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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 12, 2024



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Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

City Hall
hours:

Monday-
Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to
5:30 p.m.
Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
p.m.

**Recycling
Center hours:**

**Tuesday,
Thursday,
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. to**



Pudding Hill water plant complies with new EPA PFAS regulations

Expected to be online later this spring

The state-of-the-art Pudding Hill Water Treatment Plant, expected to be online later this spring, will meet or exceed the new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new drinking water standards released this week that lower the threshold of acceptable limits for PFAS class chemicals.

The treatment plant is nearly complete, with much of the ongoing work focused on testing the plant, ensuring all aspects of the intricate filtration system operate as intended.

The new treatment plant utilizes granular activated carbon

3:30 p.m.

(GAC) to remove all observed PFAS levels. The plant was designed to add additional filtration should there be an issue with a specific PFAS compound or other chemicals. PFAS are perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which have been used in products like Teflon, Goretex, and firefighting foam.

Community Services Director John Storer told the City Council this week that the city had begun testing GAC filters in 2018 on about 10 different PFAS compounds, and all were brought down to non-detect levels, noting that GAC is also robust with emerging PFAS chemicals now being investigated.

“The new water treatment plant will be able to treat all PFAS compounds from the Pudding Hill Aquifer to EPA’s target goal of zero, or non-detectable per current laboratory standards,” Storer said. “Outside of Pudding Hill, the city has not experienced any PFAS issues requiring treatment, highlighting the importance of protecting our aquifers through land conservation or zoning protections.”

The new treatment plant will allow the city to again use the Pudding Hill aquifer – capable of providing up to 40% of the city’s drinking water needs – which the city voluntarily took offline in 2019 when monitoring wells detected plumes of PFAS contaminants; however, no PFAS were ever detected in the drinking water pumped from the wells. PFAS seeped into the ground from the former auto recycling plant off Knox Marsh Road that Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc. now owns. As a responsible party, the firm is paying a significant portion of the costs to construct the new treatment plant, with the balance funded by a state PFAS grant.

When the plant is operational, groundwater from the Pudding Hill aquifer will be pumped to the treatment plant and treated with caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) and chlorine (calcium hypochlorite). The pretreated water will be filtered through three Greensand Plus filters to remove iron and manganese. Next, hydrogen peroxide is added to the filtered water entering the two ultra-violet light reactors for the advanced oxidation process (AOP) to remove 1,4-dioxane and MTBE (methyl tert-butyl ether). After AOP, the water will be filtered through three pairs of GAC filters to remove PFAS.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Saturday for Red's foot race

Dover Police Chief William Breault announces the following road closures for the annual Red's Race for a Better Community on Saturday, April 13.

The third event of the 2024 Dover Race Series includes a 5-mile timed run and a 2.4-mile untimed walking course, held simultaneously. The event is organized by and benefits several local non-profit organizations that provide services in Strafford County. More information, including how to register, is available at <https://reds-race.com/>.

The event begins at 9 a.m. in front of Dover City Hall at 288 Central Ave. and concludes at

Road closures

The following roads will be closed to accommodate the event:

From 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

- Both directions of Central Avenue, from Silver Street to Washington Street

From 8:45 to 10:30 a.m.

- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to Hanson Street

From 9 to 10:30 a.m.,

Motorists should anticipate brief closures or delays on:

- Court Street
- Middle Road
- Back Road
- Henry Law Avenue

As a reminder, River Street is closed for waterfront construction activity.

Parking restrictions

Parking will be restricted from 6 to 11 a.m. on:

- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to River Street

Event participants may park on other downtown streets, municipal lots or the Orchard Street parking garage. [Click here](#) for a map of municipal parking areas. Metered parking is enforced on Saturdays.

For questions about traffic, contact Dover Police Lt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.

