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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 11, 2025



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

288 Central
Avenue
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:**

Planning Board OKs block grant proposals

**CDBG funding request, action plan sent to
City Council for approval**

At its April 8 meeting, the Planning Board heard a presentation from Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter on the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including the proposed FY26–FY30 Consolidated Plan, FY26 Action Plan, and FY26 CDBG funding allocations. The Planning Board voted to endorse the plans and funding recommendations, forwarding them to the City Council for final approval.

The City of Dover receives annual CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds support a wide range of community development activities aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods, promoting economic development, and enhancing community facilities and services for lower-income residents.

Through the CDBG program, the City distributes funding to local organizations, programs, and projects that best address community-identified needs. The Consolidated Plan guides this work by assessing affordable housing and community development needs, evaluating market conditions, and supporting data-driven, place-based investment decisions.

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

that benefit Dover's most vulnerable populations.

To view the draft FY26-FY30 Consolidated Plan and FY26 Action Plan, [click here](#).

Questions or comments can be directed to Dave Carpenter at d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov.

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

Dover Police Chief William Breault announces the following road closures for the 42nd annual Red's Race for a Better Community on Saturday, April 12.

The third event of the 2025 Dover Race Series includes a 5-mile timed run and a 2.4-mile untimed walking course, held simultaneously. The event is organized by and benefits several local non-profit organizations that provide services in Strafford County. More information, including how to register, is available at <https://reds-race.com/>.

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

Road closures

The following roads will be closed to accommodate the event:

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

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

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

- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to Hanson Street

From 9 to 10:30 a.m.,

- Motorists should anticipate brief closures or delays on:
 - Court Street
 - Middle Road
 - Back Road
 - Henry Law Avenue

Parking restrictions

Parking restrictions will be in effect in posted areas on Henry Law Avenue and Central Avenue on Saturday morning.

Event participants may park on other downtown streets, municipal lots or the Orchard Street parking garage. Metered parking is enforced on Saturdays.

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

Deadline approaches to apply for property tax credits, exemptions

The City of Dover offers property tax exemptions/credits for qualified property owners that include veterans, the elderly, the blind, the deaf, the disabled, and those with solar energy systems. The deadline to apply for the exemptions and credits for the December 2025 property tax bill is Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Veterans tax credits

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

- Veterans' Credit provides up to \$750 annually for those who served on active service in a qualifying war/conflict with applicable awards. This credit also encompasses service members who have served on active service in a qualifying war/conflict and remain on active duty. It also includes training for active duty by a National Guard or Reserve member.
- All Veterans' Credit provides up to \$750 per year for those who served or are currently serving and are not eligible for the Veterans' Credit. This also includes training for active duty by a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
- Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit, providing up to \$4,000 annually to veterans totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability; double amputees or paraplegics due to service-connected injuries also qualify.

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

Elderly exemptions

The property tax exemptions for the elderly who meet the age, income, asset, and residency requirements:

- For ages 65-74: \$206,000
- For ages 75-79: \$291,000
- For ages 80 and older: \$373,000.

Blind Exemption

The property tax exemption for those legally blind is \$206,000. Applicants must meet ownership and residency requirements.

Deaf Exemption

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

Disability Exemption

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

Solar Energy Systems

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

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



Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, right, presents a proclamation honoring the Dover Varsity Cheerleading team during a City Council meeting Wednesday at City Hall. The team was recognized for winning back-to-back State Championships for Fall 2024 and Winter 2025, as well as claiming the New England Coed Championship title for the first time in program history, despite competing with only 11 athletes — the smallest squad in the program's history.

Dover School District joins lawsuit against federal education directive

The Dover School District this week joined four other New Hampshire school districts in a federal lawsuit against a U.S. Department of Education directive stating it will withhold federal funding from education institutions if they do not comply with directives related to civil rights law and diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. The Dover School District is emailing a letter about the lawsuit to student families.

