

DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 3, 2024



CITY OF
DOVER, NH

288 Central
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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:

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to consider free parking for veterans

The City Council meets on Wednesday, May 8, for its first meeting of the month.

The Council will hold a public hearing on the pending resolution that would provide three hours a day of free parking in the city's metered spaces for vehicles with veteran license plates, provided the person who qualified for the veteran plate is using the vehicle. This change was endorsed by the Parking Commission at its [Feb. 20, 2024 meeting](#) in a 3-2 vote. Currently, three hours of free parking is available to those with Purple Heart, Gold Star, Prisoner of War and Pearl Harbor Survivor license plates.

The resolution would also make Fifth Street one-way from Chestnut Street to Fourth Street, which is part of the Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project. The one-way traffic pattern was reviewed and unanimously endorsed by the Transportation Advisory Committee at its [Aug. 22, 2022 meeting](#).

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

Also on the agenda, the Council will be asked to approve a resolution that authorizes the City Manager to move appropriations between non-school departments to cover shortfalls. The appropriations were already approved, and the resolution does not increase appropriations. This is an annual budget housekeeping item.

The City Council will also honor recently retired Recreation Director Gary Bannon by renaming the Recreation Department's "Hardship Subsidy Program" to the "Gary Bannon Recreational Hardship Subsidy Program."

"During his thirty-four-year tenure, Mr. Bannon was not only an exemplary steward of existing recreation programs and resources, but also generated and saw through numerous initiatives to improve access to recreation, including the recreation subsidy program, which is hereby named in his honor," the background material states. Bannon retired on April 30.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Robert Carrier will honor Mental Health Awareness Month by reading a proclamation.

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

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



Dover Main Street's annual Pride Clean Up Day is Saturday

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 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.

Utility bills to be mailed next week with water service line materials survey

Quarterly water and sewer utility bills will be mailed to customers in the coming week. The utility bill again includes a survey from the Community Services Department to identify the water service line material used to connect the home or business with the public water drinking system, per federal requirements.

If you have already taken the survey, there is no need to complete it again.

The Water Service Line Inventory Survey, available at <https://bit.ly/service-line-survey>, requests water users identify the water service pipe that comes into their home or building and connects with the water meter, take a picture of it, and upload it with the survey. Understanding that many people may not know the exact material, the city created a webpage with images of pipes and their descriptions, also included on the backside of the survey insert. City personnel are also willing to inspect the service line in person to help with the inventory efforts, usually taking 10 minutes or less. There is no cost for this service.

The picture should be of the service pipe coming into the water meter through the wall (though sometimes the floor). It is usually located in the basement. The survey can include up to five photos.

New U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements have been issued to require all water systems across the United States to create and maintain a public inventory of service line materials in compliance with the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revision.

For more information or to schedule a city worker to inspect the service line, contact the Community Services Department at 603-516-6450.

For questions about your water and sewer bill, contact the Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.



WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY SURVEY



To meet EPA requirements, Dover is inventorying the material of all water service lines connected to the public drinking water system.

Water service lines connect the water main to the water meter and are often located in the basement or a meter vault.

To assist with the inventory, the City of Dover requests water system users complete this brief online survey by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://bit.ly/service-line-survey>. The survey includes a document with pictures of commonly used water service line materials.

The survey requests:

- Address of water service
- Approximate year the building was constructed where the water service is located
- What material the service line (up to the water meter) is made of, if known.
- Take a photo of the water service line where it connects to the meter and upload to survey.



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

Last chance to participate in Dover Housing Survey

The City of Dover, in partnership with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) and the University of New Hampshire, is conducting a regulatory audit to learn what barriers and opportunities are present in the housing choices available in Dover.

As part of this project, the team continues to collect information by survey about individual housing journeys in Dover. Whether you are a renter, homeowner, business owner, student, or have any other type of connection to Dover, all are encouraged to participate in the [Dover Housing Survey](#) to share your story and impact the future of housing in Dover. The survey will close next week.

To access the Dover Housing Survey, [click here](#).