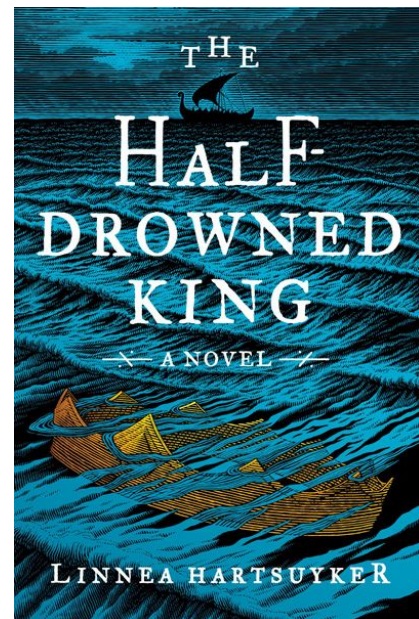
Dover Reads: Literary events build community around historical novel

"Dover Reads: One Book, One Community," the first major project organized by Dover's inaugural Literary Laureate, Steve Bargdill, launched this week. This city-wide reading campaign celebrates Linnea Hartsuyker's "The Half-Drowned King," a tale of ambition and survival in Viking-age Norway.

The Dover Arts Commission's Literary Laureate Program is dedicated to building community through the written word by appointing and supporting an outstanding local poet or author as Literary Laureate for the City. The Laureate is an ambassador for all writers in Dover, and works to heighten the visibility and value of the written word in the community, driving projects that enrich Dover's cultural and intellectual life.

"I'm thrilled to launch 'Dover Reads: One Book, One Community,'" Bargdill said. "Not only do we get to celebrate a local author, but Dover Reads invites everyone to connect through the power of storytelling and shared dialogue."

"I'm looking forward to sharing my books with the Dover community, not only through reading and discussion, but collaborating with community businesses and organizations, like Spinning Yarns and Great Bay Rowing, and connecting ancient history to Dover's



history,” Hartsuyker added.

In conjunction with reading “The Half-Drowned King,” several events are planned to foster a collective community-oriented literary experience:

- April 13: Great Bay Rowing and Barnes & Noble fundraiser with Linnea Hartsuyker’s book signing, 12 to 3 p.m.
- May 11: Viking Fiber Arts: Spinning, Nalbinding, and Viking Inspired Knits at Spinning Yarns, 1 p.m.
- May 15: Book discussion at Dover Library, 6:30 p.m.
- May 29: An Evening with Linnea Hartsuyker at Dover Library, 6:30 p.m.
- June 1: Learn to Row event by Great Bay Rowing at the community trail entrance by the transportation center all day. However, from 10 to 11 a.m., Linnea Hartsuyker will speak on Viking ships and rowing, and Cathy Beaudoin will speak on 19th-century shipping into the port of Dover.

The community will soon find copies of "The Half-Drowned King" available for free in various Dover businesses, promoting widespread access and participation.

For further information, please reach out to Literary Laureate Steve Bargdill at 603 617 6018, stevebargdill@gmail.com or the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.



Paving is scheduled next week at the following locations:

Locust Street, from Silver Street to Central Avenue

Weather and other conditions permitting, Continental Paving, Inc., the city's paving contractor, is scheduled to begin paving operations on Locust Street between Silver Street and Central Avenue on Monday, April 15. Work is anticipated to continue for up to three weeks.

Parking will be prohibited on that section of Locust Street Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. until paving operations are completed. Violators may be ticketed and towed.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane, alternated by flaggers. Motorists should anticipate delays through the work area.

For more information, contact the City of Dover's Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Nighttime paving on Spaulding Turnpike (Route 16)

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has contracted with Pike Industries to pave a section of the Spaulding Turnpike (Route 16) between Exit 6 and Exit 7 in Dover.

This work will require lane closures and temporary ramp closures to facilitate milling and paving operations. Message Boards and detour signs will help guide the traveling public through the detours when the ramps are closed.

The work will be on northbound and southbound lanes, from mile marker 6.2 (near the old Dover toll booth) to mile marker 9.3 (approximately Exit 7).

Weather and temperature permitting, paving will begin at approximately 8 p.m. each night and end by 5 a.m. the following morning.

Motorists should remain alert while traveling through the construction zone and obey all posted signs. Motorists are also encouraged to sign up for free, real-time construction and traffic-related messages (via text or email) from <https://newengland511.org/>.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-6495.