The [lawsuit](#) was filed on March 5 in the New Hampshire District Court by the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of New Hampshire, ACLU of Massachusetts, the National Education Association, and NEA-New Hampshire against the U.S. Department of Education, Secretary of Education Linda McMahon, and Acting Assistant Secretary of Education Craig Trainor, who authored a "[Dear Colleague Letter](#)" on Feb. 14, 2025, which prompted the lawsuit. In addition to Dover, Oyster River, Somersworth, Portsmouth and Hanover/Dresden school districts are also joining the lawsuit, according to the ACLU-NH and news reports. Also joining the case is the Center for Black Educator Development.

The Dear Colleague Letter states, "All educational institutions are advised to: (1) ensure that their policies and actions comply with existing civil rights law; (2) cease all efforts to circumvent prohibitions on the use of race by relying on proxies or other indirect means to accomplish such ends; and (3) cease all reliance on third-party contractors, clearinghouses, or aggregators that are being used by institutions in an effort to circumvent prohibited uses of race. Institutions that fail to comply with federal civil rights law may, consistent with applicable law, face potential loss of federal funding."

The ACLU lawsuit also challenges a U.S. Department of Education certification requirement, stated in a April 3, 2025 [press release](#), "ED requires K-12 school districts to certify compliance with Title VI and Students v. Harvard as a condition of receiving federal financial assistance."

According to ACLU-NH, the [lawsuit challenges](#) the U.S. Education Department's directive on multiple legal grounds: "Specifically, the lawsuit argues that (the Education

Department) has overstepped its authority by imposing unfounded and vague legal restrictions that violate due process and the First Amendment; limiting academic freedom and restricting educators' ability to teach and students' right to learn; and unlawfully dictating curriculum and educational programs, exceeding its legal mandate."

For more information, contact the Dover School District at 603-516-6800.



Dover Skatepark to close two days next week for repairs

The Dover Skatepark will be closed Monday, April 14, and Tuesday, April 15, 2025 for crack sealing and repairs, according to Dover Recreation.

The maintenance work will be conducted by Artisan Skateparks, the North Carolina-based company that originally constructed the facility.

The 10,700-square-foot concrete skate park, located at Guppy Park on Portland Avenue, opened in October 2023. The facility features a variety of street elements, ramps and bowls for skateboarders of all skill levels.

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 603-516-6401.

Upcoming Meetings:

City Council's Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs, April 14, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council's Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Board of Supervisors of Checklist, April 14, 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors of Checklist will hold a regular meeting

Supervisors of the Checklist in session April 14

Dover's Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a public session on Monday, April 14, to register new voters and update the voter checklist. The session will take place in the City Clerk's Office on the ground floor of Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., starting at 5:30 p.m.

It allows the elected supervisors to process new voter registrations and make corrections to the voter checklist, including changes to names, addresses, and party affiliations. [Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

For more information, contact the City Clerk at 603-516-6018.

Voters can check their current registration details through the New Hampshire Secretary of State's online voter information portal at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/>.

on Monday, April 14, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Tax Collection Office, City Hall.

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

Conservation Commission, April 14, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, April 14, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

School Board, April 14, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

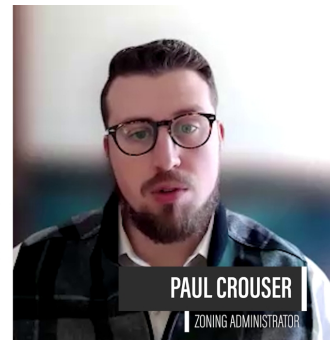
Energy Commission, April 15, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee, April 15, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, beginning



On the Agenda: Zoning Board, 4/17/2025

In this video, Zoning Administrator Paul Crouser reviews what's on the agenda at the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=F023HZsxNBVuKPNx>.

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 and select Dover Planning Review.

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

The City of Dover is currently accepting bids for the following projects:

- [WWTF Secondary Clarifier No. 3](#)
- [Municipal Facilities Wiring](#)
- [Court and Union Streets Reconstruction Project](#)
- [Traffic Control Flagging Services](#)
- [Water Department Supplies as Needed](#)
- [Sewer Department Supplies as Needed](#)
- [Precast Structures](#)
- [Purchase of 10-Wheel Dump Truck](#)
- [Purchase of Compact Loader and Equipment](#)
- [Specialized Engineering Services](#)
- [McConnell Center Boiler Evaluation and Purposed Placement Plan](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the

at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Ethics Commission, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Planning Technical Review Committee, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, April 17, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

