



OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA

Welcome to the September Issue of OUR TOWN

We are back after a summer break and looking forward to providing you with updates on all things Town of Dover over the coming months.

We will be at Dover Days on Saturday, September 10. Please come over to our booth and say hi. We'd love to know what you think about the newsletter and if you have any ideas for future issues. Hope to see you there!



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

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Board of Selectmen



Level 3 – Critical Drought areas ban on all non-essential outdoor water use

Due to the current drought conditions, the Dover Board of Selectmen on August 18, 2022, voted to ban all nonessential water use throughout Town. Nonessential water use includes:

- irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of sprinklers, automatic irrigation systems, and hand-held hoses;
- washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety;
- washing of exterior buildings, parking lots, or sidewalks.

Water Restriction Bylaw and Enforcement Policy

At the May, 2022 Town Meeting the residents of Dover voted to adopt a Water Restriction Bylaw. The Massachusetts Attorney General has reviewed and approved the new bylaw. It is now in effect. This covers all water sources in the Town including; Aquarion, Dover Municipal Water, and private wells.

Bylaw Purpose:

- Defines applicability of bylaw - covers all Dover residents and businesses regardless of water source (well, Aquarion, other);
- Defines who can declare a drought emergency - provides for more local control;
- Defines communication methods for drought conservation and emergencies;
- Defines “non-essential” water usage during drought conditions;
- Creates an enforcement mechanism for compliance.

On August 18, 2022, the Board of Selectmen approved the [Water Restriction Bylaw Enforcement Policy](#), which ensures that the citizens of Dover are aware of the newly-created Water Use Restrictions and assist in the reduction of water consumption during states of water conservation, drought, or water emergency.

[**Click here to learn more about the bylaw, policy, water conservation tips and more!**](#)

Police

Meet the Team and the Dover Police and Fire Department Open House

The Dover Police Department has some new faces working with us, and over the next few months we will be introducing them to you here in this newsletter.

In the meantime, please stop by our Open House on Sunday Sept. 18 from 11 AM - 2 PM. This combined event with the Dover Fire Department will have tours, games, food, and fun for all ages! Many of our officers will be on hand to help and would love to say hello.



Council on Aging

Join the COA this Fall....

Find out what's going on in Dover ! Meet Town Administrator Chris Dwelley over lunch on Sept. 13, or join State Representative Denise Garlick for coffee on Friday, Sept. 23 at 10am.

Get outside on Sept. 14 and enjoy a guided walk at Chase Woodlands and Peters Reservation with naturalist Joy Marzolf of The Joys of Nature.

For more information on these and other events and to RSVP click [HERE](#)



Open Space Committee

Guided Walk through Dover's Open Spaces

Dover's Open Space Second Saturday Strolls continue into the Fall, 10:30 AM - 12:

- September 17 - Wylde Woods
- October 8 - Snow Hill
- November 12 - Blake Reservations

Free but pre-registration is required. Meeting and parking information will be emailed to participants on Friday morning and again early on Saturday before the strolls.

Click [here](#) for more information and click [here](#) to register



Recycling Committee

Dover Special Recycling Day Oct. 15, 2022

The Dover Recycling Committee announces its fall special recycling day on Saturday, October 15 for shredding, furniture donation, and tire disposal.

Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey is sponsoring an industrial-grade shredding truck, which will be on-site on Saturday from 9 AM-12 PM. Residents may bring up to six (6) paper bags of personal/sensitive documents.

New Life Furniture Bank of Walpole will be on-site to accept specific items of furniture for families in need. Dover Mobil has provided the financial support. Automobile tires will be accepted on both Saturday 10/15 and Sunday 10/16 from 9 AM-3 PM



Parks and Recreation



FALL 2022

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Click [HERE](#) for more information and online registration



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Kids engaging in outdoor and indoor activities