Neighborhood meeting on April 30 for Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project

City staff will hold a neighborhood meeting on the pending Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project on Tuesday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Dover Police Station, 46 Chestnut St. The meeting will be held in the department's community room. Staff from the construction contractor, N. Granese & Sons., and the design engineering consultant, Woodard & Curran, will also be in attendance to discuss the project and answer any questions.

The project is scheduled to begin in May and continue through December, weather and other conditions permitting. Final paving will occur in 2025.

Part of the discussion will include the scope of the project, and how the project will impact the residents and businesses in the area. Most properties in the project area will be connected to a temporary water system to allow the replacement of the water main. There will be road closures (local traffic will retain access), and sections where on-street parking will be prohibited to allow excavation of the road to replace underground utilities.

As the project ramps up, the City of Dover will send out regular email updates to help residents and businesses plan for the construction disruption. To sign up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project update: Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction" to your current email subscription list. There is also a dedicated project page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/projects/fifth-street-grove-street-reconstruction-project/>.

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Curbside collection of woody debris from recent storm continues through Monday

The City of Dover is continuing to collect and process limbs and branches on Dover properties affected by last week's storm, as time allows. Curbside collection began last week and is expected to conclude by Monday, April 15. As a reminder, this service is only for the collection of storm debris and tree limbs, specifically from last week's storm. The city is not collecting leaves, grass, and other materials, and is unable to collect debris mixed with those materials. Tree limbs and storm debris scheduled for curbside pickup must conform to the guidelines below.

Although curbside collection requests can be made by calling Community Services at 603-516-6450, residents are strongly encouraged to submit requests via the Service Request Portal at service.dover.nh.gov/RequestPortal, which can also be accessed through the city's home page, www.dover.nh.gov, by selecting the "Contact Us" button on the upper right-hand corner. Submissions through the Service Portal allow residents to provide detailed information and photos and will create a trackable digital work order.

Requests for pickup should only be submitted once placed curbside and ready for pickup.

Curbside collection instructions

To ensure curbside collection:

- Only woody debris from last week's storm is accepted;
- Stack branches as neatly as possible curbside, placing “cut ends” facing the roadway; crews may not be able to collect a mish-mashed pile;
- Separate all limbs 15 inches in diameter or larger. The smaller material will be chipped on site; the larger limbs will be hauled away for further processing.
- Only place woody debris from this week’s storm curbside; other materials will not be collected.
- **Please do not submit a request until the debris is ready to be collected.**

For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Upcoming Meetings:

Utilities Commission, April 15, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

School Board, April 15, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Waterfront Committee, April 16, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Joint Building Committee - Athletic Complex, April 16, 6 p.m.

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Angle Street closed, water shut off Monday, April 15

Angle Street will be closed Monday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to allow a public works crew to replace Angle Street's water main. Water will also be shut off to users on Angle Street for the replacement.

The closure of Angle Street may impact student drop-off and pick-up at St. Mary Academy.

This work was originally planned for earlier this week but was postponed to an emergency water main break elsewhere in the city. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Frozen/Refrigerated cardboard is not recyclable!



The paper used for frozen and refrigerated food boxes has a thin wax-like layer called a “polycoat.”

This creates a stronger box that protects the contents. Unfortunately, it prevents the cardboard from breaking down during the recycling process.



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Athletic Complex will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Joint Building Committee - Athletic Complex, April 17, 6 p.m.

The Joint Building Committee - Athletic Complex will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Solid Waste Advisory Commission, April 18, 6 p.m.