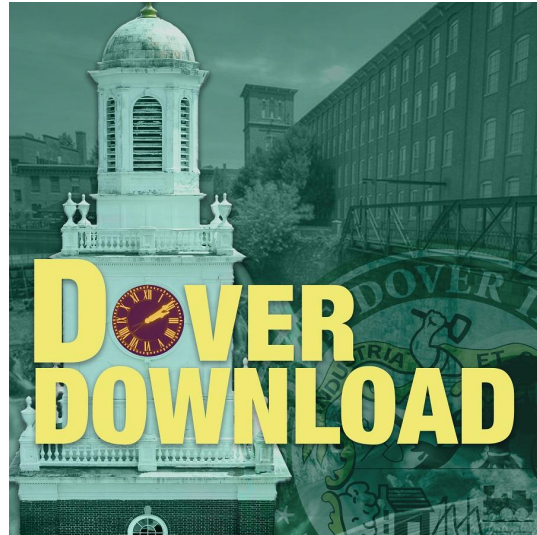
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

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.

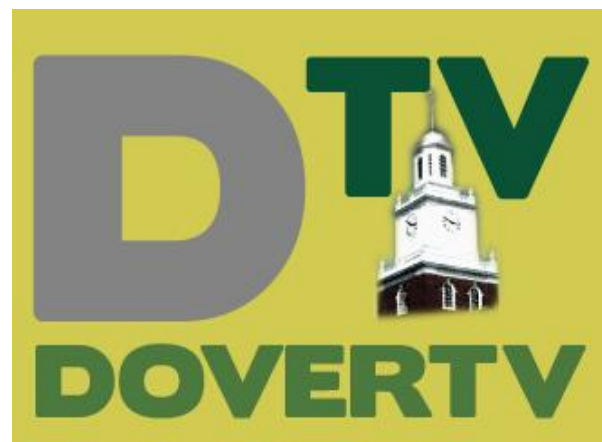
site.

For more information, contact the Finance and Purchasing Office at 603-516-6030.



The Power of an Hour: Dover's Earth Day Cleanup and City Updates

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Deb Clough about the upcoming "Power of an Hour" litter collection event scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4jrwiA7>.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin

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

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

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 Vansylvong-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.

watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience

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 results for the previous week. Participating is easy – click on the link below to cast your vote.

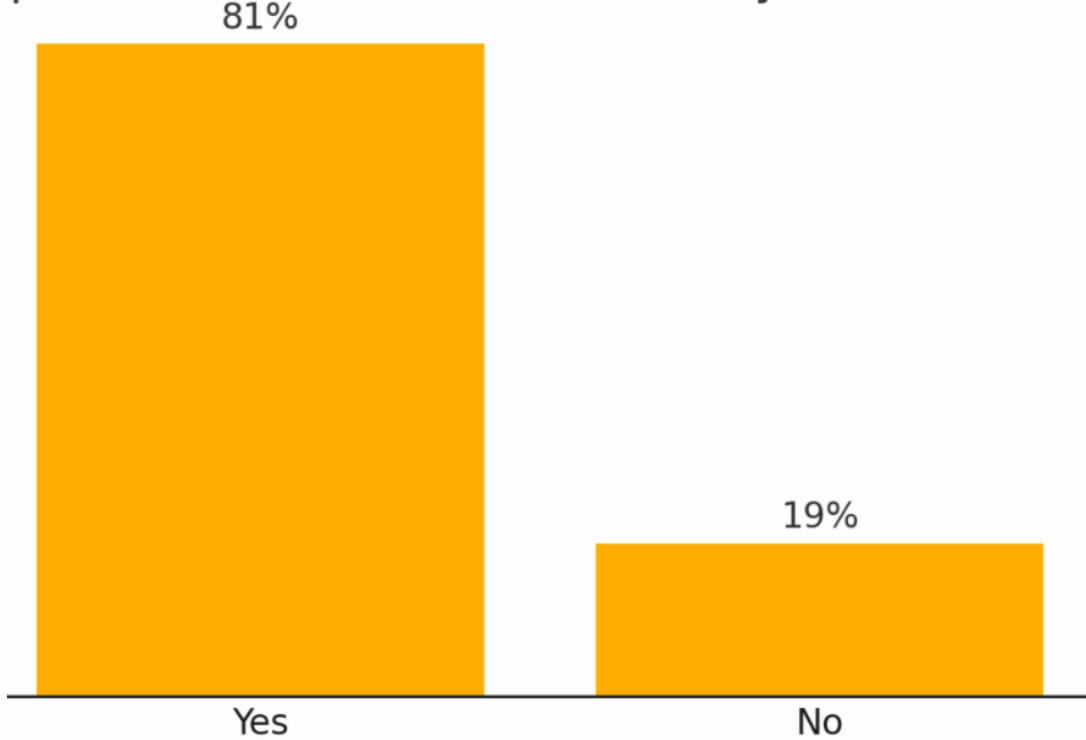
This week's question:

"Have you used Dover's online city services (service request portal, bill payment, online permits, motor vehicle registration, etc.) in the past month?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m26rqm>

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. Responses are anonymous.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Do you plan to retire in Dover, or have you retired in 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 13, 1660 — On this day, the settlers of Dover voted to formalize how local leaders — known at the time as "Prudential men" — would be chosen. Going forward, two representatives would be selected from Dover Neck, the town's central settlement, and one each from the surrounding areas of Cochecho (now downtown Dover), Oyster River (now part of Durham), and Bloody Point (present-day Newington). This marked a shift from previous practices, where only two Prudential men were typically chosen — both likely from Dover Neck — leaving other parts of town underrepresented. In response to the new arrangement, Robert Burnham and 12 other residents of the Oyster River area formally protested the decision, possibly feeling the new structure still did not adequately reflect their interests.

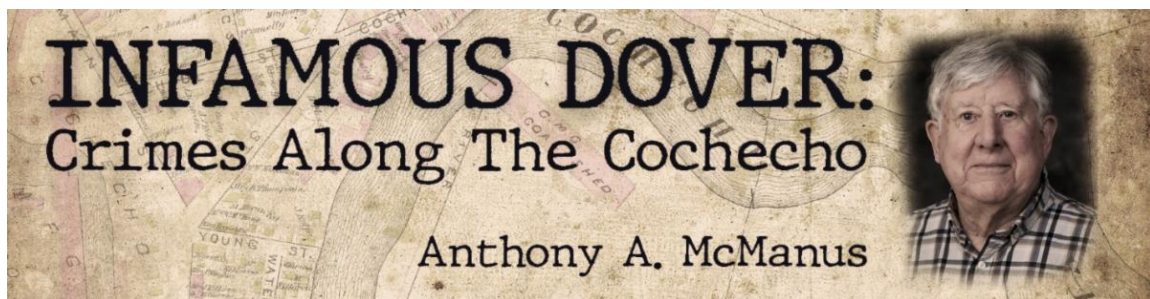
April 13, 1767 — At the annual town meeting on this day, Dover residents voted to establish a committee to review the town's financial records. The goal was to identify any errors in previous accounts and, if found, correct them accordingly — an early effort at financial transparency and accountability. That same day, the town allocated £40 to support local schools, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to public education. Several other community matters were addressed as well. Capt. Shadrach Hodgdon was granted permission to install a gate near the home of Joseph Hodgdon at his own expense. Elijah Estes was compensated for a loss he incurred involving the weight of gold while serving as purser for the town selectmen. Lastly, the townspeople voted against a proposal to build a Town House.

April 18, 1865 — Just four days after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the City Council convened a special meeting to honor the fallen leader. In response to

national calls for mourning, including those from Acting U.S. Secretary of State William Hunter and New Hampshire Gov. Joseph Gilmore, the Council adopted a series of formal resolutions expressing the city's grief and respect. As part of their actions, the Council allocated funds to observe Lincoln's funeral on Wednesday, April 19, aligning Dover's memorial with ceremonies held across the country. They also voted to appoint a committee tasked with selecting an appropriate speaker to deliver a public eulogy for the late President at a future event. Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865, just days after the end of the Civil War, stunned the nation. Communities like Dover joined in unified mourning, participating in ceremonies and tributes that reflected both deep sorrow and recognition of Lincoln's enduring legacy.

