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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 15, 2024



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Tuesday,  
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## BUDGET Revealed

YOUR GUIDE TO THE  
FY2025 BUDGET

### City Council budget deliberations continue

**Public hearing on city portion of budget  
next week precedes final departmental  
budget presentations**

The City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. for a public hearing on the city portion of the proposed FY2025 budget. A public hearing on the school portion of the budget was held Feb. 28.

Immediately following the special meeting, the City Council will hold a workshop to receive the final budget presentations from the Community Services and Recreation departments and the Police Department's Parking Bureau.

The special meeting and workshop will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>. They will also be posted on the [FY2025 Budget Revealed](#) online resource page, along with any budget documents presented at the meeting and workshop.

8:30 a.m. to  
3:30 p.m.

The Council will continue budget deliberations at a workshop on Wednesday, April 3. Following the workshop, if the Council is ready, it will call a special meeting to adopt the FY2025 budget. If the Council does not adopt the budget that night, it will do so the following week on Wednesday, April 10.

### **Upcoming budget meetings and workshops**

#### **Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m.**

City Council special meeting  
City budget public hearing  
City Council workshop to follow the special meeting  
Budget review: Parking, Community Services and Recreation budgets

#### **Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m.**

City Council workshop  
General budget review  
Following workshop: City Council special meeting for budget adoption

#### **Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.**

City Council regular meeting  
Fallback budget adoption date

### **Sign up for the Budget Revealed newsletter**

The City Manager releases a weekly newsletter, Budget Revealed, which provides a host of information about the FY2025 budget process, including a recap of any budget presentations that week and a preview of what will occur the following week. Sign up for the newsletter here: <https://bit.ly/doverdownload>. Select "Budget Revealed" from the list of newsletters.

The newsletters are posted to the FY2025 Budget Revealed page once published.

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## **Community Services invites public to budget open house on March 28**

As the City Council continues to review the proposed fiscal year 2025 municipal budget, the Community Services Department will host a public open house to provide information and answer questions about the budget and the department's operations.

The budget open house will be held on Thursday, March 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road. Attendees can tour the facility, speak with staff about department operations, and learn details about Community Services' portion of the fiscal year 2025 budget proposal.

Community Services oversees a wide range of municipal operations and public works functions in Dover. The department's responsibilities encompass areas such as water and sewer operations, facilities maintenance, cemetery

operations, engineering, road repairs, snow removal, stormwater management, parks and grounds, solid waste and recycling, utilities, and more.

For more information about the open house, call Community Services at 603-516-6450. Information on the full proposed city budget and the proposed Community Services budget is available online at [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov).

## Dover Main Street's Run Before You Crawl 5k & Pub Crawl steps off Saturday



Dover Main Street's 10th annual Run Before You Crawl 5K Road Race will take place on Saturday, March 16, at 9 a.m., starting and ending at Harvest Church located at 47 Fourth Street. The race is underwritten by Breezeline.

The Run Before You Crawl 5k is the 2024 Dover Race Series kick-off and features a new course that includes familiar territory and some new areas. Starting on Fourth Street, in front of Harvest Church, we head towards Washington Street via Snows Court & Prospect Street; connect with Washington and up the infamous Whittier Street hill, down 6th Street, and back to Chestnut.

Once the race is over, head over to the 2024 Restaurant & Pub Crawl. Dover Main Street has teamed up with Sam Adams, Truly, Guinness, and the downtown restaurants and bars to kick off St. Paddy's Day Weekend. Over 12 restaurants will offer crawlers free apps and drink specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pick up a map to track your progress and get a stamp at each restaurant and bar for entries into the Run Before You Crawl raffle! The live drawing will be held at Fury's Publick House at the end of the event. Winners do not need to be present. Be sure to seek out the Leprechaun and the Sam Adams and Guinness crews for more prizes and fun. The event is rain or shine.

Not a runner but looking to volunteer for the race or the pub crawl? There are many opportunities available:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F48AAAE2CA13-48030365-2024>

Register online for the race and/or pub crawl at: <https://dovermainstreet.org/race/>

For additional information, please reach out to [info@dovermainstreet.org](mailto:info@dovermainstreet.org).

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## Street closures, parking restrictions for Run Before You Crawl 5K

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following street closures and parking restrictions for the 10th annual Run Before You Crawl 5K event, presented by Dover Main Street. A downtown Dover restaurant and pub crawl will follow the race between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Find more information at <https://dovermainstreet.org/race/index.php>.

