

# OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA



## Welcome to the May issue of OUR TOWN

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of our friend and colleague, Scott Wainwright. Scott was a member of the Building Maintenance team and played an integral part in managing our facilities. Scott was always quick to lend a hand, and a story, when making his rounds throughout the town's buildings. He will be missed and our thoughts are with his wife Nicole and their families during this time.

May is a busy month for the Town of Dover. The 2022 Annual Town Meeting is May 2 and the Town Election is May 16. There's still plenty of time to prepare for both and the Board of Selectmen section will show you where to go!

**If you are part of a town board/committee and would like to submit content for the June issue, please contact Ruth Townsend at [aaandrtownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:aaandrtownsend@yahoo.com)**

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**Parks and Recreation 2022 Egg Hunt**

# Board of Selectmen



The 2022 Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2 at 7pm in the Mudge Auditorium, Dover Sherborn Regional School Campus, 9 Junction Street, Dover, MA.

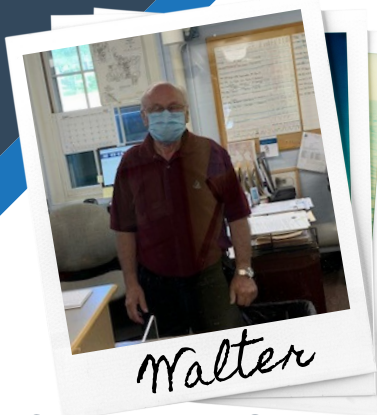
The Town's dedicated [Town Meeting page](#) contains everything you need to be a well informed voter. Click [here](#) for the Town Meeting Warrant, individual articles, the blue book, and a video breakdown of the article presentations from the Warrant Committee's Open Hearing.

The Town Election will be held on Monday, May 16, at the Town House in the Great Hall. Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm. Check out the [Town's Election](#) page for updates.

## Meet the Team!

**Each month we 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 Walter Avallone, Dover's Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Walter Avallone is the Building Inspector and is responsible for overseeing all building, wiring, plumbing and gas permits pulled in the Town. He enforces the provisions of the state building code to ensure all work is in compliance with Dover Zoning Rules and Bylaws. Walter serves as enforcement officer for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Walter has experience working in both public and private sectors and has been with the Town of Dover for over 10 years. In his spare time, you will find him drawing/drafting house plans. In the summer, you can find him relaxing in Maine.



### ASK ME ABOUT..

- Permits
- Gas & Plumbing
- Docks
- Swimming pools
- Roofing and siding

## Open Space Committee

### Guided Walk through Dover's Open Spaces

Dover's Open Space Second Saturday Strolls continue in May on Saturday 14th at Hale (Hale Education). See the spectacular peaks & ponds! Parking instructions to be provided upon registration. Polite dogs on leash, please. Click [here](#) to register and click [here](#) to see the schedule for the rest of the year so you can mark your calendar now.



## Fire Department



Dover first responders made the news recently when they rescued an 11-year old pet Macaw called Rio. They were able to locate Rio when he started to call the owner's son's name out whilst perched high up in a nearby tree. Click [here](#) for the footage.



# Council on Aging

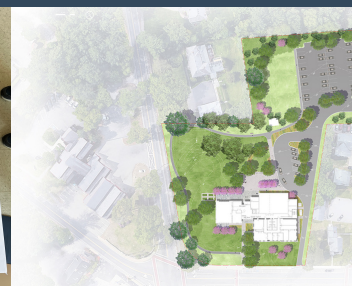
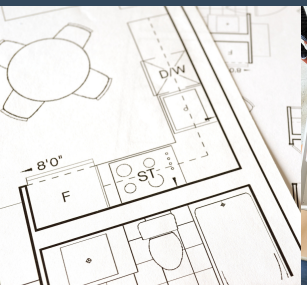
## The Dover COA is excited to bring back more in-person as well as hybrid programs

We have been busy scheduling talks, trips, lunches, walks, fitness classes, and more for the coming months at sites around town while Caryl construction gets underway. For weekly program updates and reminders, join our e-news list by emailing [coa@doverma.gov](mailto:coa@doverma.gov).



