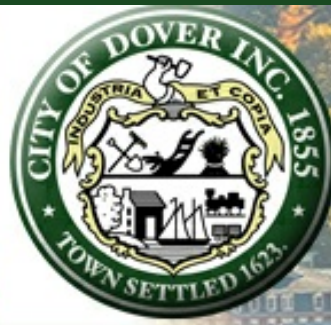


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 28, 2022



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Monday-Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 5:30



With many others' assistance, Gary Bannon and Elizabeth Fischer helped make the new Dover Olympian historical marker located in Henry Law Park a reality.

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Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
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Recycling
Center hours:

Tuesday,
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Dover Olympians honored in Faces of Dover historical marker

Those who have visited Henry Law Park recently have likely noticed a new historical marker with photos and brief bios of seven Dover-connected Olympians.

The marker, part of the [Faces of Dover](#) history project, was installed last month at the top entrance of the park at 6 Washington St., near the corner of Henry Law Avenue and Washington Street. It is a partnership [Recreation Advisory Board](#), [Dover 400 Committee](#), [Faces of Dover](#), [Dover Main Street](#) and the City of Dover.

The Olympians honored on the marker:

- **Ted Vogel**, Marathon, 1948 London;
- **Barbara Marois**, Field Hockey, 1988 Seoul and 1996 Atlanta;
- **Jennie Marshall**, Rowing, 1988 Seoul;
- **Cathy Schiro O'Brien**, Marathon, 1988 Seoul, 1992 Barcelona;
- **Jenny Thompson**, Swimming, 1992 Barcelona, 1996 Atlanta, 2000 Sydney, 2004 Athens;
- **Jessica Parratto**, Synchronized Platform Diving, 2016 Rio de Janeiro, 2020 Tokyo;
- **Liza Corso**, Running, 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

Discussions to create a marker began in earnest with the Recreation Advisory Board, starting in June 2021, just ahead of the Tokyo Olympics, where two Dover athletes competed: Jessica Parratto and Liza Corso. Recreation Director Gary Bannon and board member Elizabeth Fischer wanted to have something in place for Dover's 400 anniversary in 2023. Part of the board's work revolved around creating criteria for what constituted a Dover Olympic athlete.

After establishing the criteria, the committee, with the public's help, sought to ensure all Dover-connected Olympians were honored. From there, a team of over 20 Dover citizens helped make it a reality, from research, writing and editing copy, fact-checking and designing the final marker that now stands in Henry Law Park.

"It all came together after a lot of hard work," said Fischer, the volunteer project coordinator. "It is a nice tribute to the athletes and citizens that made it happen."

A formal dedication ceremony is planned for next year during the city's 400th-anniversary celebration.

Bannon said it's long been a goal of his to update the city's recognition of its elite athletes. In the 1990s, the Recreation Advisory Board brought forth the installation of signs honoring Jenny Thompson and Cathy Schiro O'Brien. One of those signs remains on Central Avenue near the Spaulding Turnpike overpass.

Find more information about the Olympians at <https://www.facesofdover.org/olympians/>. It is one of 32 Faces of Dover markers throughout the city.



SOS awarded contract to operate Tri-City warming center beginning in November

SOS seeking manager, volunteers to assist with operations

Strafford County, through a partnership with the cities of Dover, Somersworth and Rochester, has contracted with SOS Community Recovery Organization to operate the warming center on Willand Drive in Somersworth on an emergency basis, from Nov. 25, 2022, through March 31, 2023.

SOS estimates it will be open 70 to 90 nights through the winter season. When activated, the warming center will be available for those seeking shelter from 5 p.m. through 9 a.m. the following morning. SOS is partnering with area agencies, including Red's Good Vibes, which will help provide food. SOS will also need volunteers and support from local restaurants, supermarkets, and agencies involved in food insecurity to provide nutritious meals and snacks.

Volunteer training sessions

SOS will conduct at least three volunteer trainings at the warming center before Nov. 25. Those seeking to volunteer should complete a volunteer application available on SOS's warming center page www.sosrco.org/what-we-do/willand-warming/. SOS states that volunteers will be required to have COVID-19 vaccines and flu shots, among other vaccinations. When activated, all staff, volunteers and participants must wear a mask inside the warming center. When activated, the warming center will open at 4 p.m. for staff and volunteers and 5 p.m. for participants. It will remain open and will remain open until 9 a.m. the following morning for participants, with volunteer and staff clean-up through 10 a.m.