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, between 9 and 10 a.m., Chestnut Street will be closed to all southbound traffic from Sixth Street to Third Street. Additional closures will be in effect during brief periods to accommodate the race flow on Fourth, Washington, Whittier, and Sixth streets. Fourth Street will be closed to all traffic from Grove Street to Chestnut Street between 8 and 10 a.m.

The event starts and ends on Fourth Street, between Grove and Chestnut streets. The course will follow a clockwise loop of Fourth, Prospect, Washington, Whittier, Sixth, and Chestnut streets. Dover police personnel and event volunteers will be on hand to help manage the traffic flow along the race route.

Parking restrictions will be posted and in effect on Saturday morning along Sixth Street from Hillside Drive to Chestnut Street, and Fourth Street between Grove and Chestnut streets.

COAST bus service and connections at the Dover Transportation Center, 33 Chestnut St., will remain in effect throughout the race, but some route diversions will be required due to the above-listed street closures. Amtrak Downeaster passenger train service will not be interrupted, but train passengers intending to park at the Transportation Center may need to plan for alternate parking arrangements.

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

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## **City Hall financial system maintenance to affect some services Tuesday afternoon**

### **Information on property taxes, water/sewer billing affected**

Due to the planned maintenance of the City Hall's networking infrastructure, the financial system will be offline on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, starting at 3 p.m. The system will be back online when City Hall reopens at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

When the system is offline, customers not be able to pay their property taxes and water/sewer bills; City Hall employees will also not be able to tell customers what their balances are due for these items. However, the City Clerk's Office will still be able to process motor vehicle registrations, dog licensing, vital records requests, and voter registrations.

For more information, contact the Finance Department at 603-516-6030.

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# Warming Center open next two Sundays

## Service fair to connect clients to services Monday mornings

The Warming Center of Strafford County, located at 30 Willand Drive, Somersworth, will be open during the day and night on Sunday, March 17, and Sunday, March 24. If the Warming Center is not already open from a Saturday night activation, the Warming Center will open at 9 a.m. on Sunday and remain open through Monday morning.

On the next two Mondays, the Warming Center will be open from 8 to 11 a.m. for a service fair to connect clients to any needed services.

Those needing services can always visit the welfare office in the town/city where they live. Welfare offices are available to coordinate services for those who need and want emergency assistance, including shelter, food, and medical care.

The City of Dover's Welfare Department is located at 61 Locust St., Dover, in Room 334 on the third floor of the McConnell Center. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 603-516-6500 or visit [www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-welfare/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-welfare/).

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# River Street to close in April for summer

## Closure related to utility, roadway work for waterfront project

River Street will be closed to through traffic 24 hours a day beginning in April and continuing through the summer. The target closing date is Monday, April 8, which is anticipated to last at least through Labor Day in September 2024.

The closure will allow contractors to install a new water main, stormwater drainage, and electrical duct bank related to the waterfront project and complete other roadway work. Work is also underway to repair the damaged Cochecho River shoreline next to River Street.

When River Street is closed, public parking is also prohibited. However, public parking is available nearby, such as on Henry Law Avenue.

More information about the closure and any detours will be posted later this month.

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

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**At the March 13 City Council meeting, At-large City Councilor Linnea Nemeth accepted a proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month on behalf of the Women's Empowerment Club at Dover High School.**

## **Dover City Council proclaims March as Women's History Month**

Mayor Robert Carrier issued a proclamation at the March 13 City Council meeting to recognize March as Women's History Month in Dover.

"Women's History Month provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress made towards gender equality while also acknowledging the ongoing work needed to ensure that all women have equal opportunities, rights, and representation in every aspect of society," the mayor said, reading from the proclamation.

Throughout the proclamation, Carrier highlighted how women have made integral contributions across societies and fields despite facing adversity. He stated that Women's History Month commemorates their "extraordinary accomplishments" and "resilience, leadership and perseverance."

The proclamation also emphasizes that by celebrating Women's History Month, the city reaffirms its "commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable world where every woman and girl can thrive, free from discrimination and oppression."

At-large City Councilor Linnea Nemeth accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Women's Empowerment Club at Dover High School. She noted that this year's Women's History Month theme is "Inclusion" and plans to present the proclamation to the high school club.

