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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 18, 2025



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DOVER, NH**

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**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:**

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Organic turf contract before City Council

The City Council will consider awarding a contract for organic turf treatment and mowing services at its Wednesday, April 23, 2025 meeting.

City staff recommend the council award the contract to RAD, LLC of Scarborough, Maine for \$177,019 to handle the treatment and mowing services at 14 city locations that total more than 23 acres.

RAD is an accredited organic land care professional, per the terms of the Northeast Organic Farming Association, and will utilize products that meet compliance with the Organic Materials Review Institute, according to the council's agenda materials.

Also on the agenda:

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

- A resolution to authorize spending \$41,443 to upfit the new fire engine, which includes compartment shelving, hose couplings, hose appliances, etc., that are installed to Dover's specific needs.
- Authorizing bonding and appropriating \$250,000 through the state's Clean Water State Revolving Fund to investigate and repair infiltration and inflow (I/I) issues within the sanitary sewer system in the area of Bellamy Road, Knox Marsh Road and Mount Vernon Street. The CSWRF fund allows for \$100,000 in principal loan forgiveness.
- At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Robert Carrier will declare April 20-26 as Volunteer Week, coinciding with National Volunteer Week, enacted in 1974 by President Richard Nixon, who urged citizens to find ways to volunteer their service to better their communities. The mayor will also proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Dover, as May is recognized nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month.

[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 on-demand.

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 Police, DEA to host Drug Take-Back Day April 26

The Dover Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public an opportunity to prevent prescription drug and opioid abuse by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs as well as vape pens and e-cigarette devices (with batteries removed) on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. These items can be brought to the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut St. for disposal. The service is free, anonymous and no questions will be asked.

Dover, like communities across the state, continues to see the impacts of the opioid crisis and youth vaping. In 2024, Dover reported nine fatal overdoses, making events like this as important as ever. Youth vaping is also a concern. The 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that over one-third of all Dover High School students have used an electronic vapor product at least once in their lifetime, with nearly 20% reporting current use.

"The annual Drug Take Back events are very important. They provide an opportunity for all community members to minimize unauthorized access to substances in their home," said Dover Police Chief William Breault. "The disposal and safe storage of medications is an important part of the Dover Police Department's overall substance misuse prevention strategy."

According to the DEA, unused medications flushed down the toilet contaminate the water supply. Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. To avoid that, when disposing of medications, mix them with undesirable items such as coffee grounds or cat litter. There are also several anonymous drop boxes around the region, including one in the lobby of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and at the CVS pharmacy in Dover.

The Dover Police Department has partnered with RALI NH to provide free drug disposal bags to the public. The bags can be picked up at the event and are also available 24/7 at the police station. They are designed to provide individuals with a safe way to dispose of medications at home throughout the year.

For more information about the take-back event and disposal tips, visit the DEA website at www.DEA.gov. To learn more about how you can get involved, contact the Dover Coalition for Youth at 603-516-3279 or online at www.DoverCoalition.org.



Save the Date
Saturday, April 26
 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Dover Police Department
 46 Chestnut Street, Dover, NH

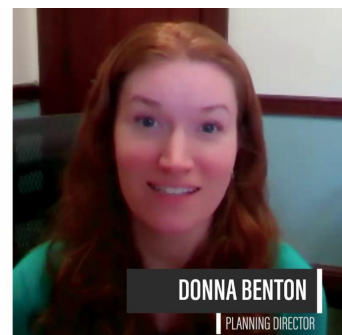
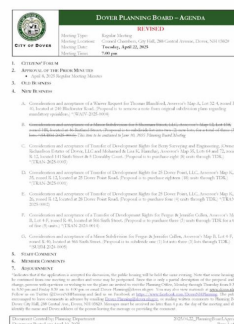
Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Board, Master Plan Subcommittee, April 21, 6 p.m.

The Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Utilities Commission, April



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 4/22/2025

In this video, Director of Planning and

21, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

Dover Housing Authority, April 22, 12 p.m.

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m. at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

Planning Board, April 22, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

City Council, April 23, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 23, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Technical Review Committee, April 24, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=8663Q8OXoHFhDHjb>.

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.

