

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 19, 2024



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

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Center hours:

Tuesday,  
Thursday,  
Saturday:  
8:30 a.m. to  
3:30 p.m.

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

### Council to consider milfoil grant, waterfront developer agreement

The City Council will hold a public hearing before considering whether to accept and expend a \$14,140 state grant for milfoil treatments at Willand Pond. The grant would require a 50% match from the city, bringing the project total to \$28,280.

Milfoils are rooted, submerged aquatic plants in water bodies. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, which is offering the grant to Dover, prepared a [variable milfoil management plan](#) in March, which calls for eradicating variable milfoil in Willand Pond. NHDES recommends an herbicide treatment as part of the plan. The Conservation Commission unanimously endorsed accepting the grant and supported “the milfoil treatment effort with the understanding that untreated milfoil would have a more adverse impact on Willand Pond than the herbicide application and that a long-term integrated pest management plan be developed for the Pond,” according to the background materials.

Waterfront

The City Council will consider two waterfront-related resolutions in preparation for the City of Dover selling two parcels to private developer Cathartes, targeted for next month.

One would authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Tax Year 2024 Consent to Taxation and Payment In Lieu of Tax Agreement with the private developers of the city's waterfront site. The taxation agreement will allow the city to collect payment equal to the property tax for Tax Year 2024 for the parcels the city plans to convey to Cathartes. The agreement is necessary as the sale closing date will occur after April 1, the beginning of the tax year in New Hampshire.

The City Council will also be asked to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the developer regarding the required Phase I public improvements the city is to complete as part of the Land Disposition Agreement between the city and Cathartes. As not all Phase 1 public improvements to the pad sites are complete, the agreement would allow the city to complete the pad site requirements after the parcel sale to Cathartes. If Cathartes decides to complete the public improvements, it will receive credit from the city for the work. The agreement would also indemnify the developer against liabilities and damages if the city defaults on its agreement obligations and holds up the construction of the private development.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. The meeting will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

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## Dover Chamber announces 2024 Annual Award winners

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is pleased to announce its 2024 Annual Award winners, who will be honored May 9 at the Chamber's Annual Awards Gala.

**Business of the Year** is **Jewelry Creations**, which first opened its doors in Dover in 1981. The current owners, Doug and Kelly Glennon, purchased the business seven years ago, but their involvement in the greater Dover community began more than 20 years ago. In addition to serving on boards such as Seacoast Educational Endowment Dover, Profile Bank, Dover Children's Home, and Saint Mary Academy, the Glennons regularly donate to local organizations and encourage each of their staff members to select a local charity for a donation during New Hampshire Gives week.

**Nonprofit of the Year** is **Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST)**, which connects people and communities through its fixed-route buses and on-demand paratransit services. Since 1982, COAST has provided more than 16 million rides to workers, older adults, students, and others in the greater Seacoast region, linking them to work, school, medical appointments, shopping, social events, and support services. COAST prides itself on providing customer-focused public transportation with a commitment to safety and service.

This year's **Community Arts Champion** is **Cliff Blake**, who has served as vice chair of the Dover Arts Commission for the past four years. Blake was instrumental in bringing about the installation of a commemorative manhole cover to celebrate the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles creation in Dover and was a key driver for the implementation of Dover's recent Arts and Economic Prosperity Survey. He serves as a Dover Public Library trustee, is a Cochecho Arts Festival Committee member, and is an enthusiastic participant with Dover Doers and Don't Trash Dover.

**Sean O'Connell**, a partner with Shaheen & Gordon, P.A., Attorneys at Law, is the **2024 Citizen of the Year**. A former GDCC board chair, O'Connell is also a past chair of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire and was instrumental in bringing about the museum's move to Dover. He currently serves on the Dover Children's Home Board of Directors, is a founder and board member for Great Bay Rowing, a member of the University of New Hampshire Alumni Awards Committee, and a former president of the Strafford County Bar Association.

The **David K. Bamford Educator of the Year** is **Beverly Hodsdon**, who is an adjunct professor in the Digital Media Communications Program at Great Bay Community College. As a graphic designer with more than 30 years of experience, Hodsdon brings real-life projects to the classroom for her students to work on. In 2022 Hodsdon received the Great Bay Community College President's Award for Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member. In addition to running her business, Joyce Design Solutions, Hodsdon served as a board member for the Richie McFarland Children's Center for 16 years.