Warming center manager, coordinators needed

SOS will hire a full-time warming center manager, two part-time coordinators and six to 10 per-diem coordinators. Interested people should email resumes to SOS Director John Burns at John@sosrco.org. Paid per-diem warming center coordinators would work four to 12-hour shifts between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.

City Manager updates City Council, public on warming center bid process

At this week's City Council meeting, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. provided an update on the bid process for the warming center. At the time, Strafford County was still finalizing the contract with SOS.

[Click here](#) to view Joyal's update on the warming center.

SOS' proposal was one of two received through the request for proposals issued by the City of Rochester on behalf of the tri-cities to operate the warming center this winter, Joyal said. Following a review of its submission, Strafford County and tri-city officials have recommended engaging SOS to operate the facility. The Strafford County Commissioners have also arranged to provide additional funding that SOS identified in its proposal beyond the previously budgeted amounts for the warming center's operation. Dover and Rochester each budgeted \$50,000 for operations, and Somersworth agreed to provide police, fire and emergency medical services for the center's operation.

Joyal said the county offered to serve as the contracting entity with SOS. He said this would ensure appropriate oversight provided by a county's human service staff member who has extensive training and experience in serving homeless populations and previously served as the state's homeless services expert during the COVID pandemic. Joyal said details on the warming center's activations procedures used in extreme weather conditions, including communication responsibilities and channels to be utilized, are being finalized and will be publicized soon.

The City of Dover owns the warming center facility at 31 Willand Dr., Somersworth. It was purchased in late 2020 with federal funds to help ease pressure on regional facilities that provide services to the unhoused during the first winter of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public services available for those in need

Joyal also reminded the council and the public that anyone needing emergency shelter, food or medical care should visit the public welfare office in the municipality where they live.

Dover's Welfare Office is at 61 Locust St., on the McConnell Center's third floor. It is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 603-516-6500 or visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-welfare/ for more information.

In addition to the welfare offices, those in need can also visit the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, located at 577 Central Ave., in Dover. CAPSC provides an array of services to address various needs, including for unhoused persons. CAPSC is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact 603-435-2500 or visit straffordcap.org/ for more information.

City facilities serve as warming and cooling centers

Dover's public facilities are available any time of the year for those who need respite from the weather conditions, whether heat or cold, rain or snow, life-threatening or otherwise. During regular business hours, City Hall, the McConnell Center and the Dover Public Library remain open and available for anyone to come in from the weather. At any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Dover Police and Dover Fire department facilities remain open and available for anyone to visit and request assistance on the spot, Joyal said.

The Dover Police Department, at 46 Chestnut St., has a lobby with seats that can be accessed any time.



City Council adopts FY2024-29 Capital Improvements Program

At its meeting on Oct. 26, the City Council [approved three resolutions](#) to adopt the FY2024-2029 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The CIP was first presented to the City Council and Planning Board in September. Following public hearings and a workshop, the Planning Board adopted the CIP earlier in October, recommending the proposal to the City Council, which held additional public hearings prior to the Oct. 26 vote.

The CIP prioritizes all capital spending of \$25,000 or more for items with a useful life of three years or longer. Based on City Council financing policy, funding for these items includes bonding, the annual operating budget or other types of financing. This six-year program links infrastructure spending to the goals and values outlined in the city's Master Plan. Through this process, the city identifies projects within the six-year timeline, based on the priorities established in our Master Plan.

The first year of the adopted CIP will be included in the proposed citywide operating budget, which will be presented to the City Council in February.

Many of the items included in the CIP are annual, ongoing capital projects, such as improvements to streets and sidewalks, wastewater and water system maintenance and improvements, police cruisers, facility maintenance and more.

The initial CIP presentation in September was earlier than in past years following the City Council's ordinance change that moves the citywide budget adoption date to April 15 from June 15.

More information about the CIP can be found on a special section of the city's website devoted to the program, accessible at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/special-projects/cip/>. The online resource includes the proposed CIP, which can be viewed or downloaded, and additional information about the projects, by category, in the first year of the CIP.



Trick-or-Treat in Dover is Sunday

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.