Women's History Month traces its roots to the first International Women's Day celebration in 1911. It became an annual designated month in the U.S. in 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project.

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## **Dover Chamber to host State of the City March 28**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the

2024 State of the City on Thursday, March 28, from 8 to 10 a.m. at 121 Broadway, Dover. A hot breakfast will be served and pre-registration is required.

City of Dover Recreation Director Gary S. Bannon will provide an overview of the Culture and Recreation Chapter of Dover's Master Plan and discuss the role that recreation plays in the City's overall development. Following his keynote address, Bannon will be joined by a group of panelists who will talk about some of the challenges that have arisen as Dover becomes an increasingly attractive place for both businesses and individuals to locate. Panelists include Ryan Pope, Housing Navigator for the City of Dover; Thomas A. Toye IV, Owner/Broker of Arthur Thomas Properties; and Toni Gooch, AVP Commercial Relationship Manager of Kennebunk Savings Bank.

Eversource and Kennebunk Savings sponsor the 2024 State of the City. The registration fee is \$25, and the event is open to the public. Visit [DoverNH.org/SOTC](https://DoverNH.org/SOTC) to register or for more information.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community.

For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](https://www.dovernh.org).

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Gary S. Bannon**  
Recreation  
Director,  
City of Dover

## PANELISTS



**Ryan Pope**  
Housing Navigator,  
City of Dover



**Thomas A. Toye IV**  
Owner/Broker,  
Arthur Thomas  
Properties



**Toni Gooch**  
AVP Commercial  
Relationship  
Manager,  
Kennebunk Savings  
Bank

MARCH  
28

121 BROADWAY, DOVER  
REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST: 8AM  
PROGRAM START: 8:30 AM

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Utilities Commission, March 18, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

### Parking Commission, March 19, 8:30 a.m.

The Parking Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

### Waterfront Committee, March 19, 5:30 p.m.



## DHS Drama Club to perform 'Freaky Friday'

The Dover High School Drama Club will present "Freaky Friday" based on the book by Mary Rodgers and the Disney Films on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23. The show begins at 7 p.m. each night in the Dover High School Auditorium.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **Arena Commission, March 19, 7 p.m.**

The Arena Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Dover Arena, 110 Portland Ave, Conference Room, Dover.

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

### **Energy Commission, March 20, 5:30 p.m.**

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### **City Council, March 20, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall. The meeting will be followed by a workshop.

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

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

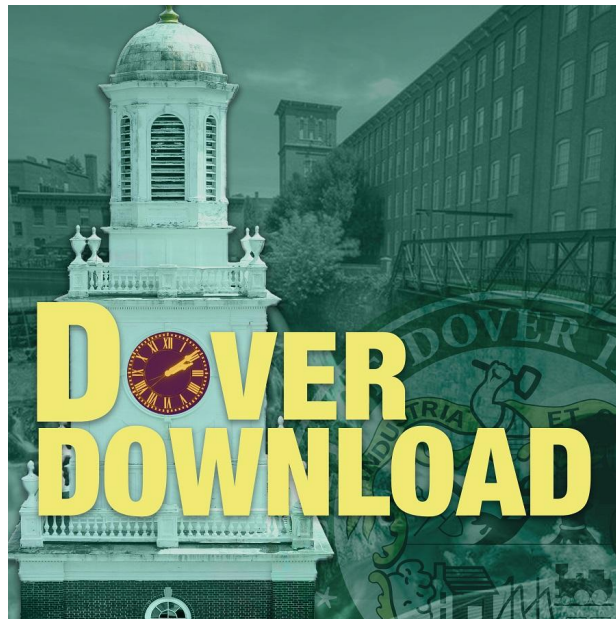
### **Planning Board Technical Review Committee, March 21, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March

Admission is \$8 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults.

For more information, contact Dover High School at 603-516-6900.

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### **Regional Spotlight: Economic Growth in Rochester**

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Michael Scala, the Economic Development Director for the city of Rochester, the second in a series on the regional economy. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3lvVRzv>.

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### **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



21, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Open Lands Committee, March 21, 5:30 p.m.**

The Open Lands Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor 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/>.

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: **"If you're enrolled in Dover Community Power, which plan did you choose?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mxfsn9>.

*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 is your favorite place to take visitors in Dover?"

