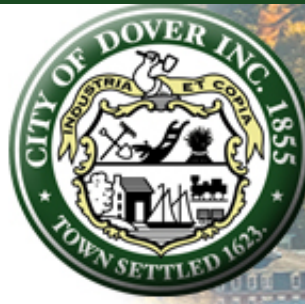


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 3, 2026



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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:**

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



## **City Council adopts FY2027 budget**

### **Total plan is under tax cap**

The City Council unanimously adopted the city's fiscal year 2027 budget during a [special meeting](#) on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, following a final budget workshop session and nearly two months of budget review.

The adopted budget totals \$227,344,804 across all funds, an 8.8% increase from the current FY2026 adopted budget. Of this, the General Fund accounts for \$182,566,689, a 7.1% increase from the current adopted budget. The General Fund includes \$65,543,012 for city operations, \$89,172,779 for School Department operations, \$15,295,693 for debt service, and \$12,555,205 to be collected for the county tax payment.

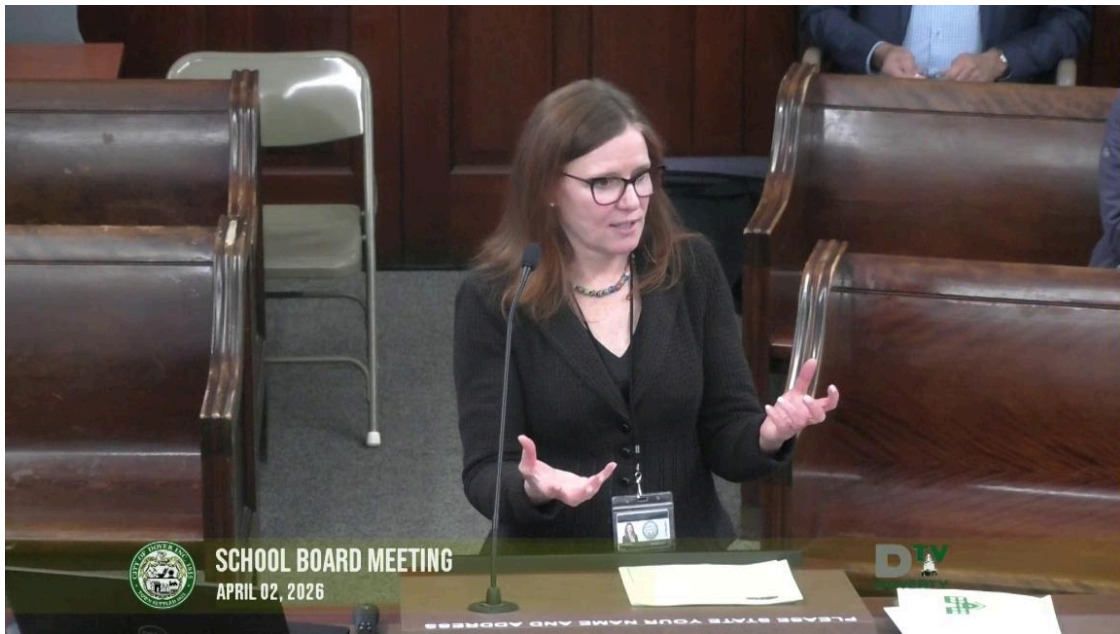
The final budget is \$140,161 below the city's tax cap limitation. The initial proposed budget in February exceeded the tax cap by \$877,273, with the School Department \$1,912,546 above the school portion of the tax cap formula, partially offset by the city portion being \$1,035,273 less than its portion of the tax cap formula.

The adopted budget is projected to result in a property tax rate of \$20.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of 53 cents over the current rate of \$19.68. A homeowner in Dover with a property valued at the city's average of \$527,204 would see a property tax increase of about \$278. The official tax rate will be certified by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration later this year.