This year's Annual Awards Gala is underwritten by Newburyport Bank.

"Newburyport Bank is proud to support the Annual Awards Gala for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce," said Newburyport Bank Business Development Officer Alan Brown, "as this is where we join together to celebrate the success of our fellow business and community leaders. These are the folks that keep our community thriving, and it is our pleasure to journey alongside them."

The 2024 Annual Awards Gala will be held at a GDCC member business, The Red Barn at Outlook Farm in South Berwick, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$90 each and include a networking reception and full dinner.

Other sponsors include Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A.; First Seacoast Bank; D.F. Richard Energy; Profile Bank; Shaheen & Gordon, P.A.; Wentworth-Douglass Hospital; Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, P.A.; SERVPRO of The Seacoast; and HRCU. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [dovernh.org/awards](http://dovernh.org/awards) or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

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## Dover CrimeLine seeks new board members

Dover CrimeLine is seeking volunteers to join its board of directors.

The nonprofit organization works with the Dover Police Department to enhance public safety and reduce crime in the city. It aims to assist law enforcement agencies by sharing information on crimes within the community and incentivizing people to provide important information by offering financial rewards while maintaining privacy and anonymity for tipsters.

Board members are expected to attend approximately 10 meetings per year and participate in fundraising events during Apple Harvest Day and National Night Out. They work in conjunction with Dover Police Charities on various fundraising projects annually.

The screening process for prospective board members includes completing a volunteer



application, undergoing a criminal record check, interviewing with current board members, and receiving a vote of approval from the current board.

Those interested in being considered for the Dover CrimeLine Board should contact Board President Scott Wellington at [scotwell63@aol.com](mailto:scotwell63@aol.com) or police liaison Capt. David Terlemezian at [d.terlemezian@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.terlemezian@dover.nh.gov).

IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY,  
DON'T TRASH DOVER & CITY OF DOVER PRESENT

## 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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Questions?  
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## Dover Main Street's annual Clean-Up Day is May 4

Dover Main Street is hosting its annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The community event enlists volunteers to help clean up and beautify downtown Dover. Individuals, organizations, and groups are invited to register online at [www.dovermainstreet.org](http://www.dovermainstreet.org) or in person at the Cocheco Mill Courtyard between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. the day of the event.



Volunteers are asked to bring their own gardening tools such as gloves, brooms, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. All tools should be clearly labeled with the owner's name. The clean-up will take place rain or shine, so volunteers should dress accordingly.

A free volunteer pizza lunch sponsored by Kendall Pond will be provided at 11:30 a.m. Breezeline is the event underwriter.

Dover Main Street is a non-profit downtown revitalization organization dedicated to enhancing Dover's urban core through efforts focusing on economic vitality, design, promotion and organization.

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# DOVER DAY AT THE WOODMAN MUSEUM



Come join us at the Woodman Museum for an Open House and community event! Guests and activities include:

- Meet and Greet with Woody the Woodman Polar Bear
- Red's Good Vibe Food Truck
- Twenty-One Senses Calm Room/ Play area
- Sign up for a Library Card with Dover Public Library
- Dover Fire Department Fire Truck
- Dover Police Department
- And More...

**When:** April 20th  
10am-4pm

**Where:** Woodman Museum,  
182 Central Ave. Dover, NH



**Open to All. Free Admission with proof of  
Dover Residency**

Proud Members of:



## **Fayette Street closed to traffic on Tuesday, April 23**

Fayette Street will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Tuesday, April 23, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. to allow the removal of the slate roof of the Dover Baptist Church at 151 Washington St. The weather contingency date is Wednesday, April 24.

While Fayette Street is closed, Green Street will shift to a two-way traffic pattern to accommodate traffic to the U.S. Post Office, Riverview Apartments, and Waldron Towers Apartments.