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

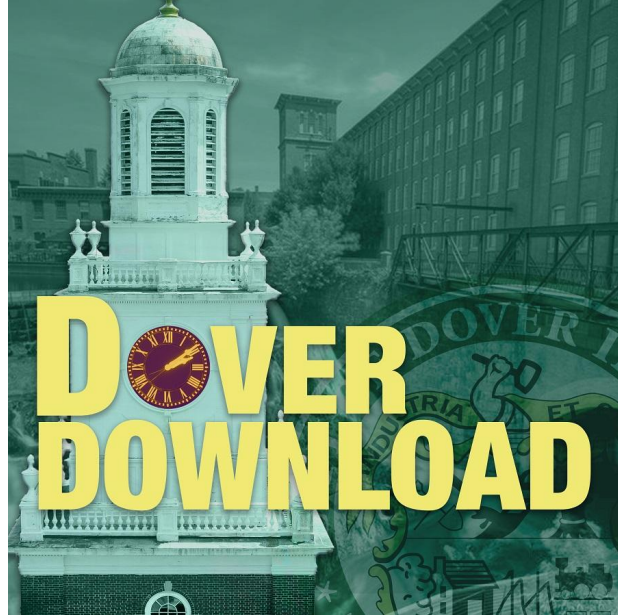
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Zoning Board, April 18, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.



**Business Development:
Collaborating for Success**

In the latest episode of Dover Download, the final in a series on the regional economy, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with James Burdin from the Office of Business Development in the City of Dover. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4apdzkp>.



**Missed the meeting?
Catch it again online**

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Receipts are not recyclable!

Receipts are not recyclable because they may be coated with a chemical called Bisphenol-A (BPA) or Bisphenol-S (BPS) that cannot be easily removed during the recycling process.



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Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

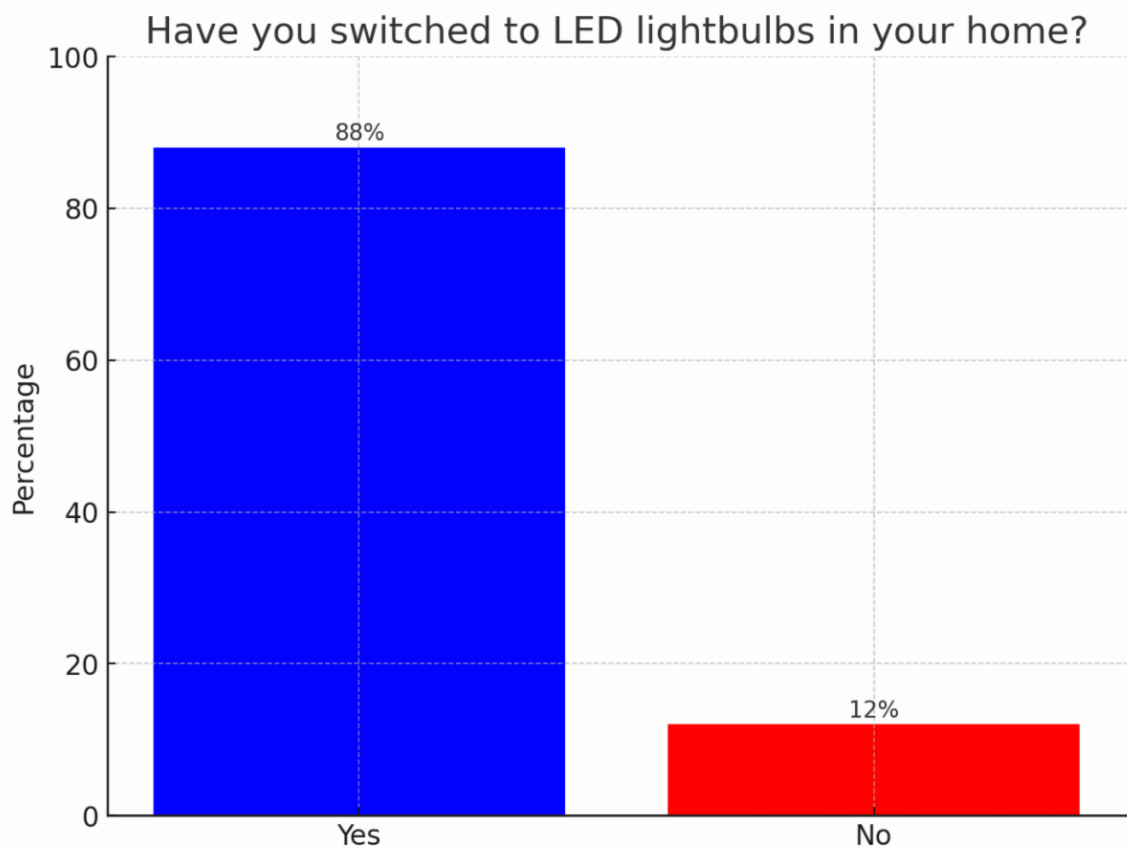
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **"What sources do you use to stay informed about the City of Dover?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mystcz>.