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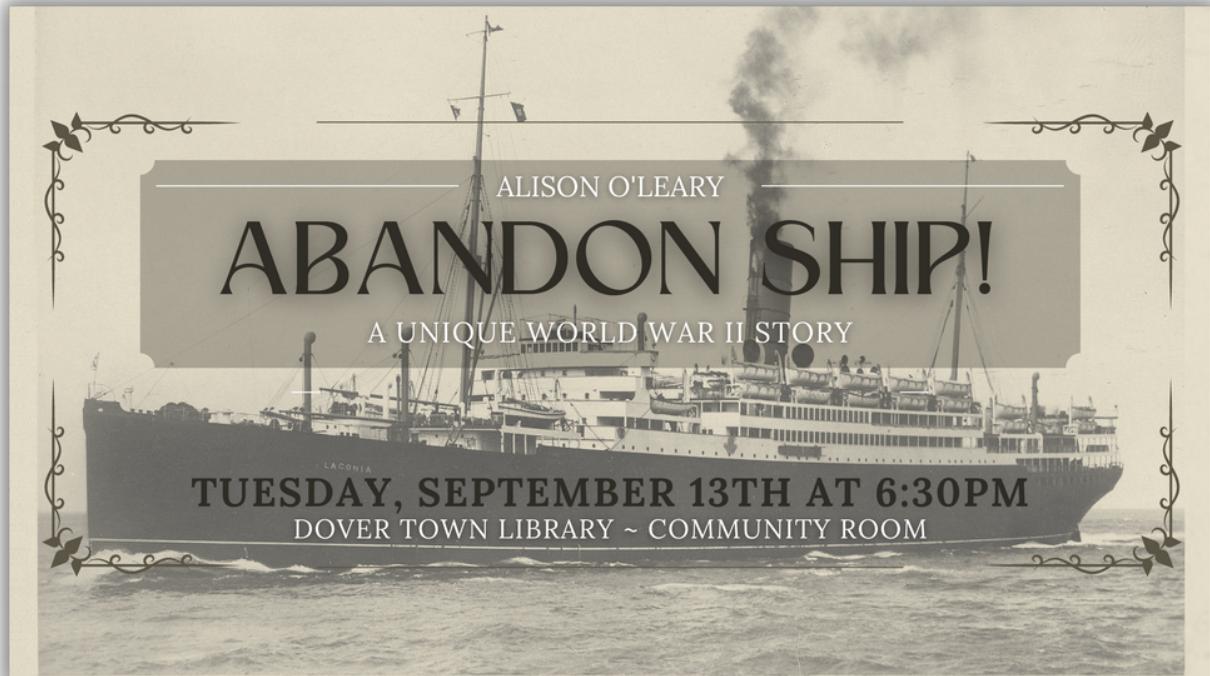
Dover Days



People taking part in a Fall fair, runners, booths, banners and the American flag

Library

For information
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Dover Library for
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Library continued

News from the Board of Library Trustees...

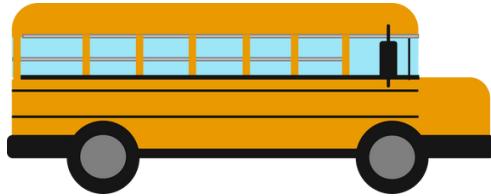
Dover Town Library installs new water filtration system

Enjoy a fresh, cool drink of water whenever you visit the library! Drawing on library gift and grant funds, the Board of Library trustees and new director Bethany Klem spearheaded the installation of a whole-building water filtration system in August, featuring sediment removal, carbon filtration, and UV sterilization to offer consistently clean, clear water throughout the library. Fill up your water bottle and your book bag at the same time!



Water filter tanks, and pipes

Glass of water books



Chickering Elementary

Chickering Elementary is thrilled to welcome back approximately 490 students for a new school year, pre-K through fifth grade. Our students will return to a "mask optional" environment, with new floors in the pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade classrooms. With these warm days we are very grateful for our air-conditioned classrooms! At our opening assembly to launch the new school year we will welcome our newest members and sing our school song!



High School Athletics

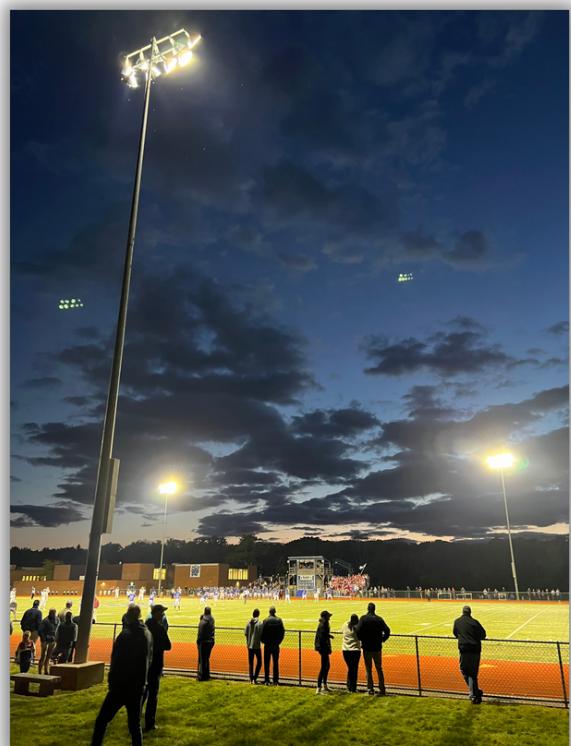
Come and support the school teams this Fall!