Property assessments updated following citywide valuation

The City of Dover's Tax Assessment Office has completed its annual review of property valuations and mailed updated valuations to property owners whose valuations changed in the past tax year.

As stipulated by state law, property valuations reflect market conditions as the property existed on April 1, 2022, the first day of the 2022 property tax year in New Hampshire.

The city's overall assessed valuation for the 2022 tax year increased by \$633,130,490 to \$5,222,817,620, a 13.8% increase over the 2021 tax year, comprised of three categories: Residential, commercial and industrial, and public utilities.

Overall residential assessed values increased 14.7% to \$3,882,439,840. Overall public utility valuations increased 5% to \$101,380,200, and overall commercial and industrial properties valuations increased by 11.7% to \$1,238,997,580. The commercial and industrial category includes apartment complexes, which increased by 5.1% to \$459,564,400. General commercial and industrial properties, excluding apartment complexes, increased by 15.7% to \$806,210,750.

The average single-family residential assessment increased by \$57,888 to \$471,406, a 14% increase. The average commercial assessment, including apartment complexes, increased by \$126,113 to \$1,279,956, a 10.9% increase. The valuations for all properties in the City of Dover are posted in the Tax Year 2022 List of Assessed Values report available at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/assessment-reports/>.

Residential valuations make up 74.3% of all valuations for tax year 2022. Last year, it was 73.7%. Commercial valuations make up 23.8% of all valuations for this year, compared to 24.2% last year. Public utility valuations are now 1.9% of overall valuations, compared to 2.1% last year.

The updated assessments will be reflected in the upcoming 2022 property tax bill. The City of Dover's tax rate has not yet been set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration but is anticipated to occur around mid-November. Once the tax rate is certified, the first half of the property tax bill will be printed and mailed to property owners.

The update of individual property assessments comes after Tax Assessment Office staff completed their annual review of property assessments. The citywide revaluation includes a comprehensive review of market changes that affect property values and is integral to maintaining updated valuations. In addition to the citywide revaluation, assessment staff inspects and reviews about 20% of all properties annually on a rotating basis. The goal of setting assessed values in any year is to bring equity to the tax base by setting assessed values as close to market price as possible while maintaining consistency across various property classes, such as residential, commercial and public utilities.

Property owners may appeal their property tax assessment for the 2022 tax year by filing an [abatement](#) application with Tax Assessment Office by March 1, 2023. Please note: filing an abatement application does not stay the collection of taxes, and taxes should be paid as assessed. If an abatement is granted, the city will issue a refund with interest.

For more information about the updated assessments, or if you are a property owner and did not receive the letter, contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014 or visit the office at City Hall. The office is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may also visit the Tax Assessment page, <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/>.

Dover Police hold Drug Take Back Day Saturday

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Dover Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent prescription drug and opioid abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs as well as vape pens and e-cigarette devices (with batteries removed). These items can be brought to the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut St. for disposal. The service is free, anonymous, and no questions will be asked.

Dover, like communities across the state, continues to see the impacts of the opioid crisis. Youth vaping is on the rise and a concern as well.