Please note that if you don't already have an account with Polco, the city's polling system, you will be asked to create one.

Here are the top results from last week's poll, which asked, "Have you switched to LED lightbulbs in your home?"



The following events are from various historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information [located here](#).

April 13, 1830 — A river and harbor bill approved by the U.S. Congress and containing an appropriation of \$4,200 for improving the Cochecho branch of the Piscataqua River from Dover Falls to its confluence with the Piscataqua, was vetoed by President Andrew Jackson on this day.

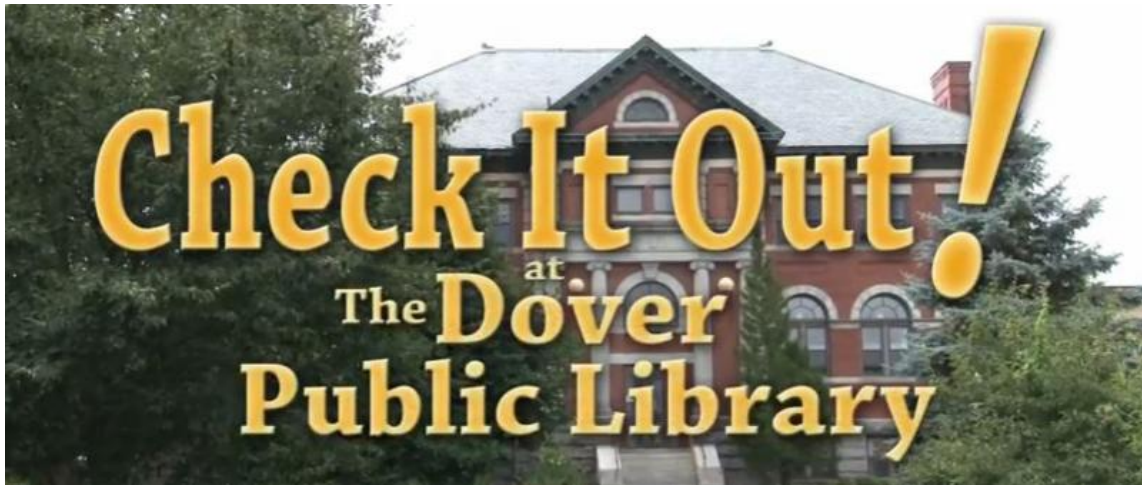
April 17, 1847 — The Calico Printery at the Bellamy River burns down.

April 16, 1850 — Dover received six inches of snow on this day, and the weather was said to be "more like midwinter than the middle of the second month of spring."

April 17, 1862 — With the ice finally out in the Cochecho, the first ships from up the river in Portsmouth arrive in Dover.

April 17, 2000 — On this day, Danalyn Adams Scharf of Dover etched her name in history by becoming the first female heart transplant recipient to complete a marathon. Her remarkable achievement at the 104th Boston Marathon served as an inspiration to countless individuals facing similar challenges. Scharf's journey toward the momentous feat began when she found herself battling a mysterious illness that left doctors perplexed. Ultimately, in 1997, at the age of 25, she received a life-saving heart transplant, undergoing a grueling recovery process before embarking on her mission to conquer the iconic 26.2-mile race. She announced her plan to run the marathon at Wentworth-

Douglass Hospital in 1998, during an event organized by the New England Organ Bank and intended to encourage more people to become donors. Danalyn Adams passed away in June 2022, 25 years after receiving her heart transplant.



How to 'birdscape' your backyard

If your ideal yard involves bird feeders, houses, and a variety of colorful fowl fluttering around, you won't want to miss "Birdscaping Your Backyard" at the Dover Public Library on April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The best way to attract an assortment of birds to a yard is through diversification. By diversifying feeder types, food and cover, the types of birds also will vary. In this presentation, Steve Hale of Open World Explorers will review ways to create a diverse backyard birdscape, including the addition of native trees, shrubs, grasses and vines.