Ukelele players

## Community Center Building Committee



### Calling Students Grades 6-12

Images of architecture plans, paint schemes, landscape and roof tiles

We are offering a rare opportunity for students to follow the Dover Community Center Project from conception through to completion. As a member of this club, you will follow the project step by step with professionals from the Project Management, Architecture, and Construction Team as well as other industries who will help us to complete this new center, getting an opportunity to connect with professionals.

Examples of areas we will cover are:

- Public approval process
- Design and Construction
- Procurement
- Architecture
- Interior Design
- Landscaping
- Environmental Engineering
- Construction Administration
- Project Management

Workshops will be held twice a month (maximum), on Wednesday evenings, at 7 - 8.30 pm, in-person and on zoom.

Workshops will begin on April 27 and continue until the end of the project, with breaks over summer vacation. There will also be the opportunity to receive letters confirming attendance at these sessions to use for college or work applications.

**Click [here](#) to register!**

Please contact Ruth Townsend at [carylfeedback@doverma.gov](mailto:carylfeedback@doverma.gov), if you have any questions.



Building and landscape plans and photo of People in construction hats and jackets in unfinished building

# Dover Sherborn Cable TV



Do you remember the Caryl Community Center when it was a school, do you have memories of your time as a student there or working there? How about memories of spending time in the building after it became a community center; rehearsals, Birthday parties, sports?

Before the building is demolished and renovated, Dover Sherborn Cable TV wants to gather and save memories from it's lifetime. They would love to hear from you and share your memories in the program they are creating.

**Please contact Ruth Townsend at [carylfeedback@doverma.org](mailto:carylfeedback@doverma.org) before Friday May 13th if you are interested in sharing your memories of the Caryl Building.**

## Take part in a DSCTV show !

Join us to look back on the history of the Caryl School & Community Center Building. Share your memories and stories about the building and time you spent there.



## 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.

## Dover Cultural Council

### Cultural Council Grants and Applications

The Dover Cultural Council (DCC), as part of a network of 329 local Cultural Councils throughout the Commonwealth, has awarded grants to many Dover organizations this year: Chickering School, Charles River School, Dover Town Library, DS Middle School, Council on Aging and Dover Parks and Recreation.

They aim to support community oriented arts, humanities and science programs such as exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances, workshops and lectures.

**For more information about the grant process and how to apply please click [here](#).**



**Join us this year for the Summer Concert Series on the Town Green, just one of the events in Dover funded by the DCC!**



# Recycling Committee

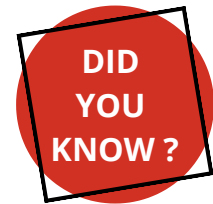
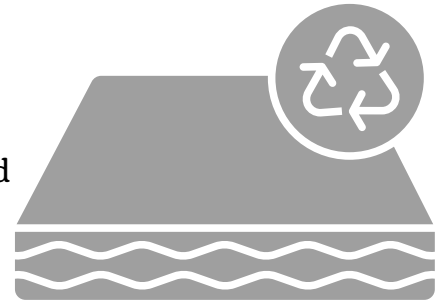
## May Recyclable of the Month - Mattresses

This includes mattresses and box springs (memory foam & traditional)

**EXCLUDE THESE ITEMS:** Mattresses containing mechanical components or are severely damaged, wet, twisted, soiled or contaminated (Ex: bed bugs).

**HOW TO RECYCLE:** Fees of \$15 for each item may be paid online at the town website or in person at the Transfer Station. See an attendant with your receipt for payment or check for disposal.

**RECYCLING FACTS:** Mattresses are made up almost entirely of recyclable materials. Once disassembled, more than 75 percent of mattress components can be recycled. At the same time, discarded mattresses and box springs can be notoriously difficult to manage. They are expensive to transport, take up a lot of space in landfills, are hard to compact, and can get caught in incinerator processing equipment. All of these factors result in higher disposal costs. Massachusetts is banning the disposal of mattresses in the trash.