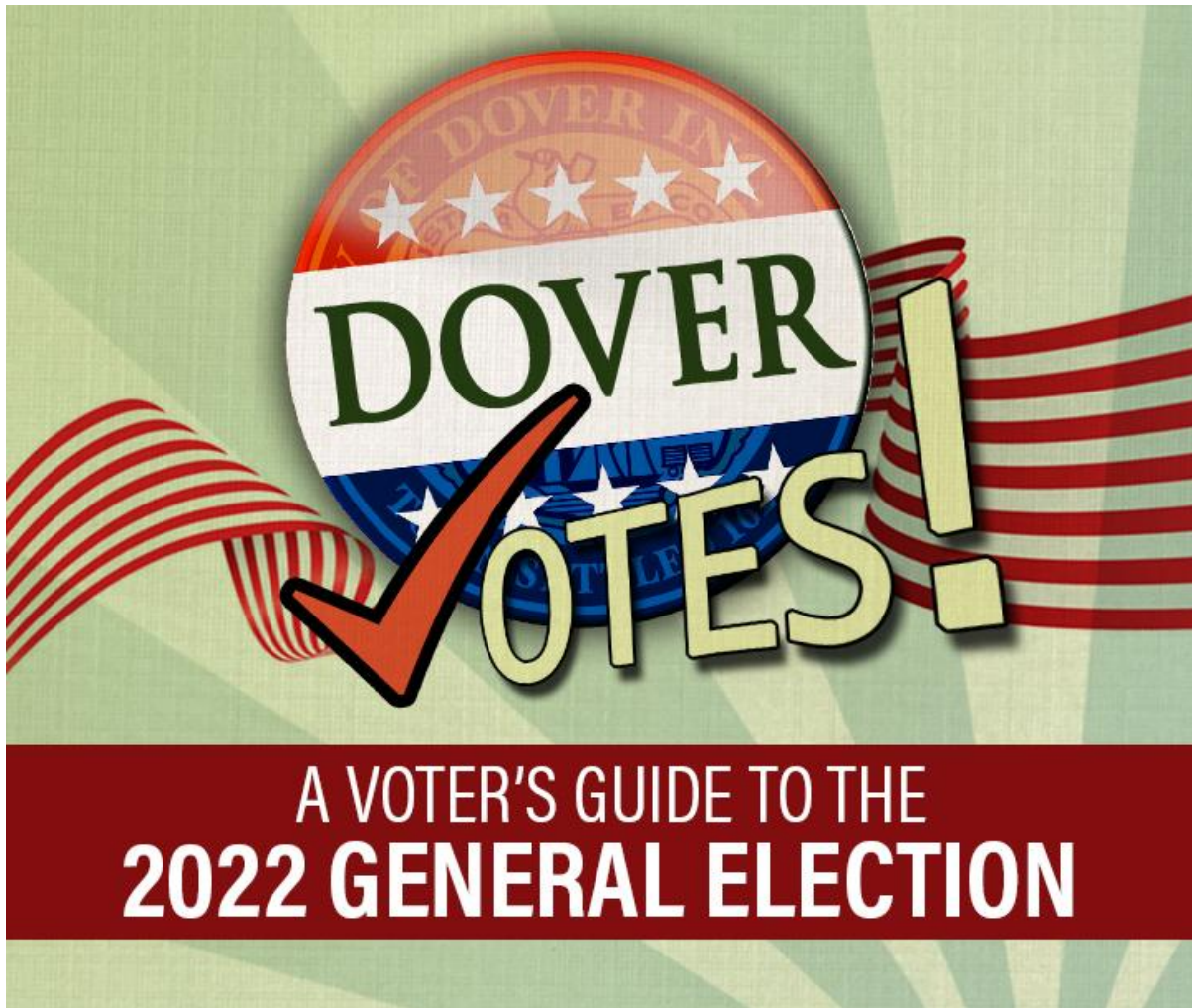
According to Dover Police Chief William Breault, "The annual Drug Take Back events play a critical role in the Dover Police Department's substance abuse prevention strategy. These events provide an opportunity for members of the public to safely and anonymously dispose of their medications and vape devices. This is a key strategy to accomplish the goal of minimizing unauthorized access and potential abuse of these substances".

According to the DEA, unused medications that are flushed down the toilet contaminate the water supply. Unused prescription drugs simply thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. To avoid that, when throwing medications away, be sure to mix the medication with undesirable items such as coffee grounds or cat litter. There are also several anonymous drop boxes around the region including one in the lobby of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

The Dover Police Department has also partnered with RALI NH to provide free drug disposal bags to the public. The bags can be picked up at the event and are also available 24/7 at the police station. The bags are designed to provide individuals with a safe way to dispose of

medications at home throughout the year.

For more information about the take back event and disposal tips visit the DEA website at www.DEA.gov. If you want to learn more about how you can get involved, contact the Dover Coalition for Youth at 603-516-3279 or online at www.DoverCoalition.org.



State General Election is Nov. 8

The state general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, and polls in Dover will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballots are available to voters who cannot make it to the polls that day.

The election ballot includes races for federal, state and county offices, including Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representative, Sheriff, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate and County Commissioners. The ballot also includes two constitutional questions.