Hale is an avid hiker, birder, and experienced naturalist. He holds university degrees in marine biology, evolutionary biology, and ecology. He has lived in New Hampshire for over 20 years and has explored most of the state. He loves to share his experience and knowledge with others.

The event is free and open to the public. It has been funded by the Friends of the Dover Public Library. For more information, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050.

Dover Library's annual book sale begins May 3

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will hold their annual May Book Sale from May 3-6 in the library's Lecture Hall.

The sale will offer hundreds of donated books, DVDs, and other items for \$1-3. Categories include fiction, nonfiction, biographies, children's books, and cookbooks.

Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. All remaining items will be free on Monday, May 6.

Cash, checks, and Square payments will be accepted. Proceeds support library programs, the Summer Reading Program, museum passes, and other services.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

This Week at the Library

**Weds., March 13 - Weds., April 17
22nd Annual Poetry Contest**

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 22nd Annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for seacoast area residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and adults ages 18 & older. Poems will be judged on originality, style, and creativity. Deadline for entry is April 17. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library or online at library.dover.nh.gov.

**Sunday, April 14, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Silent Reading Group**

It's a book club with no assigned reading, no expectations, and no rules. Share light discussion on the book you brought and enjoy the quiet, productive space of the library. Bring a snack. Bring a friend. Come read!

**Monday, April 15, 3 to 4 p.m.
Monday Afternoon Book Group**
Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *A Visit From the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

**Monday, April 15, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Big Kids Storytime**
Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join us for a storytime with more in-depth, challenging picture books.
Registration required.

**Monday, April 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group**
Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *A Visit From the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

**Monday, April 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Birdscaping Your Backyard**
The central tenet for attracting a diverse assemblage of birds to your yard is diversification. Diversify your feeder types, diversify your food, and diversify your cover and you will diversify your birds. This presentation by Steve Hale of Open World Explorers reviews ways to diversify your backyard birdscape, including addition of native trees, shrubs, grasses, and climbers/vines.

**Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Series of the Month Book Club for 2nd**

Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 to 11:45 am

Caregiver Cafe
Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation. Loved ones are welcome.

Wednesday, April 17, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All Abilities Club: Legos
Join us in building with Legos. Use your imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.

**Wednesday, April 17, 6 to 8 p.m.
Family Game Night**

Play a fun selection of card and board games, and meet other board game enthusiasts in the community! You're also welcome to bring your own games. All ages are welcome.

**Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Chess Group**

Adults and teens are invited to drop in to play a game or two and meet other folks interested in all things chess. Please bring a chess set if you have one!

**Thursday, April 18, 10 to 10:45 am
Arts and Crafts Storytime**

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

**Thursday, April 18, 4 to 5 p.m.
Multilingual Book Group**
Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center lead this group that features a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. This program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3 (other ages OK).

**Thursday, April 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Visible Mending Workshop**
This decorative repair technique is a fun way to embellish your clothing and make it last longer. It's also a great way to be more sustainable. We'll talk about fabric repair, sashiko stitching, and woven patches. This class is suitable for beginners aged 10 and up, bring a garment that you'd like to mend and all other supplies (needles, thread, glue) will be provided. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, April 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Meaningful Conversations**
Meaningful Conversations can be a

and 3rd Graders

Are you a fan of the *Bad Guys* series by Aaron Blabey? If you are in 2nd or 3rd grade and have read one or more books in the *Bad Guys* series come meet with other fans to talk about these popular books. There will also be a related craft. *Registration required.*

Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 to 11:30 am Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

