

# OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA



## Welcome to Dover's first digital newsletter!

In Dover there are many volunteers and Town staff working to keep the Town running smoothly. This newsletter will summarize what they are working on, the important decisions that are being made that will affect you and your family, and the projects that are impacting our town and events that you can get involved in.

We hope you enjoy this and find it useful. This is a volunteer driven effort and if you would like to get involved or have any feedback, we'd love to hear from you at [websiteteam@doverma.gov](mailto:websiteteam@doverma.gov)

If you would like to submit content for the December issue, please contact Ruth Townsend at [aaandrtownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:aaandrtownsend@yahoo.com)

 **Sign up for updates** 

If you're receiving this newsletter from a friend or seeing it on social media, you can sign up via the link below to get this newsletter and other news alerts from the town too!  
<https://www.doverma.gov/list.aspx>

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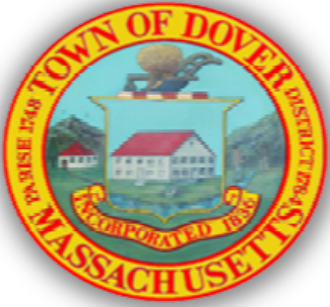
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# Board of Selectmen



The Board of Selectmen have set an ambitious agenda for this Fiscal Year. From creating stabilization funds to strengthen the Town's financial position, to engaging a professional engineering firm to assist the Town in developing long-term water strategies, you can read all about the Town's priorities for FY' 22 [here](#).



Don't forget that you can tune in to watch the Board of Selectmen's meetings live on alternating Thursdays at 6:30pm on Zoom, or watch afterwards via the [Dover YouTube channel](#).

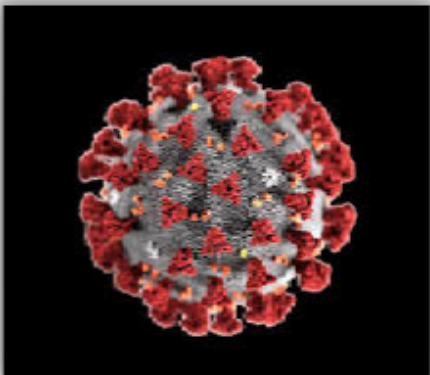
## Board of Health

Since COVID-19 as a public health concern is evolving, residents can expect that information and recommendations may change. The Town will provide updates as needed, which will be posted on the Town's [COVID-19 page](#).

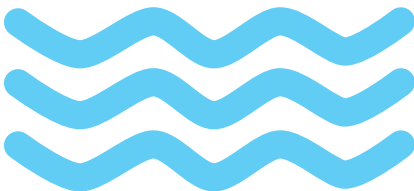
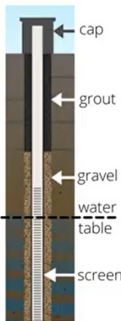
### Click for more COVID-19 resources:

- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#)
- [CDC](#)

As you can imagine COVID-19 has been a key focus for our Board of Health, working with other committees and the schools to keep the town safe. Less in the public eye, but still important, has been work to look into the critical question of how much rain does Dover get and how much of that ends up in the ground and available to become drinking water. Dover has 13 monitoring wells (2 more being installed soon) that are helping the town understand how our groundwater moves and better determine the resource needs for the future. The [Dover Water Resource page](#) contains all of Dover's water related updates, conservation resources, and water FAQs, including a [monitoring well dashboard](#) that tracks this data.

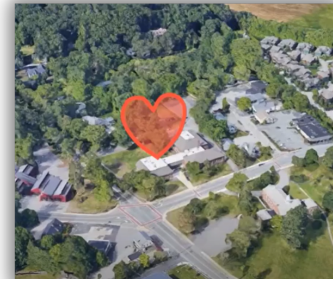


**NEW**  
Monitoring  
well data now  
available!



# Community Center Building Committee

The Committee has continued to meet over the summer and through the Fall, moving forward with the final designs, getting an updated cost estimate, and then moving onto the construction drawings in order to be ready to go out to bid. Click [here](#) for all the latest information.



## Warrant Committee



The Warrant Committee has already been busy this Fall looking at the big picture of the Town's finances. It have been liaising with Town Committees and supporting them in the budgeting process. Click [here](#) to see their guidance this year. And don't forget the Blue Book that you receive in the mail before a Town Meeting. The Warrant Committee is already looking at potential Warrant Articles that may end up in the Blue Book.

Click [here](#) for Town budget & financial information for the current year and access previous year's budgets.

## Dover Cultural Council

Help them decide where the money should go! The Dover Cultural Council annually awards grants that bring cultural enrichment to Dover residents through performances, exhibits, education programs, and demonstrations. These grants are intended to enhance the quality of life and contribute to the cultural vitality of Dover. The Council is inviting Dover residents to get involved this year and help them set their priorities in allocating grant money. Click [here](#) to fill out a quick survey.



