.

Dover Turkey Trot returns this Thanksgiving

The annual Dover Turkey Trot is now open for registration.

This 5k road race on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 24, is designed for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. The Dover Turkey Trot is the final race of the Dover Race Series and Garrison School's largest fundraiser.

Sign up family, friends and children and make the Dover Turkey Trot a Thanksgiving morning tradition.

For more information, visit <u>www.facebook.com/doverturkeytrot</u> and <u>www.doverturkeytrot.com</u> to register.

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
- Police Secretary I
- Assessing Technician
- Deputy Tax Collector
- Account Clerk II
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- 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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