Downtown merchants, Pointe Place to hold 'Spring Fling' this Saturday

The annual Dover Spring Fling takes place on Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown Dover.

There will be special events happening at various retail shops and live music in Waldron Court. From exclusive discounts to pop-up shops and more, there's something for everyone.

Head downtown to celebrate the arrival of spring while supporting local businesses.

In addition, Spring Fling at the Pointe will be held at Pointe Place on Saturday, May 4. The family-friendly event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature food, live music, and antique cars.

MUSIC - SHOPPING - SPECIALS

DOVER

Spring FLING

SATURDAY

8AM - 7PM

MAY 4

Downtown Dover, NH

Check out these
participating
businesses!

Custom Collectibles
Earth Harmony Wellness
Eight-Legged Octopus
Erin Claire
Hello Again!
Hip Finds Co.
Jewelry Creations
Just the Thing!

Lickee's & Chewy's
My Country Story
Natalie's Boutique
Noggin Factory
Replenish Refillery
S.E.H. Studios
The Groovy Witch
The Shop by WHEAT

LIVE MUSIC IN WALDRON COURT FROM 11 AM - 4:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

**Ordinance Committee, May 6,
8:30 a.m.**

The City Council Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

**Dover Business and Industrial
Development Authority
Subcommittee,
May 7, 4 p.m.**

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority Membership Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, beginning at 4 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, at City Hall.

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

**Community Trail Advisory
Subcommittee, May 7,
5:30 p.m.**

The Planning Board Ad-hoc Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 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, May 8, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

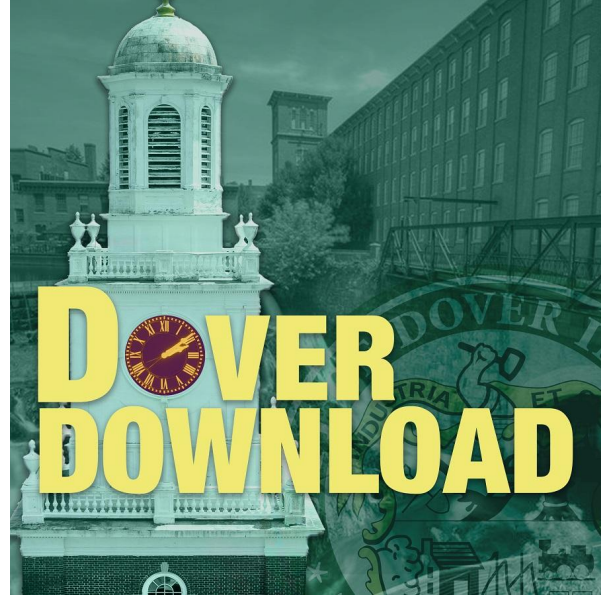
**Planning Board Technical
Review Committee, May 9,
10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

**Solid Waste Advisory
Commission, May 9, 6 p.m.**

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.



**Celebrating Firefighters
and Public Meeting Round-
Up for April**

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Fire and Rescue Chief Michael McShane for Firefighter Appreciation Month, and staffers Erin Bassegio and Brian Early about what Dover's public boards and commissions were up to in April. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3UyZpb3>.



**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.

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/>.

Need to contact your elected representative?

The City of Dover makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors, state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, [Find My Representative](#), for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out [more information about the City Council here](#).

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the [City of Dover's interactive ward map](#). The map also includes polling locations.

A list of School Board members and contact information [can be found here](#).

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.