Included in the City Council's adjustments was an increase of \$500,000 in the use of Downtown Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District funds to a total of \$3,614,000. The City Council transferred \$1,831,515 of Downtown TIF Funds to the School Department's General Fund budget, after reducing the transfer to the City's General Fund to \$1,782,485, a reduction of \$1,331,515 from the proposed budget amount.

The new fiscal year begins July 1, 2026, and runs through June 30, 2027.

For a complete guide to the FY2027 proposed budget, including meeting videos, documents, presentations, and the budget book, visit the city's [Budget Revealed](https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2027-budget/) FY2027 online resource at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2027-budget/>



Kimberly Cox, director of human resources for the Dover School District, presents the administration's health insurance recommendation to the School Board during a special meeting April 2, 2026. The board voted unanimously to award a new health insurance contract to HUB International and Cigna.

## **Dover School Board votes to leave SchoolCare, award health insurance contract to HUB International and Cigna**

The Dover School Board voted unanimously on Thursday, April 2 to switch its employee and retiree health insurance from SchoolCare to a new broker-carrier arrangement with HUB International and Cigna, a decision that also included terminating the district's membership in the statewide risk pool effective June 30.

The board held a special meeting to act on the results of a request for proposals the district launched last fall after SchoolCare assessed Dover \$1.7 million, part of a \$30 million statewide assessment, to cover a reserve shortfall. SchoolCare had also threatened to stop paying claims if the assessment was not paid by May 1.

Kimberly Cox, the district's director of human resources, presented the administration's recommendation, emphasizing that the new plan mirrors the district's current coverage. The carrier remains Cigna, and employees will keep the same deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, provider network, prescription formulary and pre-authorizations.

"What we're doing is we're not just choosing our next provider; we're strengthening our approach to employee health care," Cox told the board. She said the RFP process identified a plan that maintains the same coverage at a slightly lower overall cost, about 1 percent less than SchoolCare's fiscal year 2027 renewal rate.

The RFP drew seven bidders. HUB International scored highest across all five weighted evaluation categories, which prioritized cost and financial sustainability, benefit equivalency, expertise, account management and references. HealthTrust, which provides the city's employee health coverage, finished second but was eliminated because its plan did not meet the collective bargaining agreement's equivalency requirement and was priced nearly 40 percent above SchoolCare's renewal.

"I feel prepared to vote in favor of this because of the assurance that it is truly an equivalent plan and that it will not be disruptive in the lives of our employees," said School Board member Maggie Fogarty.

The board also voted 5-0 to authorize Superintendent Christine Boston to terminate SchoolCare membership, citing the assessment, the threat to stop paying claims and the district's lack of appropriated funds to cover the bill. The motion's language described SchoolCare's assessment as "unlawful," signaling that the district continues to dispute the validity of the charge.

School Board Chair Robin Trefethen said the decision came down to risk management, noting that the district had received no assurances it would not face future assessments.

Superintendent Boston said the district's priority throughout the process was protecting the people who depend on its coverage.

"At the end of the day, our employees and retirees need to know that their health care is secure," Boston said. "This decision gives them that stability while putting the district in a stronger position going forward."

During Citizens' Forum, Dover High School teacher and union representative Lesley Hawking voiced concern, saying she had not had time to evaluate the proposal. Chair Trefethen asked Boston to immediately follow up with the unions to address outstanding questions about plan equivalency.

Open enrollment is expected to run from April through June, with the new plan taking effect July 1.

Dover remains the only one of SchoolCare's 90 member groups statewide that has not paid or reached an agreement on the assessment. Most recently, the Portsmouth City Council agreed to a payment plan under protest.

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## **Council considers McConnell Center HVAC upgrades, solar array installations at select buildings**

The City Council is considering authorizing energy infrastructure improvements, including the additional of solar panels, to the McConnell Center and other city buildings.

The proposed upgrades to the McConnell Center and solar power installations were the topics of the City Council's [March 25 workshop](#). Public hearings on these funding authorization resolutions will occur at the City Council's Wednesday, April 8 meeting.