Information about the election, including sample ballots, can be found on the City of Dover's [2022 General Election page](#) or the New Hampshire Secretary of State's [elections page](#). In addition, City Clerk Susan Mistretta appeared on a recent Dover Download podcast to discuss the upcoming election, and what voters should know. The [podcast can be heard here](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

Supervisors of the Checklist in session on Nov. 1

The Supervisors of the Checklist for Dover will be in session on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to register new voters and make corrections that may be necessary to the checklist, such as changes of address and name changes. The session will be held in the City

This is the last time to register to vote before the election. Voters may register to vote at their polling location on Election Day. To vote, you must be a City of Dover resident 18 years of age or older on the day of the election and a United States citizen. There is no minimum time required to have lived in Dover before registering. Those registering to vote must show photo identification or sign an affidavit that they are eligible to vote where they say they are. Any voter who signs an affidavit also has their picture taken.

Polling locations

Dover has the following six polling places:

Ward 1 - [Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School \(formerly Horne Street Elementary School\), 78 Horne St.](#)

Ward 2 - [Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.](#)

Ward 3 - [Woodman Park Elementary School, 11 Towle Ave.](#)

Ward 4 - [Garrison School, 50 Garrison Road](#)

Ward 5 - [Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive](#)

Ward 6 - [Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road](#)

Voters may only vote in the ward where they live. Please note: On Feb. 9, 2022, the City Council [adopted](#) new ward boundaries through an ordinance change to ensure near-equal representation in Dover's six political wards based on 2020 Census Data. This ward redistricting affected about 1,500 voting households in Dover, informed by mail from City Clerk Susan Mistretta earlier this year.

Voters whose wards have changed will vote in different polling locations than their previous ward. Residents may check which ward they live in utilizing the [interactive ward map](#).

Absentee ballots are available at City Clerk's Office

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 8, 2022 election are now available at the City Clerk's Office. Per state law, voters may cast an absentee ballot if they will be absent on election day, cannot appear in public on any election day because of their observance of a religious commitment, or is unable to vote in person because of a physical disability. Voters who cannot get to their polling place during polling hours because of an employment obligation or caring for others may also vote via absentee ballot.

How to receive an absentee ballot

To receive an absentee ballot, complete the [2022 Absentee Ballot Application](#), located in the link below, and deliver it to the City Clerk's Office by mail, fax or hand delivery. The office is located in the Customer Service Center on City Hall's ground floor. The mailing address is 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Track Absentee Ballot status

Voters may track the status of their absentee ballot via the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballots/absentee-ballot-status>.

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

Utility work, lane reduction on Back River Road on Nov. 2

To accommodate private utility work, Back River Road will be reduced to one lane, alternated

by flaggers on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The work is to occur near 54 Back River Road.



Upcoming Meetings:

Library Board of Trustees, November 3, 4 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 3, 2022, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Public Library. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Planning Board, November 8, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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



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.

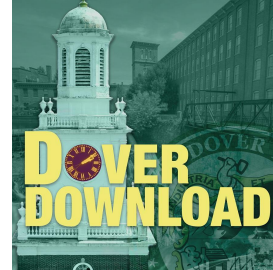
Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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

In addition to each week's email

[government/public-meetings/](#).

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>.



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

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

Nov. 3, 1828 — The results from Dover in the Presidential election are tallied, with 505 votes cast for John Quincy Adams and 322 votes for Andrew Jackson. Adams, who was serving as the sixth president of the United States at that time, would be succeeded by Andrew Jackson as a result of the election. Jackson became the seventh President of the nation in March of 1829.