- Cochecho Arts Festival
- Garrison Hill Tower
- Gallivant Global Eatery
- Tendercrop Farm
- Newick's
- Downtown restaurants and shops
- Community Trail
- Tokens Taproom
- La Festa
- Hello Again
- Cara Irish Pub
- Lickey's and Chewy's
- Hilton Park
- The Woodman Museum
- Sonny's
- Chapel + Main
- Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens

- Willand Pond
  - Concerts at Henry Law Park
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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](#).

**March 15, 1831** — A large seal, six feet, eight inches long, and weighing nearly 400 pounds, was caught in the Cochecho, a few miles below the town.

**March 17, 1833** — Heavy rainfall and melting snow caused significant flooding throughout the region, including along the Landing in Dover, where several buildings were damaged. Several mills and nearly every bridge in the area were heavily damaged or destroyed.

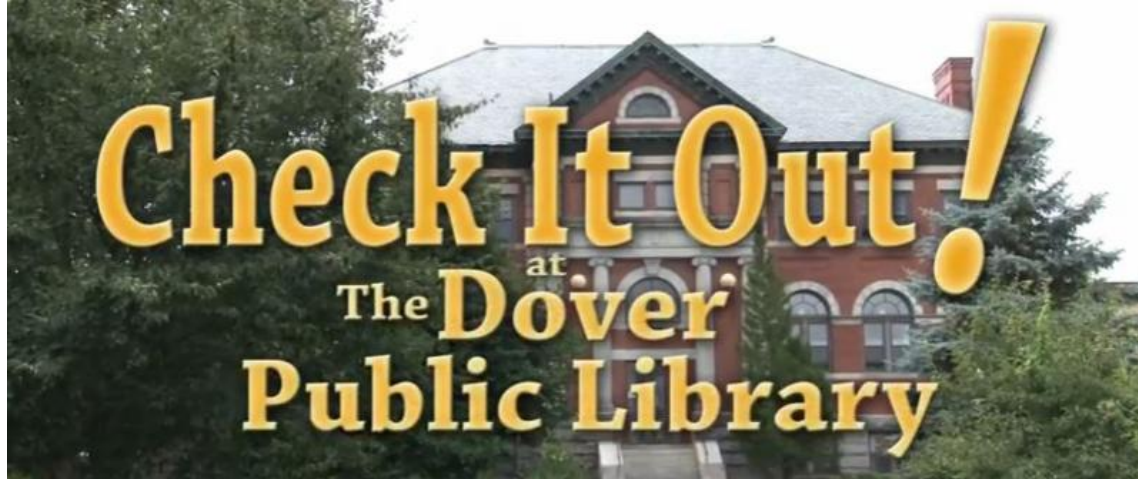
**March 1912** — Col. Daniel Hall is awarded a contract to erect a Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument, which he proposed to be presented to the City of Dover and placed on the lawn between the Public Library and high school at the time (now the McConnell Center). The eventual completion of the monument in October 1912, followed several years of community efforts to memorialize those who had served during the Civil War. Col. Hall, a veteran and resident of Summer Street in Dover, donated the funds for the statue. The monument was designed by Lewis J. White of Quincy, Mass., and made with 60 tons of granite from Barre, Vermont. According to some reports, a small, copper time capsule of various artifacts was placed behind the second and third stones behind the letter "V" in Dover. The monument was dedicated in October 1912 to great fanfare. In 2012, a wreath ceremony was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the monument. The ceremony [can be viewed here](#).

**March 17, 1913** — Dover Police Patrolman Edward Young retired from the force after 15 years of service. He began as a night patrolman in 1898 and, six years later, was promoted to the day force. Young was well-liked and respected in the community, which was evident a few months prior when he was elected Strafford County Sheriff by a wide margin.

**March 17, 2004** — Former Dover Schools Superintendent Bernard Ryder started a \$500 scholarship at Dover High School for a graduating senior's college textbooks. Eligible students would be randomly selected, receiving Ryder's semi-autobiographical book with a joke bookmark designed by an art student. The first scholarship was awarded in June 2004, with funds deposited into the winner's college bookstore account. Ryder, who led Dover's school district from 1973-1983, planned to continue the scholarship honoring his late family for 10 years as a way to "give back" after appreciating his time in Dover.

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## Library to host 22nd annual Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library announced its 22nd annual Poetry Contest for students in grades K-12 and adults ages 18 and older.

Prizes will be awarded in seven categories: grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and adults. Poems will be judged on originality, style, and creativity.