### **Parking restrictions**

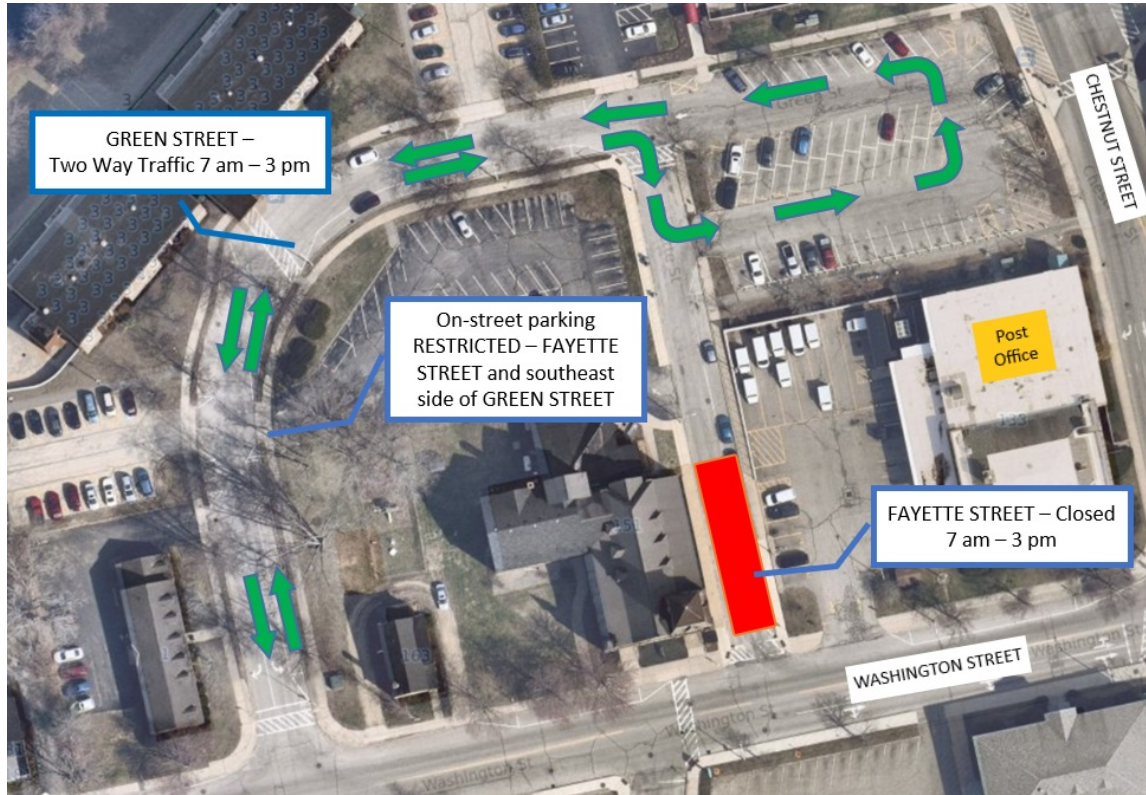
Parking will be prohibited for the day on Fayette Street and the southeast side of Green Street.

See the traffic flow map below.

### COAST bus

COAST Route 33 transit buses serving the Waldron Towers will not be able to use Green Street due to the limited turning radius through the Post Office lot. Route 33 COAST riders of Route 33 inbound should check with COAST at <https://coastbus.org/upcomingservicechanges> or call 603-743-5777 for an alternate pickup location.

Questions about traffic implications may be directed to Dover Police Lt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.



### Upcoming Meetings:

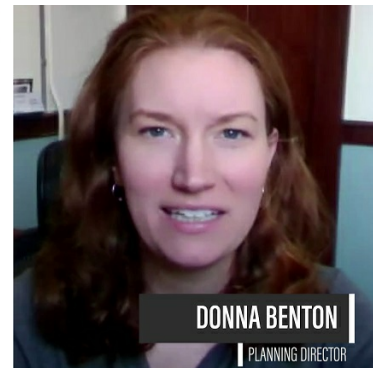
#### Dover Housing Authority, April 23, 12 p.m.

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

#### Planning Board, April 23, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City



### On the Agenda: Planning Board, 4/23/2024

Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?>



Hall.

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

### **City Council, April 24, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall. The regular meeting will be followed by an executive session.

