

OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA

Welcome to the April issue of OUR TOWN

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and Dover couldn't be more grateful for the many volunteers who help us to run the Town. So many of the events and projects that you read about in this newsletter are volunteer led. Thank you to everyone who helps out whatever the size of role or number of hours! There's tons to unpack in this issue, including the Town's new webpage for current and potential board/committee volunteers, the 2022 Open Space Committee walk schedule, the long awaited return of the swap shop, and program updates from Parks and Recreation and the Library.

If you are part of a town board/committee and would like to submit content for the May issue, please contact Ruth Townsend at aaandrtownsend@yahoo.com

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Congratulations to Dover Parks and Recreation who were awarded the Community Impact Award at the 2022 Massachusetts State Conference!

Board of Selectmen



Interested in serving on a committee/board? The Town's [new volunteer webpage](#) went live this week ahead of Volunteer Appreciate Month.

We hope residents find it valuable in navigating the process of joining a board/committee and that current members find it useful as a centralized location of materials and trainings.

Meet the Team!

Each month we're going to highlight a member of our team, what they do, and what projects they're working on. This month we'd like to introduce you to Kevin McCabe, DPW Director

Kevin McCabe is the Director of Public Works which is responsible for managing and administering the services and operation of the Town's Public Works including equipment, fleet, engineering, highway, solid waste, snow and ice removal, and the planning and execution of major capital projects.

Kevin's initial major capital infrastructure projects to focus on include: Claybrook Road re-stabilization, Willow Street Culvert replacement, and the rehabilitation of Centre St. Bridge/Central Ave. with an inter-municipal partnership with the Town of Needham.

He has experience working in both the public and private sectors. Kevin is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering Technology. In his spare time, you can find him swinging a golf club somewhere.

ASK ME ABOUT..

- Claybrook Road
- Centre St. Bridge
- Snow & Ice removal
- Transfer Station
- Road concerns

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Open Space Committee

Guided Walk through Dover's Open Spaces this Saturday April 2nd

Vernal Pool Saturday Stroll on Pine Street

April 2nd, 10:30 am to noon

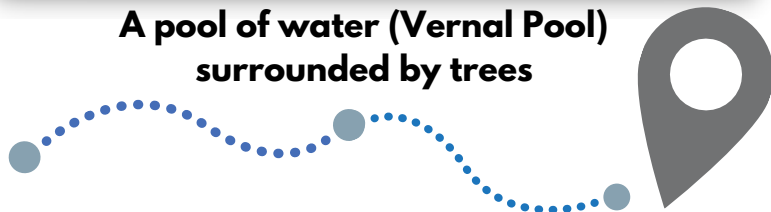
*** **Pre-registration is Required** ***

(register before 8pm April 1st)

Join this special guided walk with professional wetlands scientist Paul McManus of EcoTec, sponsored by the Dover Open Space Committee (OSC). Walk through private land off Pine Street on Snow Hill to view the many certified vernal pools on this special recently protected property. The generous landowner will also be attending!



**A pool of water (Vernal Pool)
surrounded by trees**



Open Space Committee continued

About the walk

The walk will not be too strenuous but will be over uneven and wet ground. Please wear rubber boots so you can approach the vernal pools. Bring walking sticks, binoculars and cameras. Sorry, NO dogs this time. We will stroll in misty rain to shine.

Meeting and parking directions will be e-mailed to registrants by the end of the day, Friday 4/1. If you have questions, please contact us at amoot@doverma.gov. To Register click [here](#). Can't make this one but interested in other walks in our wonderful open spaces? Click [here](#) to see the full schedule of Saturday strolls each month from 10:30am - 12 noon.



Council on Aging

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

The COA can't thank our volunteers enough for all of the ways you've supported the Council on Aging. This past year, volunteers spent over 500 hours delivering meals, baking sweets, organizing bingo and trivia games, decorating rooms and meal delivery bags, providing tech help, assembling and delivering holiday wreaths and bird houses, delivering salt and sand, grocery shopping, making cards, teaching classes, raking leaves, and shoveling snow. You've helped to keep our seniors connected and make our community stronger. Thank you! Please be on the lookout for a volunteer appreciation event coming in May. And if you're interested in becoming a COA volunteer, learn more [HERE](#) and fill out a [Volunteer Application Form](#).