April 11, 1997 — Geraldine Sylvester was honored this day upon her retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to Dover and New Hampshire. Known for her tireless dedication, Sylvester served as a Dover city councilor and mayor, state health leader, educator, and business founder. Appointed by Gov. John Sununu in 1983, she led the state's Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention for 13 years. Alongside her husband, she also opened their home to at-risk youth.

April 15, 2004 — On this day, the City Council voted to establish the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC), marking a major step toward the long-anticipated redevelopment of the city-owned waterfront. The resolution passed with overwhelming support, with only one dissenting vote and one councilor abstaining due to a conflict of interest. For decades, redevelopment of the 35-acre waterfront had been eyed as a key opportunity for economic growth and public benefit. Today, CWDAC remains active, playing an ongoing role in shaping the waterfront's future. The committee continues to oversee progress as Boston-based developer Cathartes transforms the site into a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood.



Dover historian Anthony McManus launches new column this week

Dover historian Anthony McManus debuted his new column this week. "Infamous Dover: Crimes Along the Cochecho" explores the darker chapters of Dover's past, examining crimes that once shocked the community. Drawing from historical court records and newspaper accounts, McManus provides a glimpse into how Dover's judicial system operated in earlier days and how the community responded to the crimes.

"These historical cases reveal as much about our community's values and social dynamics as they do about the crimes themselves," McManus said. "Behind each case is a story about Dover's people, places, and the cultural context of the time."

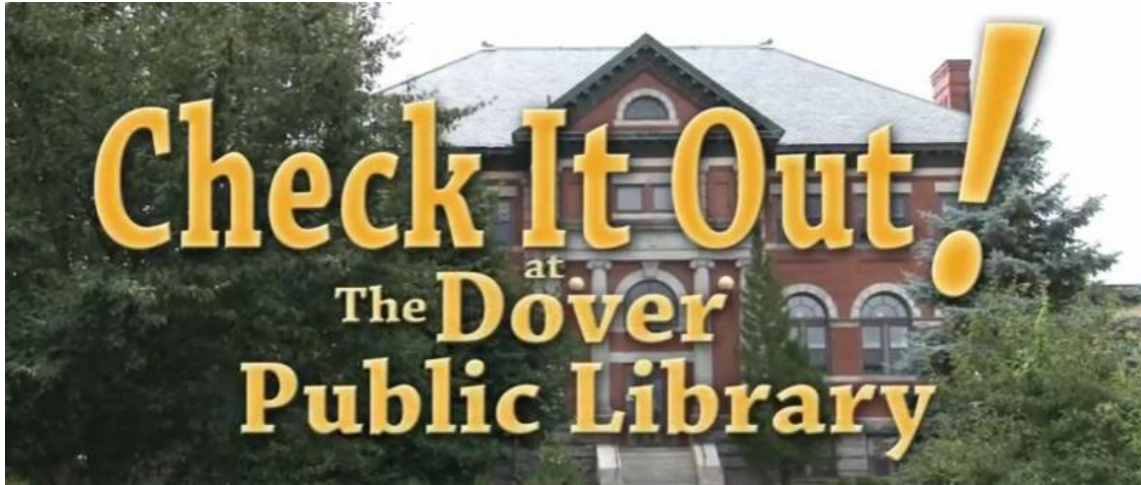
The inaugural column recounts the curious 1905 case of a man caught stealing a bearskin from Dover's American Fur Company and attempting to pawn it at a nearby shop, not realizing the pawnbroker was the brother of the fur shop's owner. The seemingly simple case opens a window into early 20th-century Dover, revealing details about the era's policing, the economic impact of court fines, and the city's historic jail system.

Future installments, which will be released twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday, promise to delve into more serious and sensational cases that captivated public attention, including shocking murders, controversial trials, and crimes that tested the limits of Dover's

justice system. Each column will bring to life the people involved, the locations where events unfolded, and the community's reaction to these incidents.

McManus, whose previous work includes the "Historically Speaking" column in Foster's Daily Democrat and his 2023 book "Dover: Stories of Our Past," brings his extensive knowledge of local history to this new series. As a lifelong Dover resident and former City Attorney, McManus offers unique insights into both the legal proceedings and community context of these historical crimes.