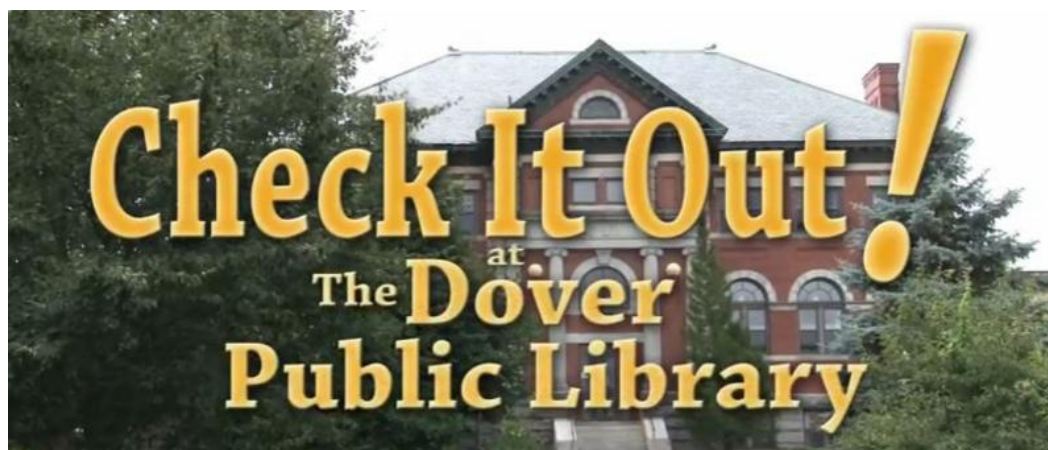
Oct. 31, 1846 — A dwelling house and barn with a yoke of oxen, a cow, and a large quantity of hay, belonging to Moses Whittier on Academy (Waldron) street, were burned. The same night another barn belonging to the same person, a mile distant, at Whittier's Falls, was burned. Both fires were caused by incendiaries, for the detection of whom the selectmen were authorized to offer a reward of \$500.

Nov. 2, 1863 — On this day, the Boston and Maine Railroad signed a 50-year lease with the Dover and Winnepesaukee Railroad, agreeing to pay \$29,000 each year, and buying all the railroad's rolling stock.

Oct. 28, 1926 — Law enforcement officials warn banks in Dover to be on alert for a possible "raid by gunmen" from New York. As a result, Dover Police sent officers to help guard the city's banks, including the Strafford and Merchants bank buildings. The warning to Dover bank was part of an alert that also included banks in Manchester, Nashua and Rochester. The State Bank Commission said the banks may have been targeted because of the large payroll deposits processed by each institution. Local merchants were also advised to keep less cash on hand as a precaution. Police were also dispatched to the Dover Post Office to protect valuable shipments that were also a potential target. The extra protection would last for several days, until the threat was deemed over.

Nov. 2, 1996 — Mary Caplette became the oldest graduate to date of the Dover Adult Learning Center in Dover, passing her high school equivalency exam in September of that year at age 70. She said she was inspired to get her diploma after her granddaughter graduated from the now-defunct McIntosh College, which also handed out some diplomas to senior citizens. Caplette, who was a Rochester resident, said she was unsure of her future in 1941 and dropped out of Spaulding High School as a 15-year-old freshman to marry. With children and grandchildren to follow, she thought her school days were over. Debbie Tasker, who was then

the director of the Adult Learning Center said, "We've had 2,559 graduates since 1968. Many of them were people who returned to school after being away for 20 or 30 or 40 years, but Mary is the first 70-year-old. She's an inspiration for others who may be thinking about coming back to school. Mary is proof that it's never too late to learn and that learning is a lifelong venture." Caplette would tell Foster's Daily Democrat, "When you're married, life is different. My life now is full. I'm busy all the time. Even my kids have to make appointments with me."



History of the USS Albacore at Dover Public Library

Nestled away off the highway in Portsmouth is 204 feet of steel that changed Naval history forever.

Join the Dover Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. for an early Veteran's Day program exploring the history of the USS Albacore and those who served on it. The in-person program will be presented by Patti Violette, executive director of the USS Albacore Museum.

The USS Albacore was designed and maintained by the craftsmen of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and holds the distinction of being the first boat built specifically to operate underwater. Prior to its creation, submarines served as surface vessels that could submerge. It also was the first designed with the teardrop-shaped hull, which is now the standard for today's submarines.

Commissioned in 1953, the USS Albacore served as the Navy's "floating laboratory", testing equipment, control systems, and innovative theories, until 1972. It wasn't until May of 1985 when the submarine made its way back home to Portsmouth.

Violette is the USS Albacore Museum's first woman director and fourth in its history. She has over 20 years of experience in the museum industry including Old Fort Western in Augusta, the Shirley-Eustis House in Roxbury and the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. She has a master's in education from Thomas College and an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Southern Maine in Portland.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

The Week at the Library

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

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.

small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

**Monday, October 28, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
STEM Pre-School Storytime**

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

Registration required.

**Monday, October 28, 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, October 28, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Fresh Air Storytime**

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

Registration required.