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

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### **Planning Board Technical Review Committee, April 25, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee, April 25, 7 p.m**

The Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

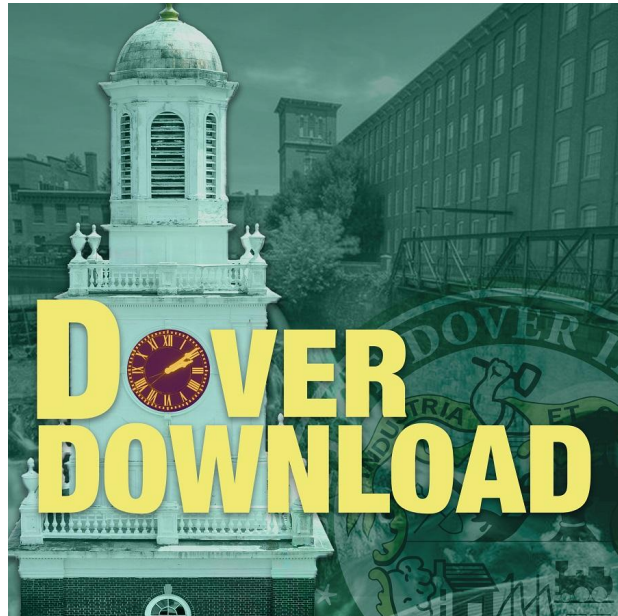
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

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

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The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 and streamed live online.

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.



### **One Hour, One Community: Deb Clough and Volunteerism**

In the latest episode of Dover Download, the final in a series on the regional economy, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Deb Clough, a local volunteer who leads the Dover Doers group focused on beautifying downtown Dover through projects like planting and maintaining flower boxes on the Central Avenue Bridge and along the Community Trail. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3Q4tJaP>.





## 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](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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## Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

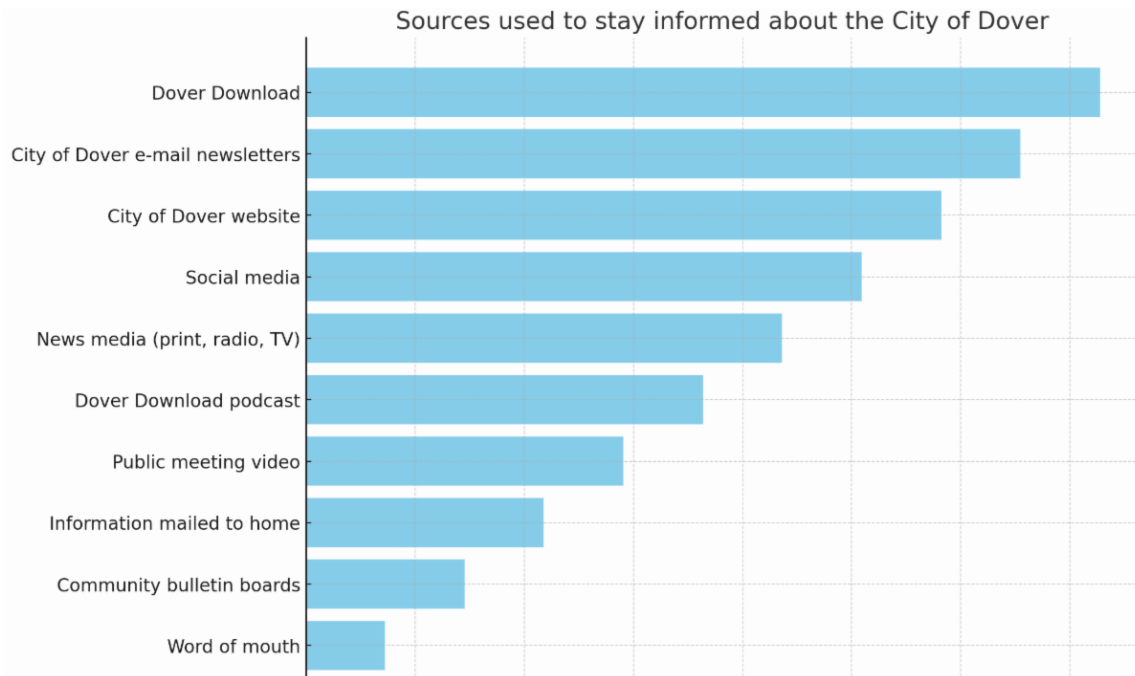
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **"Have you ever participated in the Dover Race Series?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m8xey8>.