The series can be found online at <https://madeindover.com/crimes-cochecho/>.



This Week at the Library

Weds. April 3 - Weds. April 23, All Day 23rd Annual Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 23rd 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 23. Students may pick up contest rules & information at the Dover Public Library or on our website at library.dover.nh.gov.

Monday, April 14, 6 to 8 p.m. Teen Dungeons & Dragons McConnell Center, Room 306

Do you love the idea of exploring fantastical worlds? Do you have a love of collaborative gameplay and an active imagination? Then Dungeons and Dragons is for you! Join Dungeon Master Michael for this beginner series, where you will create your own character, play in a story campaign, and learn the basics of D&D 5th Edition. This program is for teens entering grades 6-12 only, and all supplies will be provided.

Tuesday, April 15, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Weds, April 16, 10:30 to 11:45 am Caregiver Cafe

McConnell Center, Room 323

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

Wednesday, April 16, 11 am to 12 pm All Abilities Club: Art for All Great Bay Services

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.

Thursday, April 17, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime McConnell Center, Room 306

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

Friday, April 18, 10 to 11 a.m. Family Place Workshop City Hall Auditorium

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on

Adult Knitting Group**McConnell Center, Room 323**

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

Tuesday, April 15, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime**McConnell Center, Room 306**

For babies 0-24 months with caregiver. A joyful, half-hour lap sit story time with books, songs, movement, and rhyme.

Wednesday, April 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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

child development during this enjoyable 5-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health.

Saturday, April 19, 2 to 3 p.m.

Lego Club**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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.



Blue Crab fundraiser a cause to 'shellabrate'



The fundraiser to repaint Dover's iconic blue crab sculpture reached its goal, allowing Dover High School's automotive painting students to begin final preparations. These include priming, applying two coats of blue paint, adding pinstripes, and sealing with a protective clear coat. Last year, students began by stripping the sculpture to bare metal and detaching its legs and chelipeds for meticulous refurbishing. Crafted by artist Nathan Walker, the blue crab will reclaim its spot at Henry Law Park near the Children's Museum by the end of the school year.



Dover Police Department to give presentation next week on how to spot scams

The Dover Police Department will provide an informative discussion on current trends in scam tactics and the methods used to execute them at the Dover Community Senior Center on Tuesday, April 15, at 1 p.m. The presentation aims to help attendees identify scams and prevent victimization. The senior center is located in the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Door #1.

Please RSVP to Linda Jarvis at (603) 526-6420 or via email at l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov. Seating is limited.

Power of an Hour city-wide litter clean up to be held on April 26

Join Don't Trash Dover for its second annual Power-of-an-Hour city-wide litter clean up in honor of Earth Day on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with organized litter collections in each of Dover's six wards.

Volunteers will be provided trash bags to pick up as much trash as they can, followed by a group photo of the trash collected.

The litter collections will begin and end at:

- Ward 1: Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School, 78 Horne St.
- Ward 2: Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.
- Ward 3 Woodman Park Elementary School, 11 Towle Ave.
- Ward 4 Garrison School, 50 Garrison Road
- Ward 5: Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Dr.

- Ward 6 Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road

Please wear a safety vest or bright clothing. Bring gloves, appropriate walking shoes, and, if you have them, a litter collection tool and/or wagon.

The City of Dover requests new volunteers to complete a [Volunteer Service Agreement](#). If you've already filled one out for a previous Don't Trash Dover event, you don't need to complete a new one.

For more information, visit Don't Trash Dover's Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/201985717259565>.

Event organizer Deb Clough will be a guest on the Dover Download podcast on Tuesday, April 8, where she will discuss the event in more detail. The Dover Download podcast can be found [here](#), or wherever you get your podcasts.



Dover Main Street announces annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day

Dover Main Street is calling on community members to participate in the annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day scheduled for Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are invited to help beautify the city by participating in cleanup efforts at 10 designated areas throughout Dover. Participants should bring their own rakes, gloves and gardening tools.

Registration is available online at www.dovermainstreet.org, or volunteers can sign up in person at the Cocheco Mills Courtyard on the morning of the event.