Last year, the City Council [authorized](#) contracting with Energy Efficient Investments (EEI) after a competitive bid process, to conduct intensive energy audits on most municipal buildings and make recommendations to improve efficiency and lower operation costs. The firm conducts these audits at no cost to the city.

The McConnell Center was identified as a top priority due to the need to replace the aging boiler system. Energy Efficient Investment President Michael Davey explained in his presentation to City Council that EEI identified other HVAC improvement opportunities in their audit, including replacing numerous aging heat pumps and reinstalling them in more efficient locations, installing new system controllers, adding a dehumidification system for the gym, and replacing the cooling tower. Davey said the total maximum cost for replacing all items at once would be \$2.6 million, which would generate \$33,000 in guaranteed annual energy and operations savings.

To pay for the upgrades, the City Council will consider authorizing \$3,041,100 in debt-financing to pay for the complete McConnell Center HVAC system replacement, which will also include \$350,000 in funding to replace the McConnell Center roof, install new insulation and structure bracing, which the City Council [authorized](#) in January. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the bond authorization at its April 8 meeting, with a vote at its April 22 meeting. The bond's debt-service costs are accounted for in the FY2027 McConnell Center Fund budget the City Council adopted on April 1.

Davey also discussed the opportunity for the city to take advantage of soon-to-be expiring federal tax credits for solar array installations at the McConnell Center, North End Fire Station, Ice Arena, Public Works Facility, and the French Cross Road Water Treatment Facility for an upfront cost of \$1,388,250. The city would receive \$555,300 in federal tax credits, with the remaining amount paid back in energy savings in 9.5 years, according to Davey's presentation. EEI has guaranteed the \$555,300 in tax credits in the event of an unexpected shift in federal regulations.

To purchase the solar arrays, City Council will consider authorizing using non-debt capital reserve funds. The Council will hold a public hearing and vote on the funding resolution at its April 8 meeting.

## **Reprogramming of project funds, paving contract also on agenda**

The City Council will also hold public hearings on pending resolutions to reprogram funds from completed projects to upcoming ones.

This includes reprogramming \$100,000 from the sewer main replacement from the Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project to the sewer main replacement as part of the Horne and Crescent Reconstruction Project. Another resolution would reprogram \$334,949 in unexpended bond proceeds from water main replacement on the Fifth and Grove project to the water main replacement on the Horne and Crescent project. Neither resolution authorizes additional appropriations.

The City Council will also consider awarding the 2026 paving contract and renewing the conservation and easement farming license for Scruton's Dairy, Inc. on Blackwater Road.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 8.

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## **Central Avenue water main project starts next week**

### **Work will affect parking in project area**

A city contractor will begin the process of upgrading the water main on Central Avenue between Broadway and Garrison Hill.

Next week, the contractor will begin saw-cutting pavement on Central Avenue between Broadway and Milk Street. The contractor will also cutting pavement at the entrance of Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Pierce, Preble and New York streets.

Parking will be restricted in the work zone to allow vehicle travel in both directions. Flaggers will be on-hand to manage traffic flow.

Starting the week of April 13, overnight work will impact water services. More information about the service impact will be released next week.

Visit the city's [newsletter signup page](#) and add "Project Updates: Central Avenue Urban Core Water Improvements" for project email updates.

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**Donna Benton, AICP**  
City of Dover

**Rad Nichols**  
COAST Bus

**Patricia Quinn**  
NNEPRA

## **Chamber's State of the City forum to focus on transportation**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will present its annual State of the City forum on Wednesday, April 15, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Cochecho Country Club in Dover. The event, which is underwritten by Eversource, will focus on the Transportation Chapter of the city's Master Plan. Additional sponsors include Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and Kennebunk Savings.

City of Dover Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton will provide an overview of the city's Master Plan process along with an update on the Vision and Land Use Chapters. Following that, Benton will discuss the Transportation Chapter.