**Monday, October 28, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: Adults**

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

**Tuesday, October 29, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Mother Goose on the Loose**
For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30-minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, other props and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

**Tuesday, October 29, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for 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, October 30, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime**

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

**Thursday, November 1, 10 to 11 a.m.
Cover 2 Cover Book Group**
Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. November's selection is *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

**Thursday, November 1, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Arts and Crafts Storytime**
Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun.
Registration required.

**Friday, November 2, All Day
Library Closed for Staff Development**



**Seacoast Chambers, Workforce Housing
Coalition to host Housing Summit**

The 2022 Seacoast Housing Summit will be held Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Governor's Inn & Restaurant located at 78 Wakefield St. in Rochester. Refreshments and registration will open at 8 a.m. and the program will run from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The cost is \$15 for chamber members and \$25 for the general public. The Housing Summit is produced in partnership by the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast and the Seacoast Chamber Alliance. To register, visit dovernh.org/housing.

New Hampshire is at an economic crossroads. Businesses are struggling to find workers because workers are struggling to find housing. It's estimated that the state needs 20,000-30,000 new housing units statewide to continue its economic growth and house the workforce. Join regional stakeholders and chamber members for a light breakfast and discussion with business leaders and those working to address the housing crisis in their communities.

Panelists for the event include Rochester Mayor Paul Callaghan, Portsmouth Assistant Mayor Joanna Kelley, and Housing Partnership Executive Director Marty Chapman. Sarah Wrightsman, community engagement coordinator for New Hampshire Housing, will serve as the moderator and the keynote speaker will be Mike Skelton, president and chief executive officer of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire.

"New Hampshire is facing a significant housing shortage. It's impacting our economic growth, our businesses, and the workforce that keeps our communities moving," says Nick Taylor, executive director of the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast. "The 2022 Seacoast Housing Summit will explore these challenges and more. We are excited to gather the business community and regional leaders for this important conversation."

The Seacoast Housing Summit is sponsored by Cambridge Trust, Eastern Bank, Kennebunk Savings, Northeast Credit Union, Partners Bank, Northeast Credit Union, and the New Hampshire Association of Realtors.

The Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast is a small nonprofit whose mission is to ensure a range of housing options is affordable and available to the diverse workforce in the greater seacoast area of New Hampshire and southern Maine. For more information visit seacoastwhc.org or call (603) 842-5682.

The Seacoast Chamber Alliance consists of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth, and the Falls Chamber of Commerce. For more information go to visitseacoastnh.com.



Dover Chamber hosts ‘Chamber Appreciation Day’ breakfast

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) celebrated national Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day on Wednesday, Oct. 19 by hosting a ‘Chamber Appreciation Day’ breakfast.

Over 40 valued chamber members attended the event to network and enjoy a breakfast prepared by chamber staff and volunteers. Breakfast items were donated by The Nook, The Sassy Biscuit Co., Panera Bread, Two Bees Café + Patisserie, and Earth’s Harvest Kitchen & Juicery.

Along with networking, the event featured trivia questions that helped members get to know the chamber staff. Sixty-two businesses and organizations have joined the Dover chamber so far in 2022, and that number continues to grow.

“The chamber’s 100th anniversary party planned for 2020 didn’t happen due to COVID, so this was a great opportunity to get everyone together to celebrate the chamber and its initiatives in the community,” says GDCC Membership and Business Programs Manager Melissa Launder.

Sponsors for the event included Bangor Savings Bank, Leone, McDonnell & Roberts P.A., Coastal Mi-Box, Mr. Electric, Clean-O-Rama, Wildside Candle Co., and Dover 400. The chamber wrapped up Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day with a Business Open House at First Seacoast Bank in the evening.

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



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The Dover Adult Learning Center can help you get your affairs in order

Would you like some guidance in getting your affairs in order? Join our Dying To-Do List workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 9: <https://tinyurl.com/3puuu379>

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Get the basics of reiki and learn both hands-on and hands-off practices in this two-hour workshop on Saturday, Nov. 12: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh2yzuu>



Fall leaf collection ongoing

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

- 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. In addition to these regular hours, the Recycling Center will also be open on Sundays from Nov. 6 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**
- **Police Secretary I**
- **Bookkeeper - Community Services**
- **Maintenance Mechanic - Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic / Automotive Technician**
- **Assessing Technician**
- **Deputy Tax Collector**
- **Account Clerk II**

- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- City Planner
- Arena Attendant

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

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