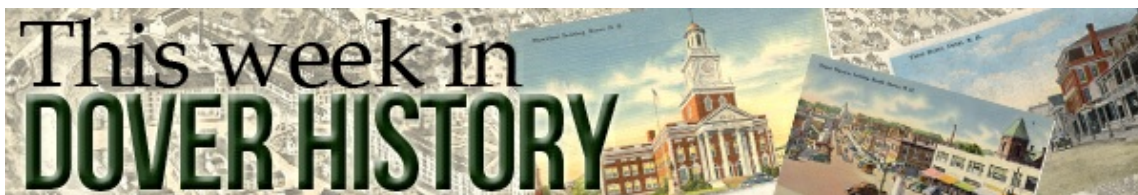
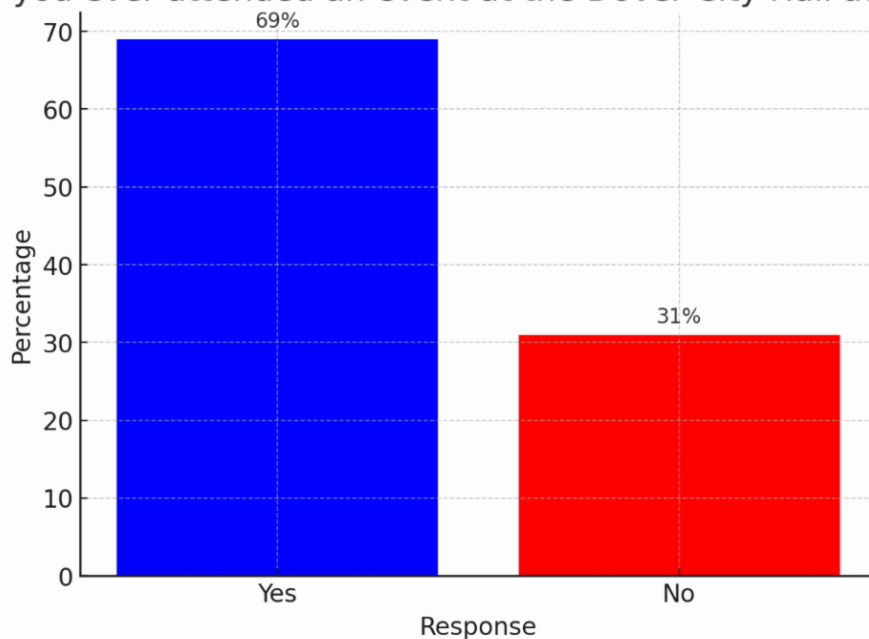
This week's question: **"How often do you use the COAST bus service?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m4h6me>.

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 ever attended an event at the Dover City Hall auditorium?"

Have you ever attended an event at the Dover City Hall auditorium?



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](#).

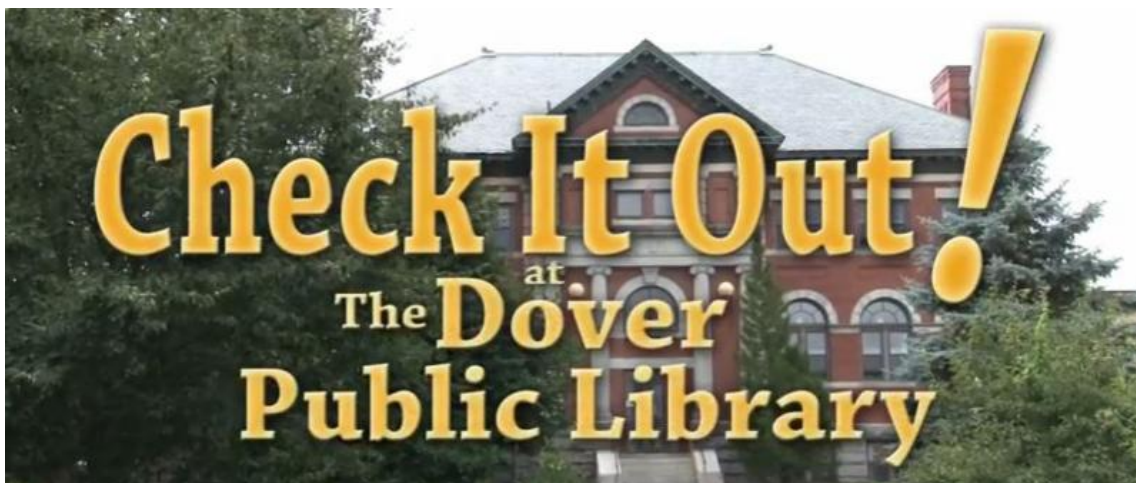
May 3, 1731 — Thomas Millet and the landowners of Hilton's Point in Dover requested permission from the Assembly to construct a gateway. The Assembly ordered the petitioners to provide a copy of the request to the town selectmen, who would then have a chance to explain any objections. Captain Mathes, one of the selectmen of Dover, appeared and did not object to the request. As a result, the petitioners were allowed to set up a gate at the entrance to the road that led up from the waterfront near Captain Millet's property at Huckleberry Hill.