*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, "What sources do you use to stay informed about the City of Dover?"



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 25, 1729** — The inhabitants of the northeast section of Dover petitioned the Assembly to be set off as a parish for the benefit of the ministry. The parish was named "Summersworth," which meant "summer town." On **April 22, 1754**, the Legislature approved an act to officially incorporate the parish as a town by the same name, severing it from Dover completely. Due to a clerical error, the town's name was spelled Somersworth, which it has remained ever since.

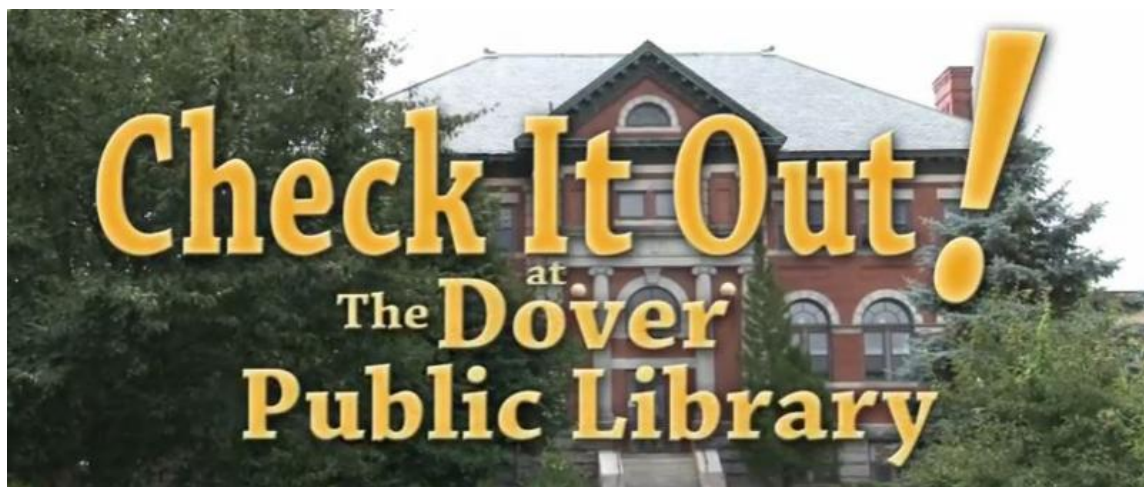
**April 23, 1794** — Apple trees began to blossom on this day, and spring was in an early bloom. But a "great frost" on May 17 destroyed what was expected to be a bumper crop of apples, as well as some other crops, such as rye and flax.

**April 19, 1856** — The salaries of City officers were established as follows: Mayor, \$200; City Clerk, \$200 and fees; City Marshal, \$100; Assistant, \$50; Treasurer, \$50. Residents also voted on this day to purchase the lot known as the "sandbank," adjoining Pine Hill, for \$300. The valuation of the city this year was \$3,562,978. The tax rate was set at 88 cents per \$100 of valuation.

**April 19, 1865** — Dover marked President Abraham Lincoln's funeral solemnly with tolling bells, gunfire salutes, draped flags of mourning, and memorial services across several churches. At the Unitarian Church, former U.S. Sen. John P. Hale of Dover eulogized the slain president, reflecting on his virtuous character and untimely death just days after victory in the Civil War. Hale said, "He was a man of pure and blameless life; no tale of oppression, injustice, fraud or lust stains his record. He was genial in his temper, affable in his manners, and accessible almost to a fault." The senator also pondered Lincoln's modest beginnings that ill-prepared him for national leadership in crisis, stating, "A man of peace without military skill, education or experience was chosen to conduct to a successful termination the mightiest war that history has recorded."

**April 20, 1927** — Dover records the highest temperatures for the year to date in the state, with thermometers reaching 86 degrees in the shade.

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## **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.

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## This Week at the Library

**Monday, April 22, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Earth Family Storytime**

A special Earth Day Storytime! This all-ages event will explore our planet, with books, songs and an exploratory activity. Bring the family for a celebration of Spring!