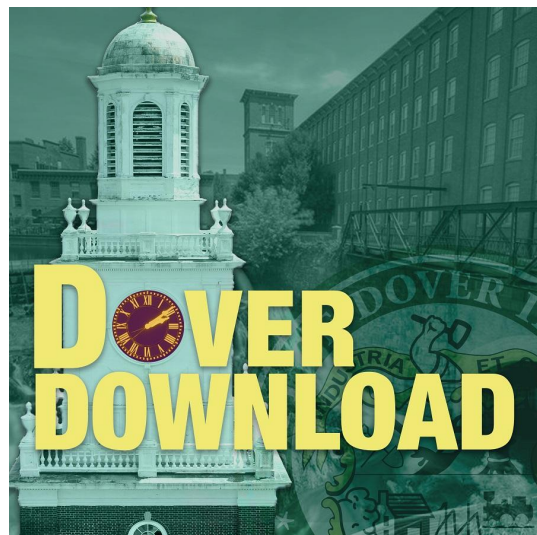
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Court and Union Streets Reconstruction Project](#)
- [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 site.

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



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:

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

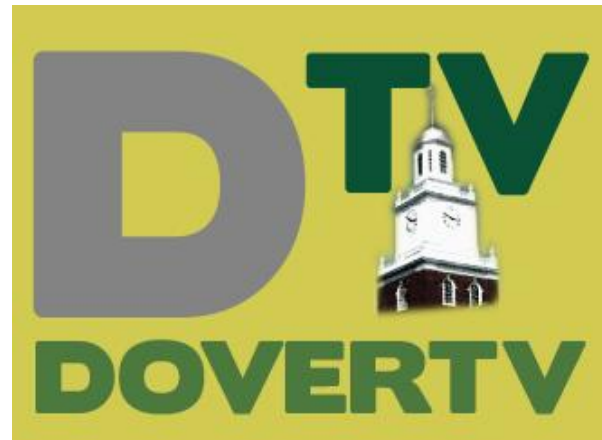
The complete list of boards and committees can be found at www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/

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.

The Planning Board through the Decades: George Maglaras on Dover's Transformation in the 1980s

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with George Maglaras, a long-time Dover public servant who served on the Planning Board in the 1980s, the first in a series of episodes looking back at the Planning Board over the decades. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4iizdtT>.



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 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.

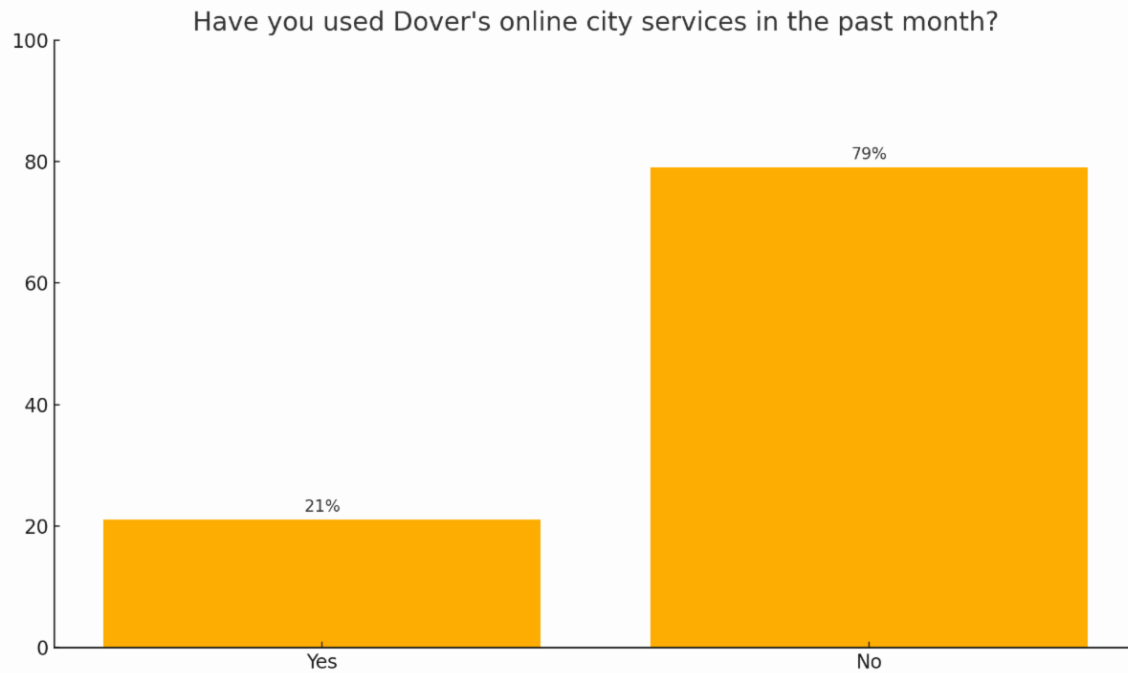
This week's question:

"How often do you visit Dover's public parks?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mt7ba8>

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



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 23, 1794 — In the spring of 1794, New England experienced an unusually early warm spell. In Dover, apple trees were already in full bloom by April 23, weeks ahead of what was typical for the region. A local diarist noted the premature blossoms as a sign of a promising growing season. But that optimism was short-lived. On the night of May 17, a sudden and severe frost, later remembered as the “great frost,” struck the area. The freeze devastated local crops. Young apples, described as being “as large as pistol balls,” were destroyed, along with ripening rye and flax, which had already developed their seed heads. While the damage to crops was extensive, there was one unexpected benefit: the frost also wiped out the cankerworms, a common agricultural pest that plagued orchards and gardens.