May 3, 1825 — On this day, the town's annual military parade and inspection was held, during which the Strafford Guards paraded in front of the house of Hon. William Hale. Hale's home is now on Hale Street, but was then located where the current City Hall now stands.

May 6, 1841 — Daniel Durell, a prominent figure in Dover in the early 19th century, died on this day at age 71. Durell had a distinguished career in law and public service. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1794 and began practicing law in Dover in 1797. From 1807 to 1809, he served as a member of the United States Congress, representing New Hampshire. Subsequently, he represented the town of Dover in the State Legislature. In 1814, Durell was appointed as the Chief Justice of the First District Court of Common Pleas, a position he held until the court was abolished due to changes in the judiciary system. Later, from 1830 to 1834, he served as the United States District Attorney for New Hampshire.

May 6, 1854 — The thermometer sank below freezing and ice nearly half an inch thick was formed on local ponds and rivers. It also snowed quite fast for about a half hour.

May 4, 1863 — William H. Hackett of the 35th Mass. Regiment, who was killed at the battle of Antietam, was buried in Dover on this day.



Dover Library's annual book sale underway

The Friends of the Dover Public Library's annual May Book Sale is now underway, through May 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

Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, May 5, 1 to 5 pm
Monday, May 6, All Day

Friends of the Dover Public Library Spring Book Sale

Hundreds of books and DVDs for sale in the Library Lecture Hall. Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, DVDS, kids' books, cookbooks and more. Items will be priced at \$3 or under, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library to support programs and museum passes. On Monday, May 6, all leftovers are free!

Monday, May 6, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Preschool STEM Storytime

This program highlights weekly seasonal themes through stories and music, enhanced by STEM science. This Spring we will learn about Frogs, BUGS, Sheep, Pigs and other farm animals, and get our

Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Floral Luminaries

Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to make a luminary jar using pressed flowers! All supplies will be provided (while supplies last).

Wednesday, May 8, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
**Festival de Cannes - Film showing and
canned food drive**

The Festival de Cannes or Cannes Film Festival runs this year from May 14 - May 25. Get a jump on it by joining us at the library to watch Best Picture Oscar nominee "The Holdovers" starring Paul Giamatti, and Best Supporting Actress winner Da'Vine Joy Randolph. And bring a donation of canned food for local food pantries!

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

hands dirty with the science of planting and growing things. This preschool program is designed for children aged 3-5 who attend independent of their caregivers. *Registration required.*

Monday, May 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Intro to Antique Hand Fans

See 100 antique hand fans from the 18th & 19th century, up close and personal. Explore different materials used for this art including mother of pearl, bone, ivory, & celluloid. Have an antique hand fan at home? Bring it for identification. Led by Shelly J. Goncalves, who has been collecting antique hand fans for over 50 years.

Tuesday, May 7, 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.

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Genealogy Group

Whether you're new to genealogical research or a seasoned pro, this group is a great way to meet others who share the same passion, can give you advice in your research, and listen to your newly-discovered family histories.

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Real Life Solutions for Organized Space

Jill Buchan and Tanner Clark, professional organizers and owners of Real Organized, will give some tips about the basics of decluttering and organizing your space. They will also discuss how clutter affects our mental health and some common challenges to getting and staying organized.

Wednesday, May 8, 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.

Wednesday, May 8, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Club: Art for All

This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with disabilities as we create art and craft projects. Each session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

Wednesday, May 8, 2 to 3 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, May 9, 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, May 9, 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.

Thursday, May 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Reading Rainbow Book Group

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group to discuss *The City We Became* by NK Jemisin. Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Saturday, May 11, 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, May 11, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Spring STEM Gardening Event

Come explore the Science of plants, flowers, dirt, seeds, and growing things. Participants will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty, and bring home their own planted seeds.