After her presentation, Benton will be joined by panelists Patricia Quinn of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) and Rad Nichols from the Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST). They will provide information about two of the region's major public transportation providers: the Amtrak Downeaster and COAST Bus. The event will conclude with a question-and-answer session with the audience.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 8 a.m. for check-in and breakfast. The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. The fee to attend the State of the City forum is \$30 (\$25 for Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce members) and includes breakfast. Visit [www.dovernh.org/sotc](http://www.dovernh.org/sotc) for more information or to register.

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](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## **Eversource program provides free trees to Dover residents**

## Tree giveaway ongoing while supplies last

Eversource is partnering the Arbor Day Foundation and local communities to promote sustainability and increase greenspace. Eversource is donating 1,000 trees to local communities through the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees program, an initiative across Eversource's three-state service territory.

Residents can [reserve a free tree online](#) while supplies last. If you are a renter, please consult your landlord before reserving.

Applications must be completed online through the application portal. Application steps include:

- Entering your location.
- Reviewing and selecting available trees best suited for the location to provide the maximum benefits.
- Using the interactive tool to determine the best location to plant your tree or shrub for energy savings.
- Finalize the reservation with a name and phone number.

The portal will guide the user to consider what the full size of a mature tree, and suitable areas on a property to plant the tree based on the property conditions.

Tree pickup will be on Wednesday, April 29 at 47 Chestnut St., Dover, between 12 and 7 p.m.

Learn more about the [Eversource tree giveaway](#), and from the Arbor Day Foundation on [how trees can save energy](#).

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### Upcoming Meetings:

#### Arts Commission, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 6, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

#### Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee, April 7, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning Board's Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### Next office hours session with Mayor Shanahan is April 14

Each month, Mayor Dennis Shanahan holds office hours at City Hall, offering the public an opportunity to stop by and speak directly with the mayor.



The next office-hours session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, at 9 a.m. The second session in April will be held on Thursday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m.

Office hours are held in the Council Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall and last approximately 90 minutes. Residents are welcome to attend during the scheduled time. City Hall is located at 288 Central Ave.

For more information, contact Mayor Shanahan at 603-534-3750 or [d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov).

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## **Athletic Complex JBC, April 8, 5 p.m.**

The Joint Building Committee for the Dover High School Athletic Complex will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, beginning at 5 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

## **Appointments Committee, April 8, 6 p.m.**

The City Council's Appointments Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

## **City Council, April 8, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chamber at City Hall.

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

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

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

## **Ethics Commission, April 10, 2 p.m.**

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2026, beginning at 2 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

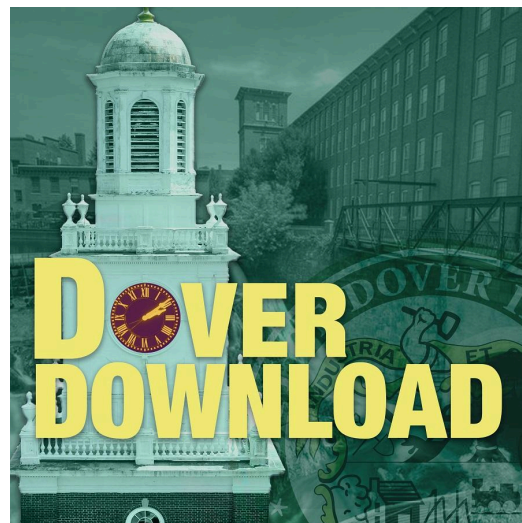
## **Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover**

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

- [Pavement & Curbside Weed Control Services](#)
- [Local Emergency Operations Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan Updates](#)
- [LCHIP Preservation Plan for 1888 Water Works Building](#)
- [Nebi Park Pavilion Operator or Tenant](#)
- [Precast Concrete Structures](#)
- [Public Health & Safety Abatement Services](#)

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.