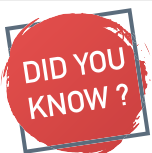
## Parks and Recreation



**Registration is OPEN now for Winter programs!**

[Click here](#) to see what the Town is offering for programs.

Up for some holiday fun? Take part in the first Dover Parks & Rec Flag Football Turkey Bowl! Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

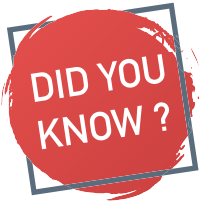


**Parks and Recreation have a newsletter too!!**  
**Click on logo to download**

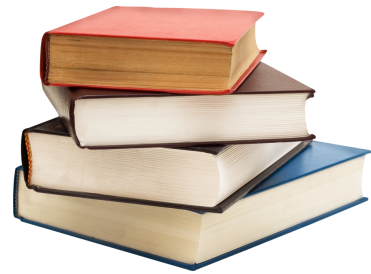


# Library

Join us in congratulating Mrs. Chip Spalding, a recent recipient of the Dover Town Library Trustees' Recognition Award for Outstanding Service. Nominated by her colleagues on Friends of the Dover Town Library, "Chip guided the team's [fundraising] efforts with poise and determination. She is an inspiration to us all." Thanks to Chip and others, the Friends' considerable financial support covers 100% of the library's programs and adds to the collections, activity centers, digital subscriptions, museum passes, and more. This reliable funding, in turn, preserves the municipal budget for core costs.



**Our library is open for more than two times the hours the Commonwealth would expect of a town our size**



## Recycling Committee

### Dover Special Recycling Weekend a Great Success!

The focus of Dover's recycling efforts is Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and town residents resoundingly supported this mission at the semi-annual special recycling weekend on Oct. 16 and 17. The Dover Recycling Committee thanks all who participated. Residents shredded 5000 lbs. of personal documents courtesy of Norfolk District Attorney, Michael Morrissey.

The Town's generosity to the monthly New Life Furniture Bank collection day resulted in an entire truckload of much-needed furniture and household goods. Each collection day Dover residents have donated sufficient items to furnish an apartment. We will next be collecting for them all-day Saturday, Nov. 20 and Monday, Dec. 20.

Dover Mobil facilitated the recycling of over 80 tires, which are accepted only on special recycling weekends. Bikes Not Bombs collected over 40 bikes and helmets for their overseas economic development projects and their Boston-based Youth Programs focused on bicycle repair training.



# Our Schools



Before you skip to the next item because you don't have kids in the system, 😊 take a look at what the schools are doing, how they're partnering with groups in town and how you can be involved and help support the schools, our Dover-Sherborn sports teams and drama groups!



## International Night – all welcome!

Chickering Elementary School and the PTO are hosting International Night, a celebration of the diversity and family traditions of all of our families. The event is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 5:00-6:30PM. The event will be held outside at Chickering, weather permitting, and all COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Everyone is welcome.

## Socks for Soldiers

Chickering Cares, a branch of Chickering's PTO which provides opportunities for our students and families to contribute to the community around them, conducted a Socks for Soldiers drive the week of Oct. 25. Letters of support to our troops were also included. All items will be bundled with other donations to make care packages.

## Thinking of Spring?

Recently Chickering hosted a bulb planting event for all students during recess and a number of Dover Senior Citizens joined in for the planting!

## Meet the new interim Superintendent

We have a new interim Superintendent, Kathy Smith. [Click here](#) to watch a short interview with her, recorded by pupils of D-S High School for Dover-Sherborn Cable TV.



# Our Schools cont.

## DS Drama to return to the stage!

The Dover-Sherborn High School Drama Program is excited to return to the Mudge Auditorium stage Nov. 5 and Nov. 6 with its annual Fall Play. This year's production is a 2004 vignette play called *Almost, Maine* by John Cariani (revision c. 2018). Propelled by the mystical energy of the northern lights and populated with characters who are humorous, plain-spoken, thoughtful, and sincere, *Almost, Maine* is a series of loosely connected surreal tales about love, loss, and hope - each with a compelling couple at its center, each with its own touch of fantasy. Performances are Friday, Nov. 5 at 7pm and Saturday, Nov. 6 at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at [www.ticketstage.com](http://www.ticketstage.com) or at the door. Please join us this November for a modern light-hearted midwinter fantasy!

The Dover-Sherborn Middle School also return to stage on Dec. 9, 10, and 11, with the Disney musical *Descendants*. More information and tickets will be available later in the month also at [www.ticketstage.com](http://www.ticketstage.com).



## Cheer on your town teams!

The Athletics Dept. has had a busy and successful Fall. [Click here](#) for the fall newsletter. Winter sports start soon, watch this space for more information and how you can support your local teams.

**Boards and Committees: Want to contribute to next month's newsletter?** Please submit content to Ruth at [aandrtownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:aandrtownsend@yahoo.com) by Nov. 15

**We hope you have enjoyed this slice of life from Our Town look out for our next update at the beginning of December. Until then enjoy the fall!**

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