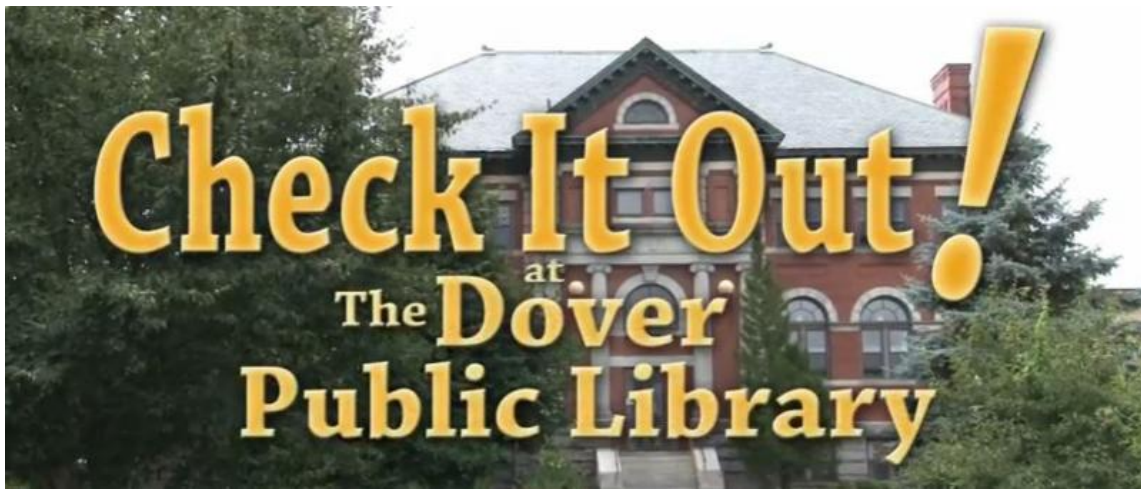
April 24, 1813 — Local tradesmen Daniel L. Currier and Richard Gove announced they would continue operating their cloth dressing and dyeing business at Currier’s mills near Dover Landing. But their message to the public went beyond just advertising services and reflected the economic hardships of the time. In their notice, Currier and Gove acknowledged the scarcity of cash, saying that “money appears to have taken wings,” a poetic way of describing the inflation and currency instability during the War of 1812. In response, they offered a practical solution: they would accept payment not only in money, but also in farm goods or other products “the Earth brings forth.” This kind of barter was

common in early 19th-century New England, especially during periods of war or economic disruption.

April 22, 1852 — The paper-hanging factory of Crawford & Busby on Fifth Street caught fire on this day and was destroyed. The loss was estimated at \$4,500.

April 22, 1980 — On this day, plans were announced for a testimonial dinner and dance to honor Edgar Bois for nearly 50 years of dedicated service to the City of Dover. The celebration was scheduled for May 9 at the Dover Elks Lodge. Bois, who retired the previous year as Dover District Court clerk, had served in a wide range of civic roles since 1934, including city councilor, tax collector, and member of both the Housing Authority and Water Board. He also chaired the Strafford County Community Action Project and oversaw St. Charles Cemetery. The Edgar Bois Terrace on Niles Street, which opened in 1984, was named after Bois by the Dover Housing Authority. Bois died in 1989.

April 21, 2004 — The Portsmouth Board of Adjustment narrowly rejected a proposal to relocate the Children's Museum of Portsmouth to the corner of Woodbury Avenue and Dennett Street. The split 3-3 vote came after concerns from neighbors about increased traffic in the residential area. Despite traffic studies suggesting minimal impact, the board denied the needed variance. The museum had hoped to build a 16,000-square-foot facility on the long-vacant lot. With plans in Portsmouth stalled, the museum began considering alternatives, eventually leading to its relocation to Dover. The Children's Museum of New Hampshire opened in downtown Dover in 2008.



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.