## **Pond Plans, Budget Talks, and the Power of an Hour**

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Media Services Director Mike Gillis about key actions taken by Dover's boards, committees, and commissions during March. Parker then speaks with Deb Clough of Don't Trash Dover about the annual "Power of an Hour" cleanup event on April 25. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4sBJkzY>

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

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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:

- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier at [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.bizier@dover.nh.gov). Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.



## Stay connected with DoverTV

DoverTV is your front-row seat to local government and education in Dover, bringing public meetings, community events and original programming directly to residents.

Dover operates two local cable channels. The Government Channel features City Council, Planning Board, School Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and other municipal meetings, along with other government programming. The Education Channel features school-related programming.

- On **Xfinity**, the Government Channel is Channel 22 and the Education Channel is Channel 26.
- On **Breezeline**, the Government Channel is Channel 9010 and the Education Channel is Channel 9011.

Missed a meeting or want to watch it again? DoverTV makes it easy to catch up online. Visit [dovernh.viebit.com](http://dovernh.viebit.com) to watch meetings on demand, anytime. Archived meetings are conveniently organized by agenda item, so you can jump straight to the topics that matter most to you.

Whether you watch live or on demand, DoverTV keeps you informed, engaged and connected to your community.

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

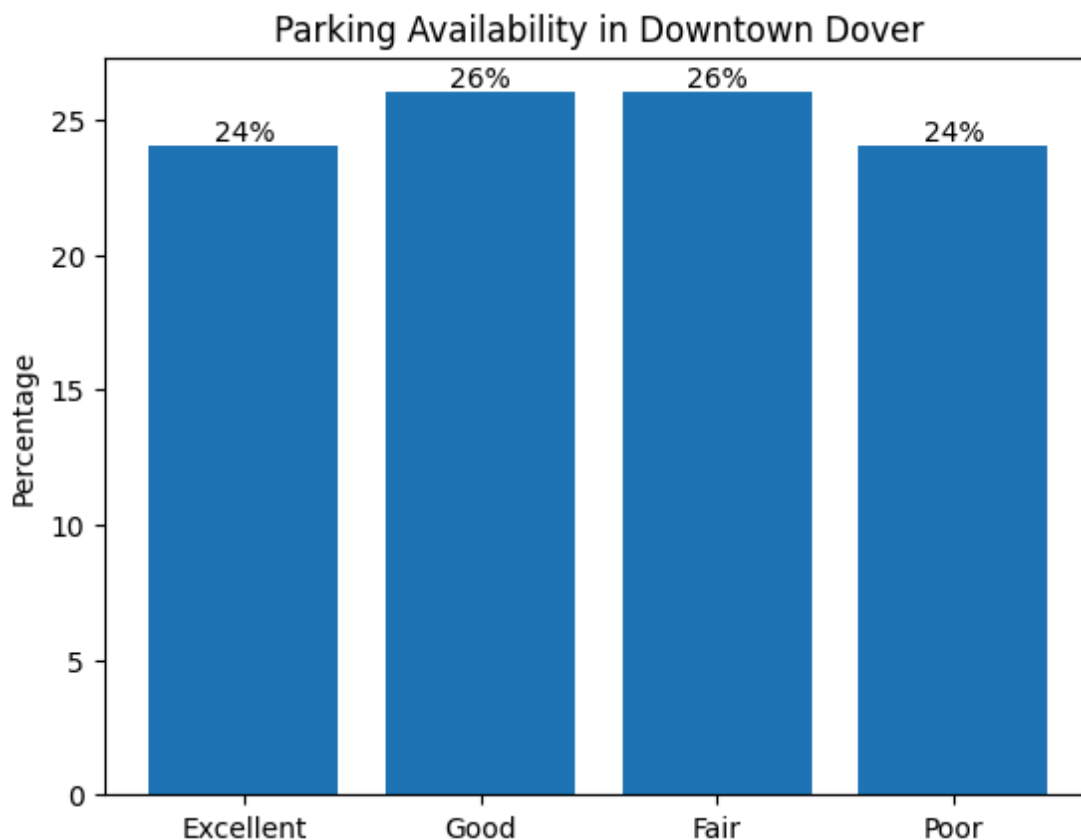
This week's question:

### "How often do you dine out in Dover?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mr6sxx>

*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, "**How would you rate the availability of parking in downtown 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](#).