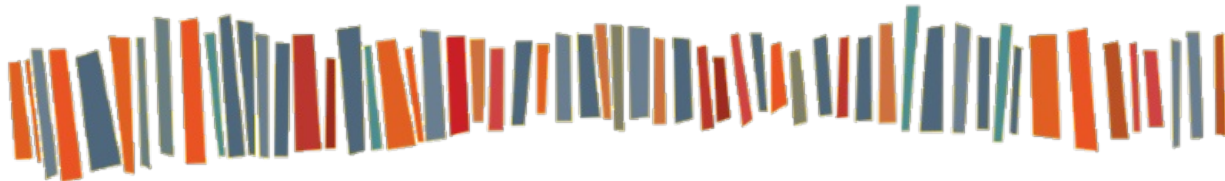
Wednesday, April 17, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

personally satisfying experience for everyone and these conversations can bring people together in friendship with a feeling of human connection. These weekly conversations, focused on such topics as “The Arts as Inspiration,” “Healing Racism,” and “Mind Full or Mindful?” began during the pandemic as part of a national initiative to bring people together in conversation about moral and social matters.

Saturday, April 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Visible Mending Workshop

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POWER OF AN HOUR

A ONE-HOUR VOLUNTEER LITTER COLLECTION EVENT IN DOVER, ORGANIZED BY WARD

WHEN & WHERE

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

9:30 TO 10:30 AM

ARRIVE BY 9:15

A GROUP PHOTO WILL BE TAKEN AT EACH LOCATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER

WARD 1: FRANCES G. HOPKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

78 Horne Street

WARD 2: DOVER ICE ARENA

110 Portland Avenue

WARD 3: WOODMAN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11 Towle Avenue

WARD 4: GARRISON SCHOOL

50 Garrison Road

WARD 5: DOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

16 Daley Drive

WARD 6: HELLENIC CENTER

219 Long Hill Road



HOW IT WORKS

Arrive at your ward by 9:15 AM with a safety vest or bright clothing, gloves, and closed-toe, flat-heeled shoes. No sandals or flip-flops. If you have a litter tool and/or a wagon, bring it. Turn in or complete a waiver. Sign in on clipboard, too, because the Ward with the most, second most and third most participants wins bragging rights and a group trophy.

Get your bag and pick up as much litter as possible in your Ward. Walk facing traffic. Respect private property. Do not go beyond "No Trespassing" or "Private Property" signs. Use caution when collecting. Do not attempt to collect litter that is in any location that may pose a danger. Do not touch or pick up needles/syringes. Do not handle any hazardous or potentially hazardous materials. If you find appliances, televisions, furniture, or other large items, please make a note of the item and location and report to the site leader when you return.

Keep an eye on the time and make sure to return to your Ward location by 10:30 AM with all the litter you collected for the group photo.

Note: Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. Bags will be provided.

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TO KEEP DOVER
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year-round!



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Deadline to apply for property tax credits, exemptions is Monday

The City of Dover offers property tax exemptions for qualified property owners that include veterans, the elderly, the blind, the deaf, the disabled, and those with solar energy systems. The deadline to apply for the exemptions and credits for the December 2024 property tax bill is Monday, April 15, 2024,

The City Council increased the property tax exemptions for the elderly, blind and disabled at its March 27, 2024 meeting.

Elderly Tax Credit

The City Council increased the property tax exemptions for the elderly who meet the age, income, asset, and residency requirements to the following:

For ages 65 to 74, the exemption is \$206,000

For ages 75 to 79, the exemption is \$291,000

For ages 80 and older, the exemption is \$373,000.

Blind Exemption

The Council increased the property tax exemption for those legally blind to \$206,000.

Applicants must meet residency requirements

Deaf Exemption

The Council increased the property tax exemption for those who are deaf or have a severe hearing impairment to \$206,000. Applicants must meet residency, income, and asset requirements.

Disability Exemption

The Council also increased the property tax exemption to \$206,000 for those who are eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled. Must meet residency, income, and asset requirements.

There are also tax credits available for:

Veterans

The City of Dover offers credits for qualified veterans, their spouses, or surviving spouse, including:

Veterans' Credit provides up to \$750 per year for those who served on active service in a qualifying war/conflict with applicable awards. This credit also encompasses service members who have served on active service in a qualifying war/conflict and remain on active duty, and includes training for active duty by a member of the National Guard or Reserve member.