Three volunteers stood behind bags of cookies

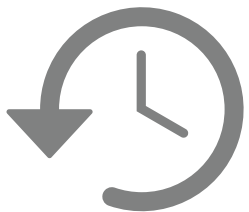


Community Center Building Committee

A piece of Caryl's History

Dover resident Jill Seamen has donated a granite step to the town which needed to be moved due to renovations at her home. It may seem like a strange gift but when you learn that it is believed to be one of the original front steps of the old Caryl School (now the Caryl Community Center), it has more meaning. The architects for the new Community Center are already looking into ways that this piece of history could be incorporated into the new building. Thank you Jill and good luck with the renovations!

A stone step with 'Caryl School Front Step' written on it. We would love to hear from anyone who may have more information about this step.



Digger holding the stone step

Board of Library Trustees

Travel and baking

As always the Dover Library has many fun events on offer in April, here are just two to whet your appetite, or tickle your travel bug! You can register [here](#) for both these events and more.



Always a Traveler, Never a Tourist - Thursday 4/7 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Join local author, Judy Bloomberg, on Zoom to discuss her book, *Always a Traveler, Never a Tourist: In Search of People and Places on the Road Less Traveled*. The book is a collection of about 300 color photos from places like Papua New Guinea, Ethiopia, Bhutan, Mongolia, Antarctica, and more, along with anecdotes about her travels off the beaten path.



The Great British Baking Tour - Tuesday 4/26 6:30 to 7:30

UK travel/relocation consultant and former UK resident Claire Evans will be guiding us on a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by "The Great British Baking Show" television series, aired on PBS. Learn about making a proper cup of tea, regional specialties, their origins, and the particular parts of the UK they hail from. She'll translate the trickiest parts of British recipes for Americans. Armed with the program's recipe packet, you can try making traditional British baked goods in your own kitchen and host your own Great British Bake Off!

For information on the Dover Library's other programs and events [click HERE](#)

Board of Health



Free COVID-19 rapid test kits are available in the Board of Health office Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm for Dover residents.

*Please note that the expiration date printed on the tests (March, 2022) has been extended to June 30, 2022 by the FDA.

Did you know the Town has a COVID-19 page? Click [here](#) for the most up-to-date COVID-19 news from the Board of Health.

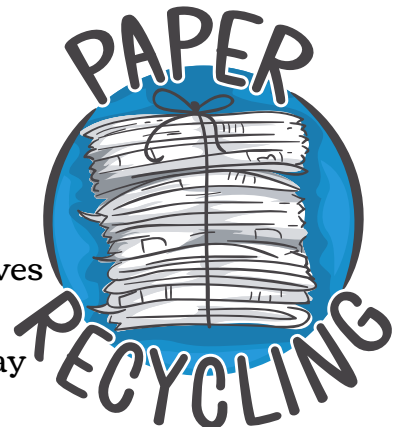
Recycling Committee

April's recyclable of the month: paper

This includes office paper, newspapers, non-padded white envelopes and colored circulars and mailings. Do not tie or place in paper bags.

EXCLUDE THESE ITEMS: Cardboard, brown paper bags, waxed paper cartons (milk cartons), wet paper, and 'food soiled' paper containers.

RECYCLING FACTS: Dover recycles over 100 tons of paper a year. This saves over \$7000 in disposal fees, 1700 trees, 400,000 kWh of energy, 3800 gallons of oil, and 700,000 gallons of water. To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, a half million trees must be cut down.



Recycling Committee continued

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

Using your Town Library can help cut down paper use and help save trees. Head to the Town Library to find copies of many different newspapers, online and in the flesh, new book titles and older classics.

Swap Shop Reopens

The Dover Recycling Committee announces the April re-opening of the newly expanded swap shop after a two year closure. Residents will again be able drop off reusable items that are functional, clean, unbroken and complete, that you no longer need but someone else can use. Your trash is another Doverite's treasure!

The Swap Shop's goal is to remove things from the Town's waste stream and serve as a recycle and reuse center. The Swap Shop will function best when residents help to keep it organized and uncluttered. New shelves and bins will be designated for specific items which must be unpacked and placed in the appropriate area. No boxes or bags should be left on the floor.