**Sunday, April 20, All Day
Library Closed for Easter Sunday**

Wednesday, April 23, 11 am to 12 pm All Abilities Club: Legos Great Bay Services

Join the All Abilities Club! These weekly programs are geared towards adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Join us in building with Legos. Use your imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.

Wednesday, April 23, 3:30 to 4:30 pm Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their imagination and creativity to the Drop-In Open Art Lab. A variety of supplies will be available for you to use to create artwork of your own design.

Monday, April 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
Monday Afternoon Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Water Witches* by Chris Bohjalian.

Monday, April 21, 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.

Monday, April 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Water Witches* by Chris Bohjalian.

Thursday, April 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Cocheco River Writers
McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Spring STEM Saturday; the Earth
McConnell Center, Room 306

Explore the science of our ever-expanding planet and the yearly magic of Spring, as the Earth once again 'wakes up'. This is an all ages kids event, with caregivers.



Dover Mental Health Alliance, local agencies invite all to attend City Council meeting to proclaim Mental Health Awareness Month

The Dover Mental Health Alliance invites all to City Hall on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., when Mayor Robert Carrier will read a proclamation in anticipation of Mental Health Awareness Month, showing support for the mental health of the community. Youth attendees will be the focus of the proclamation. Proclamations are read at the start of the meeting, and there is no obligation to stay for the entire meeting. Please wear green.

Want to do more? Light it up Green in your home windowsills or storefront for the month of May. Putting a candle in your window for the month of May indicates your support for mental health. Check out City Hall, too, as the clock tower will be illuminated green for the entire month.

Also, join the nation by wearing green on Friday, May 16, as a National Day of recognition for Mental Health Awareness month.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH!

Please join us and the Tri-Cities as we proclaim
May being Mental Health Awareness Month!

Proclamations will be read at each council meeting.

Rochester City Council Meeting
City Hall, 31 Wakefield Street



Tues 4/15
6:00pm

Somersworth City Council Meeting
City Hall, 1 Government Way



Mon 4/21
7:00pm

Dover City Council Meeting
City Hall, Council Chambers, 288 Central Ave.



Wed 4/23
7:00pm

National Wear it Green Day
Wear green clothing to show your support!



Fri 5/16
All day long!

"Light it up Green"
If you are a local business and want
to support mental health awareness
display a visible green light at your
business for the month of May.

To join in, go to
<https://forms.gle/w69rHEzGtpWx4YzU6> or
scan below.



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Dover Main Street's annual Dover Pride Clean Up

Day slated for May 3

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 Coheco 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.



Piscataqua Savings Bank sponsors 'Fare Free Saturday' on COAST

Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation, more commonly known as COAST, is partnering with Piscataqua Savings Bank on Saturday, April 19 to offer a "Fare Free Saturday" on both its fixed and demand response services.

"COAST's new 'Fare Free Saturday' sponsorship program offers businesses, who understand the value that COAST brings to the people and communities we connect, the opportunity to make an investment in public transportation in the region," said Rad Nichols, Executive Director. "When people can get to work, shopping, or social activities—reliably and affordably—it helps drive the economy. As household costs—particularly the costs associated with personal transportation—continue to rise, we want to remind Seacoast residents that COAST is a transportation resource for everyone."

"At Piscataqua Savings Bank, we are dedicated to strengthening our community and supporting local economic growth," said Ben Wheeler, President of Piscataqua Savings Bank. "COAST plays a crucial role in connecting people and communities, fostering

accessibility and opportunity. We're proud to sponsor a 'Fare Free Saturday,' making COAST even more accessible for everyone to get where they need to go."

Additional "Fare Free Saturdays" will be announced as sponsors are secured. Businesses interested in being part of this initiative can learn more at

<https://coastbus.org/opportunities/fare-free-saturdays>.



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**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Meters & Backflow**
- **Truck Driver - Street**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Account Clerk II - City Clerk Tax Collection**
- **Maintenance Specialist**
- **Afternoon Library Page**
- **Arena Maintenance Specialist**

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:

- Comprehensive Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- District School Psychologist assigned to DHS
- Special Education Teacher/Case Manager
- Title I ESOL Interventionist
- Paraprofessionals
- Technology Specialist
- Instructional Coach
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Dean of Bellamy Academy
- Special Educator/Case Manager
- Girls JV Field Hockey Coach
- Language Arts Teacher
- Social Studies Teacher
- Math Teachers
- Behavior Specialist
- JV Girls Lacrosse Coach
- Noon Supervisor
- Substitute Teachers
- DHS Ski Team
- Boys JV Soccer Coach
- Boys Varsity Soccer Coach

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

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