The entry deadline is April 17. Students and adults can pick up contest information at the Dover Public Library, Dover school libraries, or online at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov).

All participants are invited to an "Evening of Poetry" on May 20 at 6:30 p.m. Participants may voluntarily read their poetry at this event.

For more information, contact Emily Ainaire at 603-516-6082.

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## 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](http://library.dover.nh.gov).

### **Mon., March 18 - Sun., March 31** **Annual Peeps Contest**

Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard size shoe box, no larger than 16"x16". Create your diorama based on a scene from a book. The first twelve entries will receive a free plush Peep bunny! Children ages 4-8 may enter the Kids Division, and ages 9-12 may enter in the Youth Division. Peep Artists 13-19 years old may enter the Teen

### **Wednesday, March 20, 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, March 20, 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.

### **Wednesday, March 20, 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!

Division, while those 20 or older may compete in the Adult Division. Please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show" on the back of the shoe box. You can pick up an entry form at the Library.

**Monday, March 18, 3 to 4 p.m.  
Monday Afternoon Book Group**

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature and Spirit* by Lyanda Lynn Haupt. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

**Monday, March 18, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Demystifying AI: From Fiction to Fiction**

Artificial Intelligence Chapter 3: Diving into ChatGPT, Google Gemini, and more. Discussing terminology and various use cases of AI technologies.

**Monday, March 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group**

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature and Spirit* by Lyanda Lynn Haupt. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

**Tuesday, March 19, 10 to 10:30 a.m.  
Mother Goose on the Loose**

For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30-minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

**Weds., March 20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Adult Knitting Group**

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

**Weds., March 20, 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.

**Weds, March 20, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.  
Caregiver Cafe**

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

**Weds, March 20, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
All Abilities Club: Legos**  
Join us in building with Legos. Use your

**Thursday, March 14, 10 am to 12 pm  
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, March 21, 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, March 21, 5 to 8 p.m.  
Magic the Gathering**

Join every Thursday to play Magic the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels welcome. No materials required.

**Thursday, March 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Save Money, Protect Health,  
Cut Waste**

Learn practical options to save money while you cut waste. Composting cuts costs for Dover green bags while building soil. DES expert Paige Wilson will explain options to transform food waste at home or via drop-off at the Dover recycling center. The Dover Plastic Reduction Group will highlight convenient choices in groceries, home and personal products that help you protect health and cut waste while you save money too.

**Friday, March 22, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
After Hours Egg Hunt**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to an after-hours egg hunt inside the library! We'll start by searching for glow-in-the-dark eggs around the main floor of the library, then finish with pizza! Candy and gift card prizes will be hiding inside the eggs- what will you win? Please bring your own basket or tote bag to collect your eggs with. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Get Ready For Baby! Hatchlings Ready to Hatch**

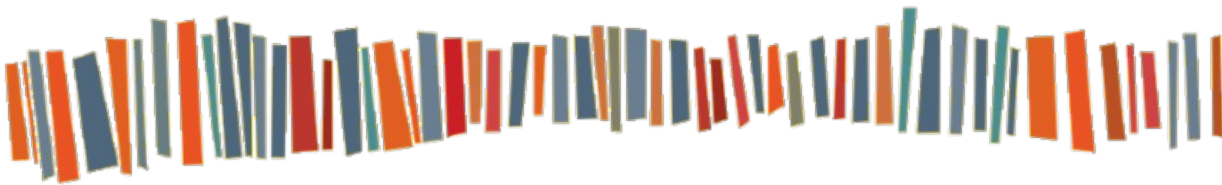
Hatchlings: Ready to Hatch is an interactive early literacy program for expectant parents. Learn more about your baby-to-be through songs and fun activities. Free book and song sheets plus refreshments. Space is limited, register early. For expectant parents only for this session. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, March 23, 2 to 3 p.m.**

imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.

### **Lego Club**

Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build their own creations. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library. CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.



## **Some of this Stuff Does NOT Belong!**



Reduce contamination by keeping these items OUT of your recycling bin:

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Bubble wrap mailers
- Air filters
- Flower pots
- Plastic utensils, straws or colored cups

**Brought to you by the  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

Contamination is a word often mentioned when talking about recycling. What is it? It is when your recycling contains trash. If it's not a bottle, jar, jug or tub with a #1, #2, #5 marking, it's not recyclable.