**Monday, April 22, 1 to 3 p.m.**  
**Hooked Rug Repair Class**

Bring in a rug that you would like to repair or just come to take notes on the process. Some repair supplies will be provided.  
*Registration required.*

**Monday, April 22, 4 to 8 p.m.**  
**#TBT Teen Movie Marathon:  
Early 2000s Edition**

Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a movie marathon featuring some early 2000s throwbacks in the Library's Lecture Hall! Free free to drop in for one movie or two. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided.

**Monday, April 22, 6 to 7 p.m.**  
**Quiet time: A Group for Parents and  
Caregivers of Young Children**

Parents and caregivers of young children are invited to this relaxed, open forum community group. We'll discuss a variety of topics, from navigating childcare to going back to work. Feel free to bring a light snack along with you to enjoy, and we'll provide tea. Lap children are welcome, but we kindly ask that older children stay at home.

**Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 to 5 p.m.**  
**Elementary Exploration: Building  
Challenge**

Kids in grades K - 4 are invited to join us after school for a fun, engaging STEM experiment. This month we will be working on a unique building challenge!  
*Registration required.*

**Tuesday, April 23, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**18+ Dungeon World**  
Drop in and play Dungeon World with

**Wednesday, April 24, 11 a.m. to 12  
p.m.**

**All Abilities Music Club**

Join us for a lively sing-along to your favorite tunes.

**Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Get Lit! Book Club**

Join us at Chapel + Main (83 Main Street, Dover) to discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library.

**Wednesday, April 24, 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 25, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**Piece by Piece Puzzle Club**

What can improve your memory, reduce stress and help you make new friends? Cooperative puzzling. Come to relax, chat with fellow puzzlers and of course make the puzzle Piece by Piece.

**Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**Crafter Morning for Kids:  
Design a tote Bag**

Kids in kindergarten and up are invited to join us in the lecture hall to design their own tote bag. *Registration required.*

**Thursday, April 25, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**DIY Squishes for Teens**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to design and create their own foam squish toy! *Registration required.*

**Thursday, April 25, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Cochecho River Writers**

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great

Game Master Dave! This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, strategy, and imagination. The group will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night of the month, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

**Wednesday, April 24, 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Lego Club - Vacation Style**

Come build with us at a special Vacation Edition of Lego Club! This will be a Make-and-Take event. You get to take your Lego creation home! There will be no challenge. Bring your imagination and building skills. This is a family event for people age 5-99.

**CAUTION:** Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.

way to hone your craft!

**Saturday, April 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

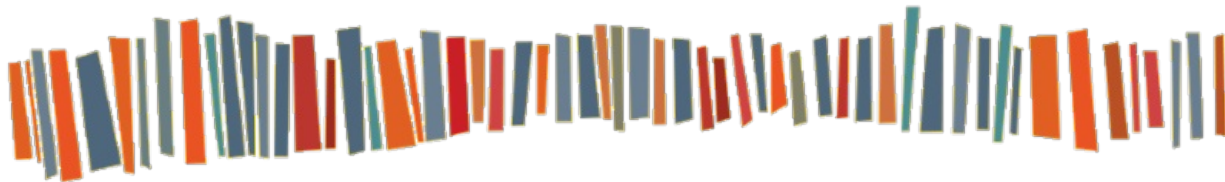
**Meaningful Conversations**

Meaningful Conversations can be a 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 27, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Dover Shockwave Robotics Demo**

Join us for a special demonstration by the students of Dover Shockwave Robotics! The team will be showcasing their 2024 competition robot for us. We'll have a demonstration, some hands on participation, and a Q&A session.



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## **Community Services to hold open house May 18 for Public Works Week**

**Events include Touch-a-Truck, demonstrations, tours of new water treatment facility**

Community Services invites the public to its open house on Saturday, May 18, as a kick-off to Public Works Week.

The event, held at the public works facility at 271 Mast Road, will display numerous public work trucks for the kids and the public to check out. In addition, Dover Police and Fire and Rescue vehicles will also be there.

Staff will hold demonstrations, such as how crews tap a water line, and provide tours of the new Pudding Hill Water Treatment Facility. Other attractions will be announced as they are confirmed.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Interested in being part of the event? Contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

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## Help keep it clean this spring by following these water quality tips

Another spring is in full swing. As you start your lawn care and/or garden plans, consider the following tips to create a safe environment at your home and downstream. Whatever we do in our yards affects lakes, rivers, streams and bays downhill. By adopting a few simple practices, we can protect the health of the water bodies we love.

