

# OUR TOWN

A Digital Newsletter from the Town of Dover, MA



## Welcome to the October Issue of OUR TOWN

Happy Fall!

This edition 'OUR TOWN' is filled with news and updates from the Planning Board, COA, the Community Center project, and the Town Report Committee. We also feature spooky offerings for the month of October at the Library and fun Halloween activities from Parks and Recreation.



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

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# Board of Selectmen



## Nonessential water use ban lifted as Dover and most of Norfolk County moves into Level 2 – Severe Drought condition

After reviewing current drought conditions, the Board of Selectmen voted on September 22, 2022 to lift the ban on all nonessential water use.

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.



The BOS are encouraging residents to follow the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) guidelines, which recommends limiting outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.

## Board of Selectmen Community Center Project Status

On September 20, 2022 the Board of Selectmen released an update regarding the Community Center project. [Click Here](#) to read the status of the project and plan going forward.

The BOS will be holding a meeting Oct. 3 at 6:30 to discuss the project.

[Check out Colliers presentation](#) for Monday's 10/3 meeting.

[Click Here](#) for agenda and virtual zoom access.

You can also watch live on the Town's [Facebook page](#)

## Positions available on the Board of Selectmen

### Membership Size Study Committee

Positions are currently available on the Board of Selectmen Membership Size Study Committee (as voted by 2022 Annual Town Meeting Article 28).

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Committee will conduct a study to explore the aspects of the Town adopting, within the next several years, a five member BOS structure.



The Committee will consist of seven voting members, made up of Town residents with varied town-related board or committee experience within the past 15 years, and a current member of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator serving as ex-officio members. Read more about the committee's [charge here](#).

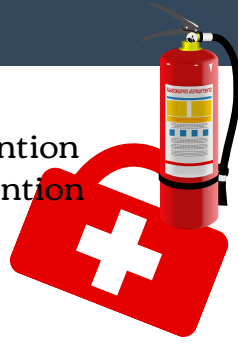
Residents who wish to apply should send a letter of interest to Administrative Assistant Mona DiSciullo at [mdisciullo@doverma.gov](mailto:mdisciullo@doverma.gov).

Not your cup of tea? We have plenty of other volunteer position vacancies! To find out more about other opportunities please visit Dover's [dedicated volunteer opportunities page](#).

# Council on Aging

## Talk with the Town Series continues

Wednesday, October 5 at 10:00am at Dover Legion: Join us during National Fire Prevention Month and meet with Fire Chief Paul Luttazi, who will share home safety and fire prevention tips, and Ambulance Supervisor Tim Surgenor, who will help us plan for emergency situations. Coffee and refreshments provided.



## Come celebrate with Dover COA in October!

Friday, October 21 at 10:00am at Dover Legion: Celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, as Dover residents of Indian descent will share food, customs, and a classical dance performance with the community. Tuesday, October 25 at 12:00pm at Dover Legion: You're invited to a frightfully fun Halloween luncheon. Join us, if you dare, for tricky games and spooky treats!

## Open Space Committee

### Guided Walk through Dover's Open Spaces

Dover's Open Space Second Saturday Strolls continue this month,

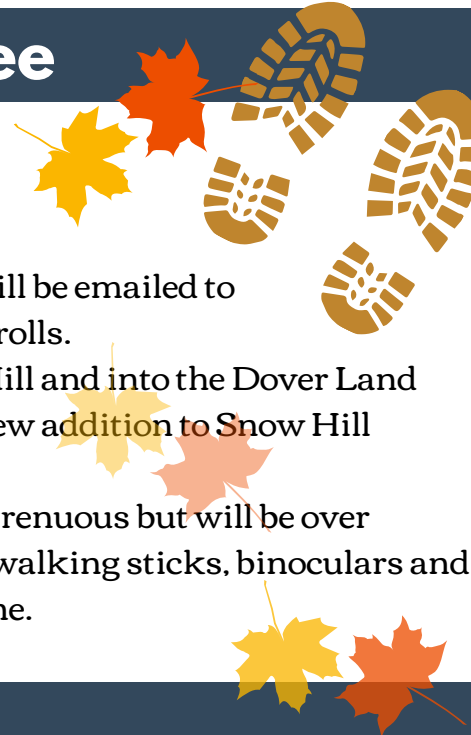
- October 8 - Snow Hill (10.30am - 12noon)

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.

We will walk through Dover's town-owned conservation land on Snow Hill and into the Dover Land Conservation Trust's Snow Hill Reservation. We will also visit DLCT's new addition to Snow Hill Reservation, the 8.5 acre Dover Church Woodlot!

Walks will be guided, socially distanced and masked. They won't be too strenuous but will be over uneven and possibly wet ground so wear appropriate footwear and bring walking sticks, binoculars and cameras. Polite dogs on leash welcome. We will stroll in misty rain to shine.