Following the cleanup, volunteers will be treated to a complimentary all-you-can-eat pizza lunch at 11:30 a.m., provided by Kendall Pond Pizza.

The event is sponsored by Breezeline.

For more information, visit www.dovermainstreet.org.

Dover Arts Commission announces applications open for 2025-2027 Literary Laureate

The Dover Arts Commission has announced that applications for the position of Dover Literary Laureate for the 2025-2027 term are now being accepted. The position, which begins July 1, 2025, and runs through June 30, 2027, is designed to broaden community involvement in literary expression.

The Literary Laureate serves as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Dover Arts Commission and is tasked with developing and implementing projects that enrich the quality of life for Dover citizens through literary arts.

"The Literary Laureate program has become an integral part of Dover's vibrant arts community since its establishment in 2020," said Jane Hamor, chair of the Dover Arts Commission. "We're looking forward to reviewing applications and finding our next ambassador who will continue to build on the strong foundation of literary engagement in our city."

Steve Bargdill, who currently serves as Dover's Literary Laureate, will complete his term on June 30, 2025.

Eligible projects for the laureate may include performances, workshops, exhibits, poetry readings, and writing programs for both adults and youth. Project grants of up to \$1,000 per fiscal year are available, depending on funding.

Applicants must be residents of or work in Dover and have published literary works. The selection process involves evaluation by independent judges chosen by the Dover Arts Commission, with final approval from the Dover City Council.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 30, 2025. Interested individuals can submit applications by mail to Paul Crouser, City Hall Planning Office, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, New Hampshire 03820-4169, or by email to p.crouser@doover.nh.gov with the subject line "City Literary Laureate Grants, 2025 APPLICATION."

The position will be awarded no later than June 15, 2025.

The application form can be downloaded here: <https://bit.ly/DoverLL2025>.

For more information about the application process, contact Arts Commission Vice Chair Cliff Blake at c.blake@doover.nh.gov.

Cinco's Fiesta Fundraiser supports Dover, regional nonprofits

Cinco's Cantina, a local, family-owned Mexican restaurant with locations in Dover, Rochester, and Epping, recently announced a revised process for its Fiesta Fundraiser initiative to streamline participation and ensure a greater impact on community organizations. Since its inception, Cinco's Cantina has donated more than \$60,000 back to the community.

The Fiesta Fundraiser program invites nonprofits and youth groups to partner with Cinco's Cantina for a festive fundraising event where twenty percent of sales from each event goes directly to the participating organization, providing a fun and effective way to raise funds while bringing the community together.

Dover area Fiesta Fundraisers planned for April and May include:

- April 15: Community Partners of New Hampshire
- April 22: Garrison City Futbol Club
- May 13: Dover Youth Softball League
- May 20: Best Buddies NH

Local nonprofits, schools, youth sports teams, and other community-focused organizations can visit www.CincosCantina.com to review the program details and submit an application. Space is limited; early inquiries are encouraged.

Deadline to renew dog licenses is April 30

Dog licenses for 2025 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30, 2025 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3 per household. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering sent by email to Dover-TaxClerk@dover.nh.gov or by mail to City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1, 2025.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or [online](#).

To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, click [here](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018.



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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:

- **Police Officer**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**

- Swim Instructor, Part-Time
- Lifeguard I, Part-Time
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Diesel Mechanic
- Water Treatment Operator
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time
- Utility Systems IT Administrator
- Maintenance Specialist-Meters & Backflow
- Truck Driver - Street
- Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater
- Account Clerk - City Clerk Tax Collection

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:

- Technology Specialist
- Instructional Coach
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Dean of Bellamy Academy
- Special Educator/Case Manager
- Girls JV Field Hockey Coach
- Social Studies Teacher
- Math Teacher
- Language Arts Teacher
- Behavior Specialist
- Long Term Substitute 7th Grade Science
- Title I ESOL Interventionist
- Paraprofessionals
- Elementary School Classroom Teacher
- JV Girls Lacrosse Coach
- District School Psychologist
- Mathematics Teacher
- Noon Supervisor
- Substitute Teachers
- DHS Ski Team Coach
- Boys JV Soccer Coach
- Boys Varsity Soccer Coach

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

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