**Dover residents  
disposed of  
700 mattresses  
in 2021**

## Dover Special Recycling Day June 18



The Dover Recycling Committee announces its semi-annual special recycling day on Saturday, June 18, including enhanced shredding which is provided by Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey. "Safely destroying old financial documents, bank statements and sensitive papers is an important guard against identity theft," said Morrissey.

- On-site document shredding will occur only on Saturday, June 18, from 9AM-12PM (or until the truck has been filled). Residents may bring up to 6 paper bags of personal/sensitive documents, including computer hard drives to be shredded. If residents have a hard drive but don't know how to extract it from their computer, there will be personnel at the event to help.
- The Bike Connector, a local non-profit will accept bicycles for repair and donation to those in need on Saturday, June 18 from 9AM-12 PM. The Bike Connector provides repair and maintenance classes and donation of bikes in collaboration with schools and community organizations.
- Automobile tires will be accepted on both Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19 from 9AM-3PM. Tires are to be placed in the designated collection area. Dover Mobil has generously provided the financial support for tire disposal.
- Special furniture collections are being offered on Saturday, June 18, July 16, and August 20. New Life Furniture Bank of Walpole, a local non-profit will be on-site to accept specific items of furniture for families in need. New Life accepts furniture and household items and provides them at no charge to those in need. It does not accept items that need repair. If an item is not suitable for a family member or friend, it is not suitable for donation Please check their website for acceptable items [www.newlifefb.org](http://www.newlifefb.org).
- Dover Transfer Station RED vehicle stickers are required for participation. Residents are reminded to make their trip as brief as possible to make room for others users coming after them.

# Parks and Recreation



Dover **PARKS & RECREATION**

[doverrec.activityreg.com](https://doverrec.activityreg.com)

[Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) @doverrecma

**Group of children in woodland setting with arms raised**

## Library

### Library Events

Teen Tarot Card Reading - Monday, May 9 at 6pm

Join us as we consult an experienced reader of Tarot Cards, and together confront the unknowable! This event is intended as an introduction to the world and history of Tarot, and we cannot guarantee that every attendee will receive a personalized reading. This is a teen event, students aged 12-18 are welcome to attend. No registration required, but feel free to email [lokeefe@doverma.gov](mailto:lokeefe@doverma.gov) with any questions.

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



### Friends of Dover Library

The Friends of the Dover Town Library are wrapping up their 2021-2022 fundraising year with three fun activities. Paint a tile, play bingo or join us for an evening of fun and friendship and support our beloved library!

**Tile Painting FUNdraiser Returns!** Everyone from very young children, to teens and adults can design and paint tiles that will be permanently displayed inside the Library. Support the Library you love by leaving a lasting piece of art on its walls! Click [here](#) to purchase your tiles today.



# Library continued

All through April, the Friends of the Dover Town Library, in partnership with Dover Parks and Recreation, invite you to pick up a Tales and Trails Bingo board and head outdoors for some fun this spring! Play for a chance to win prizes. Click [here](#) to print your free board today.

Finally, on May 12, join us for our 5th Annual “Cheers for Books: A Happy Hour with Friends” presented by Mary Crane Properties at the American Legion in Dover. No babysitter? No problem! Coach Pete and his counselors will be available at the library to watch kids ages 4 and up. Click [here](#) to buy your tickets.

## Schools

### Middle School

#### DSMS Positive PTO Kentucky Derby Social and Fundraiser

Saturday, May 7, 2022

5:00-10:00 PM at Powisset Farm, Dover MA

Buy your tickets now for the DSMS POSITIVE PTO

Per Ticket Price: \$100 (\$125 at the door)

Bourbon Tasting: \$40 (three 1.5 oz tastings of a variety of bourbons)

1 Drink Ticket: \$10 / 3 Drink Tickets: \$25

Click [here](#) to pay via paypal



#### **\*\*Important\*\***

When making payments in PayPal, please note in the section "What's this payment for?" the names of the attendees and any additional items (ex. drink tickets, bourbon bar) you are purchasing.