It's important to know that not all #1, #2, #5 marked plastics are currently being recycled; these include soft plastics such as bags, Styrofoam, hard plastics which are solid color black, blue and brown. Materials must also be clean and free from contaminants such as food, liquids, and plastic bags.

Unsure if it can be recycled? Type in the name of the item at [www.recyclesmartma.org](http://www.recyclesmartma.org).



COAST Executive Director Rad Nichols presents Gather staff with the proceeds from the “Day It Forward” campaign.

## COAST makes donation to Gather

### Food, cash donations, and donated bus tickets collected on ‘Leap Day’ benefit food pantry

COAST recently presented Gather with a “Day it Forward” donation following their Leap Day food and fund drive, which included a check for \$929.92, 597 pounds of food, and 450 single-ride bus tickets for distribution to their clients.

Gather, which is based in Portsmouth, offers innovative programs that build food security in welcoming and dignified ways. For over 200 years, Gather has provided fresh, healthy food to individuals experiencing food insecurity in Greater Seacoast communities. Gather distributes food via mobile markets, fresh food buses, and food pantries in Portsmouth, Rochester, Somersworth, Dover, Farmington, Kittery, Seabrook, Hampton, and Hampton Falls.

The donation included funds collected on February 29 from all COAST fare boxes, food collected during COAST’s Leap Day Stuff-A-Bus event in Dover; and bus tickets purchased by contributors in the final days of February that were then matched by COAST one-for-one.

“COAST and Gather serve many of the same people and communities,” said Vanessa Polychronis, COAST Community & Employee Relations Manager. “We’re grateful to everyone who donated on Leap Day and applaud the good work that Gather does every day to eliminate hunger around the Seacoast.”

More information about COAST, including schedules and fares, can be found at [www.coastbus.org](http://www.coastbus.org).

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## Dover Community Gardens sign-ups open

Dover Community Gardens announced this week that new member sign-ups for the upcoming growing season are now open. Community members interested in securing a garden plot can sign up at [Dover Community Gardens](http://Dover Community Gardens). Plots are available at Garrison Hill Park for \$50 for the season and on County Farm Road next to the courthouse for \$20 for the season.

Assignments of garden plots will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. This initiative offers residents of Dover an excellent opportunity to grow their own food, engage with the community, and enjoy the benefits of outdoor activities.

Dover Community Gardens is a grassroots, all-volunteer group that launched with the support of the Dover City Council, Dover's Conservation Commission and the Strafford County Commission.

For additional information or queries, potential members are encouraged to visit <https://dovercommunitygarden.wordpress.com/> or reach out via email at [dover.growfood@gmail.com](mailto:dover.growfood@gmail.com).

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## Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens to host tree planting workshop

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens invite you to a tree planting workshop on Wednesday, April 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

NH Division of Forests and Lands staff will educate the public about proper tree planting. Topics will include selecting the right tree for the right place, improving young tree survival rate, increasing species and genus diversity, establishing a watering schedule, and when to prune your tree.



This event is free and open to the public. The event will be held rain or shine. No registration is necessary.

Presented by A.J. Dupere, Urban Forrester, and other NH Division of Forests and Land staff.

Contact Elizabeth Fischer at [fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com](mailto:fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com) or call 603-817-1843 for more information.

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## Join the riverwalk garden team

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens seeks individuals to help maintain individual plots or work on special projects during 2024. No gardening experience or green thumb is needed.

Volunteers may select a garden bed or task. Gardening tools are available onsite in the shed, and free two-hour parking is available near the Dover Post Office.

Email [contact@joeparksgarden.org](mailto:contact@joeparksgarden.org) or call 603-817-1843 to discuss opportunities.

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

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**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities**
- **Water Exercise Instructor**
- **Account Clerk**
- **Laborer, Utilities**
- **Truck Driver, Utilities**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Summer Camp Supervisor**
- **Director of Recreation**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker**

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:

- **Dover Middle School Head Baseball Coach**



- Day Porter at Dover High School Facilities
- Elementary 3rd grade Teacher
- Dover High School JV Field Hockey Coach
- Paraprofessionals
- DALC Administrative Assistant
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Physical Education/Wellness Teacher
- 5th Grade Teacher
- Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Long Term Substitute
- Dover High School JV Boys Lacrosse Coach
- Dover Middle School Girls Head Lacrosse Coach

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

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