Saturday, May 11, 1 to 2 p.m.

Dover Reads: Viking Fiber Arts - Spinning, Nalbinding, and Viking Inspired Knits

Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *Forty Autumns* by Nina Willner. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

Wednesday, May 8, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Elementary Exploration:

Robot Petting Zoo

Kids in grades K - 4 are invited to an after school fun, engaging STEM event. This month there will be a Robot Petting Zoo! This will be a hands-on opportunity to test out some of the robots & STEM technology that The Dover Public Library has. This includes Botley: The Coding Robot, the Sphero Mini, and our Indi Car. Some of these robots will become part of our Children's Room Library of Things later in the month. *Registration required.*

Local author, and knitter extraordinaire, Linnea Hartsuyker, will discuss her novels and Viking techniques that incorporate fiber. She will be demonstrating nalbinding and spinning.

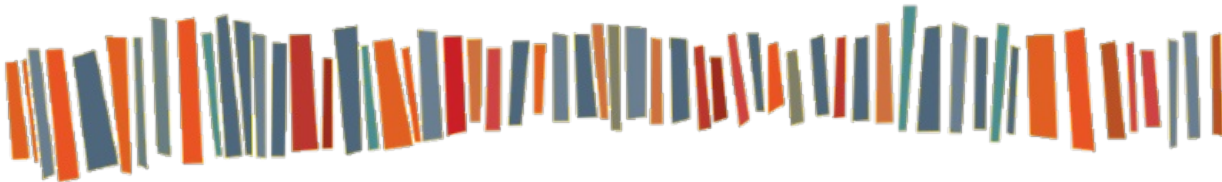
Dover Reads invites community members to dive deeper into a shared book. This year's book is "The Half-Drowned King" by Dover author Linnea Hartsuyker.

Saturday, May 11, 2 to 4 p.m.

Volunteer Fair

Local organizations will have representatives available in the lecture hall to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Participants include Pope Memorial Humane Society, The Dover Adult Learning Center, Riverside Rest Home, The Dover Senior Center, and The Red Cross, among others. Find your place to help out, have your questions answered, and make contacts. Volunteering is not only important to help these various organizations function, but also teaches valuable skills that can be used later in life and in future jobs. No registration is required.





CELEBRATE WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

MAY 19-25, 2024

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, MAY 18
11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Touch a Truck! Paint a Plow!
AND
Live demonstrations, ice cream for kids,
tours of the new Pudding Hill Water
Treatment facility, watch crews tap a
water line, and much more!

SEE TRUCKS FROM:

- Community Services
- Police
- Fire and Rescue
- Strafford County Sheriff
- Moore's Crane Rental
- MB Tractor & Equipment
- United Ag & Turf
- Pete's Tire Barns
- Grappone Ford
- United Construction

WHERE:

Community Services
271 Mast Road, Dover

CONTACT:

Community Services
(603) 516-6450



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

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.

Spring is here!

THE RECYCLING CENTER ACCEPTS:

- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Brush
- ✓ Yard waste



Brought to you by the
Solid Waste Advisory Committee

The Recycling Center is located at 265 Mast Road, Dover. It is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Community Services at 603-516-6450.

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

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**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Enterprise Systems IT Administrator**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities**
- **Water Exercise Instructor**
- **Account Clerk**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker**
- **Gym Attendant**
- **Laborer-Utilities**
- **Truck Driver-Utilities**

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:

- **Substitute Nurse**
- **Summer Programming Paraprofessionals**
- **School Counselor**
- **Family Outreach Coordinator**
- **Dover Middle School Head Girls Volleyball Coach**
- **Paraprofessional**
- **MTSS Building Coordinator**
- **Federally Funded Speech and Language Assistant**
- **Special Education Teacher Case Manager**
- **Substitute Teacher**
- **Athletic and Physical Education/Wellness Director**
- **Custodian for C&W Services Facilities**
- **Mathematics Teacher**
- **Spanish Teacher**
- **Wellness Teacher**
- **Speech Language Pathologist Assistant**

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



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