It's going to be a fabulous evening of racing, revelry and raising funds in celebration of our phenomenal middle school! See you at the Race!

Questions? Please email [dsmpositive@gmail.com](mailto:dsmpositive@gmail.com)

### Minuteman Regional School Update

#### New Superintendent- Director Announced

The Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School Committee voted unanimously to appoint Dr Kathleen Dawson as Superintendent - Director of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District.

"Dr. Dawson's background working in public schools as an educator and administrator were compelling," said Pam Nourse, Chairperson of the Minuteman School Committee of Acton. "Her experience, passion, drive and vision for high-quality education will be an asset to the future of Minuteman. Dr. Dawson will start on July 1st. Click [here](#) for the full announcement.



**Dr. Kathleen Dawson**

# Schools continued

## High School Athletics

**The spring season is off to a strong start!**



Tennis: boys tennis team is 5-0 this season and the girls team is 3-0 to start their season off strong.

Baseball: beat Norton 10-1 on Wednesday and is 1-1 for the season.

Softball: the team continues to work hard under new coach Kanee Chlebda, and are looking forward to some good non-league match ups with Wayland and Framingham.

Girl's Lacrosse: 4-1 record overall, beating everyone in the TVL small to start.

Boys Lacrosse: won their first game of the season vs. Dedham last week 15-6 & is now 2-2 on the season after beating Bellingham on Monday.

Boys and Girls Track: continue to dominate after beating Bellingham in the opening meet of the season, and then beating Norton on Tuesday, April 12. Both teams are 2-0 on the season. Margaret Bowles, Elliana Scalabrino, Marielle Gogonian & Emily Burt lead the way in points scored for the girls track and field team. Sawyer Garrett, Owen Comiskey, Cameron Thompson, & Aidan Hirsch lead in points scored for the boys.

Sailing team: had a great race on Sunday at the Sharon invitational and placed 7th overall. They will travel to Manchester Essex on Wednesday to start their league race schedule.

# FINISH



**MIAA student athlete ambassadors at a leadership conference Monday, April 11 in Franklin. Juniors Riley Spaulding and Daniel Sullivan & Senior Johnny Bennett**



**Dover Sherborn High School Girls Tennis Team**

## Chickering

The PTO Auction will take place on May 20 at Silverwood Farm. This biennial event is the largest fundraiser for the Dover PTO.

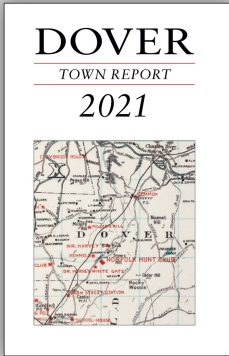
Buy your tickets or find out how to sponsor or support in other ways [here](#).



**Red barn in green field with white table outside**



# Town Report Committee



## 2021 Dover Town Report

The 2021 Dover Town Report is now online and available to download.

Don't forget to visit the Past Town Reports page to learn more about previous years' activities, initiatives, and Town progress.

Please note: With the passage of Article 10 at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, the report is no longer mailed to Dover residences. A limited number of hard copies are available (one per household) at the Town House. To arrange to pick one up, call Town Clerk Felicia Hoffman at 508-785-0032, ext. 226, or email her at [fhoffman@doverma.gov](mailto:fhoffman@doverma.gov).

## May 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

LEARN MORE >

➡ Interested in volunteering? Open board/committee vacancies are now online!

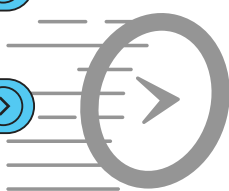
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➡ Come work for us! The Town is hiring, check out our open positions

LEARN MORE >

➡ 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!

LEARN MORE >



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