Find all the games, locations, dates, and times [HERE](#).

It's a great way to introduce younger kids to the sports, re-live memories from when you played or just support your local teams! Everyone is welcome!



Girls soccer team holding hands in a circle



People watching a football game at night with floodlights

Dover Cultural Council

Apply for a Grant From the Dover Cultural Council

The Dover Cultural Council has announced this year's (2023) grant application cycle. Each year the Council looks forward to bringing new and innovative cultural programs to our community.



Forms and filing information are available September 1st online: <https://www.mass-culture.org/Dover>. When preparing your proposal, please be sure to consult Dover's town-specific "Local Guidelines" <https://www.doverma.gov/315/Dover-Cultural-Council-DCC> to make sure you are eligible. Completed proposals are due Oct. 17, 2022. Our committee will then evaluate and notify eligible recipients sometime in early winter.

The Dover Cultural Council provides grants to support a variety of artistic projects and activities that serve our community such as exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances, workshops and lectures. Programs are to take place between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. As part of a network of 329 local Cultural Councils throughout the Commonwealth, the Dover Cultural Council annually obtains funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that supports community-oriented arts, humanities and science programs.

Community Center Building Committee

The Board of Selectmen hosted the Dover Community Center Building Committee in the Great Hall on August 25 for a working session to discuss a possible pathway forward for the Community Center project.

After a discussion among the participants and citizen attendees, the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted on the following:

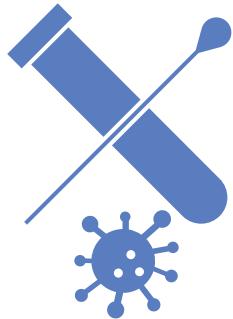
The Board unanimously voted to charge the building committee with the following deliverables:

1. Determine the cost and timeframe to rebid the current building design.
2. Determine the cost and timeframe (including steps and associated timeframes) to determine what could be built for \$18.8M

The Building Committee anticipates a report back to the Board of Selectmen prior to the Board's September 22 meeting.



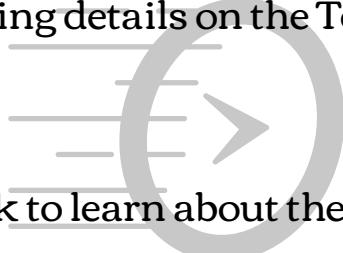
Board of Health

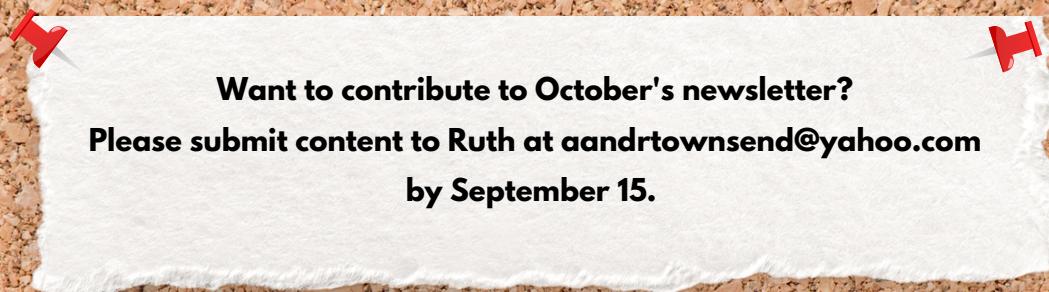


Free COVID-19 rapid test kits are available in the Board of Health office Monday-Thursday 9 AM-3 PM for Dover residents.

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.

September Quick Links

- The Town is hiring a Town Planner. Know anyone qualified? Click 'learn more' for application details. [LEARN MORE >](#)
- It's voting season. Get all of your voting details on the Town Clerk's webpage.  [LEARN MORE >](#)
- Interested in serving on a volunteer board/committee/commission? Click [here](#) to learn about the process and vacant positions.  [LEARN MORE >](#)
- Learn about the new Water Restriction Bylaw and Water Restriction Enforcement Bylaw Policy. [LEARN MORE >](#)



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