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



## Recycling Committee



### Dover Special Recycling Day Oct. 15, 2022 Shredding, Furniture Donations, Tire Disposal

Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey is sponsoring an industrial-grade shredding truck, which will be on-site 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 & Sunday 10/16 from 9 AM-3 PM



### Textiles

The MassDEP has announced a waste ban on Mattresses and Textiles as of November 1, 2022. Residents can no longer put these items in the trash: "clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, curtains or similar products, except for textiles that are contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oil, or hazardous substances." All textiles should be bagged and placed in the textile bins at the Transfer Station or the High School. Bags may not be left on the ground. More information at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/frequently-asked-questions-mattress-textile-waste-ban/download>



# Parks and Recreation



**REGISTER NOW for @doverrecma's**

## **PUMPKIN DECORATING PARTY**

Dover Residents are invited to sign up at [doverrec.activityreg.com](https://doverrec.activityreg.com) for this annual afternoon full of Halloween-themed costumes, activities and music on the Dover Town Common! DJ Jimmy's Halloween-themed playlist will fill the air with spooktacular fun, as costumed children paint and decorate their own pumpkins, participate in musical contests to win silly prizes AND collect goodie-bags filled with Halloween treats and cool DoverRec surprises!

Open to ALL AGES! (adult supervision required)

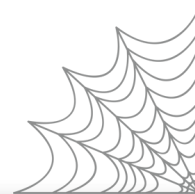
**PLEASE NOTE:** space is limited and advance registration is **REQUIRED!**

**Saturday, October 29, 2022, 1:00 - 2:15pm on the Dover Town Common**

**COST: \$6/child (includes 1 pumpkin) or \$24/family maximum,**

REGISTRATION WILL END ONCE AVAILABLE SPACES HAVE BEEN FILLED or  
WHEN THE DOVERREC OFFICE CLOSSES ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st - WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

\*NO REFUNDS or CREDITS ISSUED FOR 'NO-SHOWS'\*



**IT'S TIME FOR @DOVERRECMA'S**

**3RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST!**

FREE TO ENTER, just submit your best costume photo to: [NDICICCO@DOVERMA.GOV](mailto:NDICICCO@DOVERMA.GOV) anytime between TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st and SATURDAY OCTOBER 29th! (please note: only JPEG & PNG format images will be accepted)

1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded in each of the following five categories:

- BABY'S/TODDLER'S & PRESCHOOLERS
- KINDERGARTEN - 2nd GRADERS
- 3rd - 5th GRADERS
- 6th - 8th GRADERS
- FAMILIES/GROUPS



collection of photos of adults and children in costume

**Every youth entry will receive a fun Halloween Prize from Dover Parks & Recreation, and ALL WINNERS WILL BE POSTED @doverrecma on HALLOWEEN DAY, MONDAY OCTOBER 31st**



# Library

The Haunted History of New England melds historical fact together with legend and myth to produce an interesting, fascinating and sometimes shocking new look at events that really happened and the stories of haunting that followed them.

The topics addressed in the lecture will be Mercy Brown "The Vampire" of Exeter Rhode Island, the cursed Freetown State Forest in Massachusetts, The horrors of the Lizzie Borden House in Fall River Massachusetts, a haunted forest in the wilds of Connecticut, the ghostly happenings at Mount Washington Hotel in New Hampshire, and evidence of ghosts at the John Alden House in Duxbury Massachusetts.

**For information on this and other programs and events at the Dover Library for Adults, Teens and Kids [CLICK HERE](#)**



**Misty silhouette of forest with lone person walking through the trees**



## **From the Library Trustees Large Print!**

The library is pleased to share two wonderful updates to its collection. Our large print shelves are being expanded, and we're always looking for great recommendations. Please let us know what you like to read!

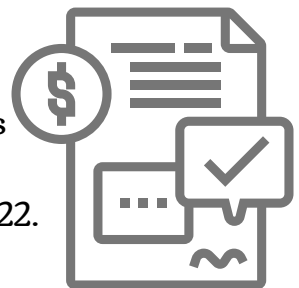
## **Get Crafty**

Check out Creativebug, the library's newest online resource. Filled with step-by-step videos and tons of inspiration, it's a one-stop DIY. Click the link below to log in with your library card <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/dovertownlibrary>

# Dover Cultural Council

## **Still time to apply for a Dover Cultural Council Grant!**

Forms and filing information are available 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.

# Schools



**Students walking into school building**

## **Minuteman High School – A Great Option for Dover Students! Apply Today!**

Minuteman graduates from the Class of 2022 are attending:

Arizona State University	Rochester Inst. of Technology
Bentley University	Texas A&M
Clemson University	Tufts University
Colorado State	Wheaton College
Emerson College	University of Massachusetts
Johnson & Wales	and area community colleges
Merrimack College	and trade schools
Regis College	

Students seeking to advance in their chosen careers in advanced manufacturing, automotive, biotechnology, engineering, environmental science, robotics, multimedia, web programming, the building trades, culinary arts, and animal science will find excellent educational opportunities on a campus filled with state of the art equipment and led by expert faculty members. Dover is a member of the Minuteman regional school district with 8 other towns. Visit [minuteman.org/admissions](http://minuteman.org/admissions) to learn more on the admissions process, watch a video with current students, and read about students and alumni. You can also take a video tour of the new school building that opened in 2019.