Acceptable items include:

1. Books in good condition. Non-fiction books must be current. No textbooks - deposit in More than Words book bin
2. Household goods in good usable condition
3. Games/puzzles must be complete with all pieces

Unacceptable items include:

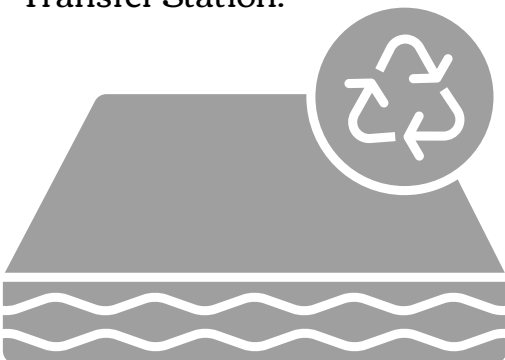
1. Textiles - place in bags and deposit in textile bins
2. Food - deposit bagged but not in packaging into Food Waste barrels
3. Mattresses - notify staff to open the Mattress deposit trailer
4. TVs, Computer monitors - place in front of electronics trailer
5. Tires - Collected semi-annually during Special Recycling Weekends.

New Mattress Disposal Fee

Massachusetts has banned the trash disposal of mattresses in an effort to keep them out of the landfill. In 2020 Dover received a two-year grant from the State DEP which provided for purchase of a container and subsidized the cost for mattress recycling. This grant expired on March 31, 2022, and effective April 1, the Transfer Station will be charging a fee of \$15 for each mattress (including memory foam) or box spring. The fee can be paid online at the town website or by check at the Transfer Station.

Residents paying online will be required to provide the receipt to the attendants at the Transfer Station for access to the mattress trailer. Mattresses are NOT to be left outside the trailer. Links to the payment form will be posted on the town website and all social media outlets.

Items that are not recyclable include mattresses that are severely damaged, wet, twisted, soiled or contaminated. (e.g., bed bugs) and mattresses containing mechanical components.



Parks and Recreation



Group of children in woodland setting with arms raised

Schools

Chickering

Chickering School moved to "mask optional" on Monday, March 7. On this date, students and staff have the option to wear or not, masks in school and on the buses.

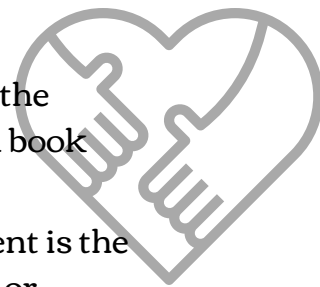
We celebrated Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) this week, where we encouraged the entire community to pay it forward with kindness. For example, students created book marks that they donated to the Dover Town Library and the Council on Aging.

The PTO Auction will take place on May 20 at Silverwood Farm. This biennial event is the largest fundraiser for the Dover PTO. Buy your tickets or find out how to sponsor or support in other ways [here](#).

Dover Sherborn High School

Dover Sherborn High School athletes finished up the winter season on March 20th and started the Spring season on March 21st. Around 330 student athletes competed across nine different sport offerings in the Spring season

- Basketball teams: boys and girls both advanced to the Elite 8 of the MIAA D3 Tournament
- Boys ice hockey team: advanced to the Sweet 16 of the MIAA D4 Tournament
- Swim teams: the girls placed 5th at the MIAA D2 State Tournament, and the boys swim team placed 15th at the MIAA D2 State Tournament.



Schools continued

- Alpine teams: the boys team placed 3rd at the state race, the girls did a great job competing at the tournament as well.
- Nordic teams: the boys and girls both competed at the MIAA state tournament.
- Track and Field teams: boys and girls both competed in the state tournament as well as sent student athletes to the national level in NYC.
- Gymnastics team: competed in the regional tournament and just missed qualifying for the MIAA state tournament.
- Girls Ice Hockey team: won a regular season tournament to finish out the regular season.

April Quick Links

➔ **Don't forget the Town Election is May 16! Click on Learn More to keep up-to-date on candidates via the Town Clerk's page**

LEARN MORE >

➔ **The Capital Budget Committee has an interactive chart displaying the 5 Year Capital Plan**

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➔ **Open board/committee vacancies are now online!**

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➔ **Come work for us! The Town is hiring, check out our open positions**

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➔ **2022 Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Check out the Town Meeting page for the Town Warrant, article information and more!**

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