### Carefully compost yard clean-up

One of the first activities drawing us outside in the spring is tidying up the accumulation of twigs, pine needles, and decaying leaves left behind during the winter. As this plant material decomposes, it releases nutrients. The bulk of the raked-up yard waste should be put in an area where it can compost away from any drainage area or water body. Never rake yard waste into a storm drain, down a river bank, or adjacent to any water body. Excess nutrients in a water body lead to algae blooms that rob aquatic and marine animals of oxygen, obscure water clarity, and even decrease adjacent property values. Learn more about composting here: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/composting-home-gardener-fact-sheet>.

The City of Dover Recycling Center, located on Mast Road, accepts yard waste, grass, and other plant debris at no cost to Dover residents. This material is brought to a larger composting facility. Information about the recycling center can be [found here](#).

### Timing is important for fertilizing and mowing

Other temptations in the spring include fertilizing too early and mowing too short. Different formulations of fertilizer require different minimum temperatures. Hold off on applying until you are sure your soil needs it and the soil temperature is adequate. Likewise, resist the temptation to mow too low. Encourage the early season grass roots to grow deeper into the soil by keeping more of the grass blade growing above ground.

### Water wisely

Our lawns and gardens typically need about one inch of water per week, which is about the annual average amount of rainfall in northern New England. Place a rain gauge or empty bean or tuna can out in the yard and check it weekly to see if the rain has reached a one-inch mark. Only water or irrigate when the rainfall drops below that one-inch weekly average. [Learn more](#) about watering wisely.

### Test your soil

Test your soil at the University of New Hampshire's Soil Lab. Soil test results provide important information about nutrient and mineral levels in our soil, characteristics of the soil, and recommendations for fertilizer. Without this information, we may end up applying products or using practices that waste time and money, inhibit plant growth and contribute to pollution. Watch a short video about how to take a soil sample and learn more about soil testing at <https://extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/pest-disease-growing->

## Know your yard dimensions

Whether you are interested in over seeding a lawn, adjusting the soil pH with lime, top dressing with compost, or applying fertilizer, you will need to know the dimensions of the lawn area in order to purchase and/or apply the correct amount of seed, lime, compost, or fertilizer. Overapplying compost or fertilizer, in particular, can create water quality problems in our streams, rivers, and the Great Bay, so it's very important to apply only what's needed, if it's needed. [Here's a handy guide](#) to measuring lawn dimensions and calibrating a spreader to make sure you are applying only what's needed and no more.

These are just a few tips for growing healthy lawns and protecting water quality while we are spending more time at home. This is a perfect opportunity to adopt habits that we have put off because we didn't have as much time at home. Enjoy the season of growth while keeping yourself and others safe. Learn more tips for water quality friendly lawn at <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/green-grass-clear-water-fact-sheet>.

Source: New Hampshire Sea Grant and UNH Cooperative Extension, City of Dover

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## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Rethink, Repair

These are ways we can lessen our impact on the environment:

**Reduce** - cutting down the amount we consume. Less consumption=Less waste.

**Reuse** - before buying new, can what you have be reused or repurposed?

**Recycle** - if it must be discarded, can it be reused to make something else?

**Refuse** - refrain from buying and using what you don't need.

**Rethink** - do you really need it?

**Repair** - replacing is easy but can it be fixed?





# 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.

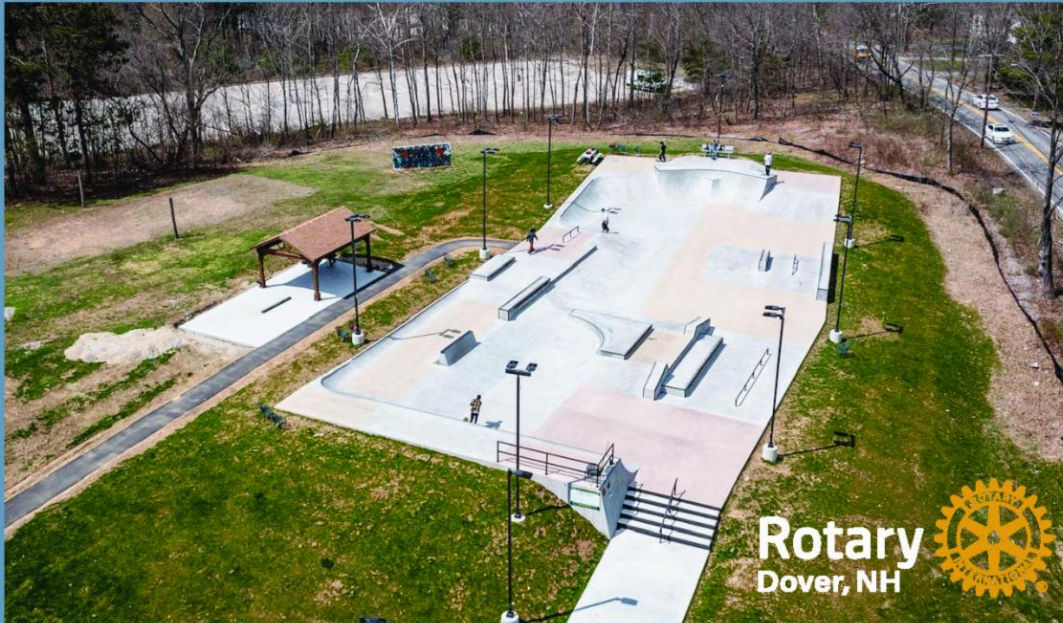
As the project ramps up, the City of Dover will send out regular email updates to help residents and businesses plan for the construction disruption. To sign up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project update: Fifth Street and Grove Street Reconstruction" to your current 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.

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Please join the Dover NH Rotary on  
**Saturday, April 27th at 11a.m.**  
for the ribbon cutting & dedication  
of the Pavillion at the new Dover  
Skate Park!

150 Portland Avenue Dover, NH



The Pavillion is located on the new 10,700 sq. ft. skate park that opened last fall and provides space for visitors to learn, relax, and enjoy the community's newest recreational facility.

*Questions contact:*  
[fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com](mailto:fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com)  
603.817.1843



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, will continue paving operations on Locust Street between Silver Street and Central Avenue. 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.

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## **Seacoast chapter of ABLE NH to host next meeting April 24, announces task force meetings**

ABLE NH, a nonprofit organization that advocates for the civil and human rights of children and adults with disabilities in New Hampshire, has announced its upcoming schedule of virtual task force meetings hosted via Zoom.

The task forces cover a range of topics critical to the disability community, including housing, healthcare, civic engagement, mental health, and transportation equity. All meetings are open to people with disabilities, caregivers, families and allies.

Upcoming meetings include:

- Advocate NH Conference Planning Committee: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (biweekly)
- Oral Healthcare Task Force: First Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Housing Task Force: Second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Civic Engagement Committee: Fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- Mental Health Task Force: First Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

The newly formed Transportation Equity Task Force will have its first meeting announced soon. Those interested can email [organizer@ablenh.org](mailto:organizer@ablenh.org) for details.

In addition, the Seacoast Chapter of ABLE NH will hold its next meeting on April 24 at 7 p.m.

ABLE NH's mission is to advocate for full participation and improved systems for those with disabilities through connecting families, inspiring communities and influencing public policy.

The public can find Zoom links and more information on ABLE NH's events calendar at [ablenh.org/events](http://ablenh.org/events).

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## 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.

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## 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
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee
- Planning Board
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](http://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](mailto: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.

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## 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**
- **Enterprise Systems IT Administrator**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Water Exercise Instructor**
- **Account Clerk**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker**
- **Gym Attendant**
- **Welfare Assistant/Technician**

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

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## 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:

- **Substitute Teacher**
- **Athletic and Physical Education/Wellness Director**
- **Physical Education/Wellness Teacher**
- **Custodian for C&W Services Facilities**
- **Math Teacher**
- **Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Teacher**
- **Paraprofessional**
- **Mathematics Teacher**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Wellness Teacher**
- **Spanish Teacher**
- **Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Long Term Substitute**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional**

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

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