## **Chickering Elementary**

Earlier this month Chickering welcomed our Parents and Guardians back to school for a PK-5 Open House. The evening centered around building connections with our families and our motto, “Chickering is a place where children learn, laugh, grow, care and make a difference”, and then shared examples of how we strive to engage all students in all aspects of learning. We are immensely proud of the community of Chickering and we continue to work so that all our students feel safe, welcomed and connected. Chickering students and families made a BIG difference this month by collecting 583 cereal boxes for A Place to Turn. Before the donations were packaged up, the school held a gigantic Cereal Box Domino Rally through the entire school!



**woman stands in front of cereal boxes in front of mural**

# Town Report

The Town Report Committee—responsible each year for compiling, publishing, and disseminating the Dover Town Report—is seeking new members to fill two vacancies in its ranks:

- A copy editor, with strong editing and proofreading skills, as well as a good eye for detail. Previous editorial experience is ideal but not essential.
- A photo editor, whose primary focus would be soliciting, organizing, and curating photo submissions for use in the Town Report.

For further information on the details and time commitment involved as a committee member, please contact Kathy Weld at [kwweld@comcast.net](mailto:kwweld@comcast.net) or Mary Kalamaras at [Mary.Kalamaras@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.Kalamaras@gmail.com).



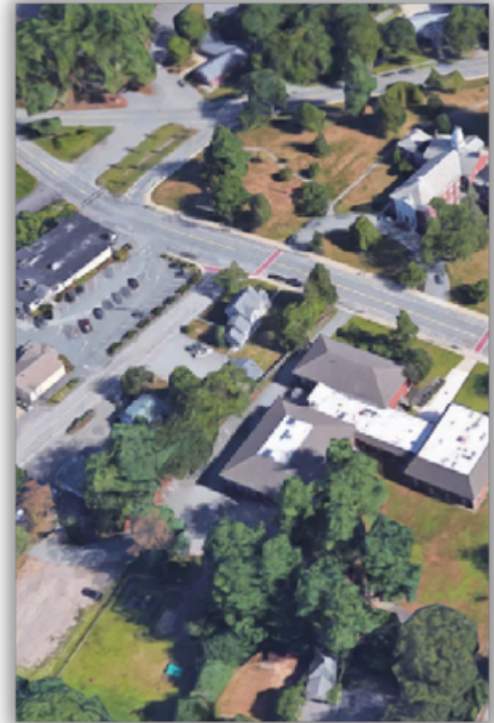
# Planning Board

## Village Center Visioning Project

The Dover Planning Board is continuing to work on its Village Center Visioning Project. With significant changes expected due to the redevelopment of the Caryl Community Center and future redevelopment of several Springdale retail properties, the Planning Board has been focused since 2021 on working with the Town to create a cohesive vision for the Town Center streetscape. This has involved meetings with stakeholders as well as a Visual Preference Survey open to all Town residents that was completed in the winter of 2022. The results of these activities can be found through the Planning Board webpage or

<https://www.doverma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2499/Dover-VPS-Summary-Final?bidId=>.

We will be continuing outreach to Town residents and community groups as we hire a consultant to help us with this process. As we very much appreciate your valuable input, please stay tuned for more information on these opportunities to share your thoughts.



Aerial shot of Dover town center

## Community Center Building Committee

The Board of Selectmen have asked the Building Committee to research the following and present it at their meeting on Monday October 3rd at 6.30pm.

1. Determine the process, timeframe and cost to rebid the current building design
2. Determine the process, timeframe and cost to determine what could be built for the money that remains from the \$18.8m, the amount voted on at the 2021 town meeting and already borrowed by the town.



Caryl Community Center Building

Please [click here](#) to see the short presentation showing the timelines and costs associated with these two options. Please note that the presentation will be updated ready for the Monday October 3 meeting with extra information. The Building Committee will present both options to the Selectmen at their meeting on Monday, October 3 at 6.30pm.

Further information

- [Click here](#) for the update from the Board of Selectmen.
- [Click here](#) to read the Oct. 3 Presentation from Colliers.
- [Click here](#) to watch The Building Committee discussed these two options at their meeting on Monday September 12th, and received citizen comments.



# 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.**

## October Quick Links

- ➔ The Town is hiring a Town Planner and Assessor Clerk. Know anyone qualified? Click 'learn more' for application details.
- ➔ November 8 is Election Day. Get all of your voting information on the Town Clerk's webpage.
- ➔ Interested in serving on a volunteer board/committee/commission? Click to learn about the process and vacant positions.
- ➔ Learn about the new Water Restriction Bylaw and Water Restriction Enforcement Bylaw Policy.

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Please submit content to Ruth at [aandrtownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:aandrtownsend@yahoo.com)  
by October 15.

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