All Veterans' Credit provides up to \$750 per year for those who served or are currently serving and are not eligible for the Veterans' Credit. This also includes training for active duty by a member of the National Guard or Reserve.

Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit, providing up to \$4,000 annually to veterans totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability; double amputees or paraplegics due to service-connected injuries also qualify.

Please refer to RSA 72:28, RSA 72:28-b, and RSA 21:50 for specific state law language regarding eligibility for these credits. Veterans and active service members are encouraged to contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014 with questions about veteran tax credits and/or eligibility.

Solar Energy Systems

Provides up to \$30,000 off the property's assessed value of a solar energy system. As defined by RSA 72:61, a solar energy system utilizes energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building that includes one or more collectors and a storage container. It also means a system that provides electricity for a building using photovoltaic panels. The amount of the exemption is the assessed value of the solar energy system, up to \$30,000.

For questions or more information, contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014.

Monitor water usage, set leak alerts with new online portal

Residents and businesses connected to the city's public drinking water system can now monitor daily water usage and receive alerts of potential water leaks with a new online service.

Called Eye on Water, the service provides customers direct access to their water consumption data and provides tools to help manage water use, updating usage four times daily. The tools allow consumers to view their daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly usage activity and provide a better understanding of how they use water. The app allows customers to set text/email alerts based on water usage to help detect leaks in the system quickly. Eye on Water also provides a mobile phone app for iPhone and Android users.

To sign-up, visit <https://eyeonwater.com/signup>. Customers will need their water service account number, which is printed on the water bill.

The new online portal was a result of new water meters that city staff have installed incrementally in recent years, which allows water usage to be read remotely.

For more information, contact Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.

City survey seeks experiences from those trying to obtain housing

What is your journey to obtain housing in Dover? Tried to look for a place in Dover recently? Or trying to make room for an aging parent or college graduate? Please share your experiences in the City of Dover's [Housing Survey](#).

The city, in partnership with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) and the University of New Hampshire, is conducting a regulatory audit to identify the barriers and opportunities present in the available housing choices in Dover. The response from the Housing Survey will help inform the solutions recommended to help increase attainable housing in Dover. There is also an option at the end of the survey to leave your contact information if you would like updates on the project.

Access the Dover Housing Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZSPQRHG>. The survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

For questions about the project, please contact Housing Navigator Ryan Pope at R.Pope@dover.nh.gov or Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio at E.Bassegio@dover.nh.gov.

Radio Fun Day celebrates Amateur Radio Month

Great Bay Radio Association will host Radio Fun Day on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Henry Law Park in Dover. The free event celebrates International Amateur Radio Month.

Amateur radio is a hobby with personal and community service aspects. Operators are involved in activities like local nets, international contacts, community events and radio sports such as Parks On The Air. Amateur radio operators also assist with emergency communications when requested.

At Radio Fun Day, amateur radio operators will have radios set up for local and long-distance communication using battery packs, antennas and handheld radios. A "Get On

The Air" station will allow people of all ages to make radio contacts.

Bottled water, soda and packaged snacks will be available. The event will be set up after the park's pool and playground area with tables, canopies and a club banner displayed.

The public is invited to stop by and see (hear) what Amateur Radio can do.

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Arena Commission
- Energy Commission
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee
- Planning Board
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier at j.bizier@dover.nh.gov. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor**
- **Planning Division Supervisor**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Water Exercise Instructor**
- **Account Clerk**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker**
- **Account Clerk, City Clerk Tax Collection**
- **Children's Room Circulation Desk Assistant**

- **Afternoon Library Page**
- **Seasonal Library Page**
- **Gym Attendant**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Teacher**
- **Middle School Principal 5-8**
- **Language Arts Teacher**
- **Visual Arts Teacher**
- **Mathematics Teacher**
- **Spanish Teacher**
- **Wellness Teacher**
- **Science Teacher**
- **District School Psychologist**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Social Studies Teacher**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Speech Language Pathologist Assistant**
- **DALC Administrative Assistant**
- **Special Education Paraprofessionals**
- **Day Porter at Dover High School**

For more information about these positions, [click here](#).

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