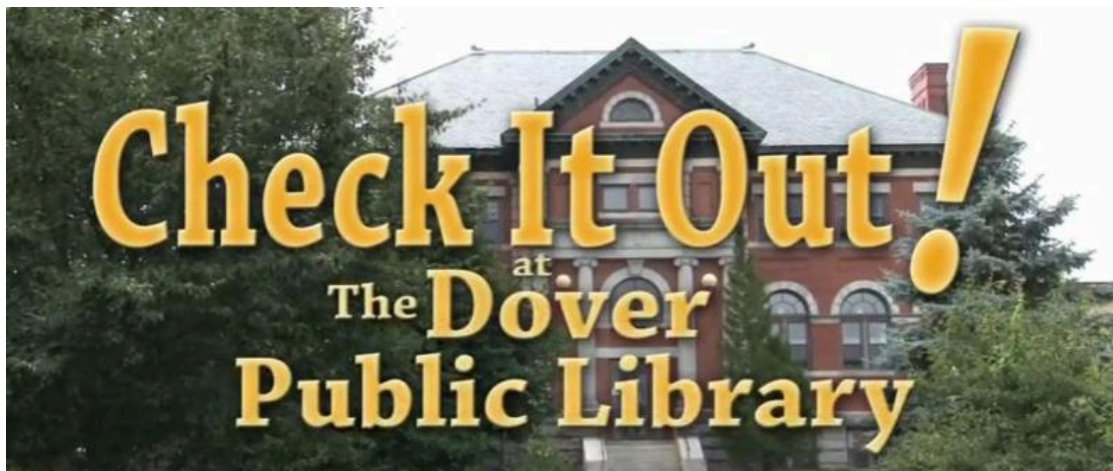
**April 6, 1789** — Dover began construction on its first purpose-built courthouse at what was then known simply as "the Corner," along Dover's waterfront area downtown. Before this, court proceedings in Dover were held in the town's meetinghouse, a common

practice in early New England, where religious, civic, and judicial functions often shared the same space. As Strafford County grew and legal matters became more complex, the need for a dedicated courthouse became clear. To fund the project, the county appropriated \$300, while Dover contributed the land. Additional funds were raised by selling a portion of the “common landing,” a shared public waterfront area, along with private subscriptions from local residents. The courthouse was constructed by Richard Tripe, a local builder. However, the project did not end without controversy. After the building was completed, Tripe submitted charges for additional work that he claimed fell outside the original agreement. The town refused to pay these extra costs, leading Tripe to file a lawsuit against Dover. In response, the town appointed a committee to defend itself in court.

**April 6, 1805** — A notice published in the Dover Sun reported what was described as an “important discovery” during excavation work in Dover. Laborers digging an aqueduct across land owned by Daniel Waldron uncovered a vein of dark brown sand running east to west that appeared to contain quicksilver, now known as mercury. According to the report, small globules of the metal, ranging in size from grains of sand to the size of birdshot, were visible throughout the deposit, leading to speculation that larger quantities might be found and prove valuable to the landowner. This account reflects both the optimism and the limited scientific understanding of the early 19th century. At the time, mercury was a highly sought-after material, used in medicine, manufacturing, and mining, and any local source would have been seen as a potential economic opportunity. However, New England is not known for commercially viable mercury deposits, and such findings were often misinterpreted or exaggerated. The report also offers a glimpse into early infrastructure efforts in Dover, where aqueduct systems were being constructed to improve access to water, an important step in the town’s growth during the post-Revolutionary period.

**April 5, 1852** — Nearly a foot of snow, much drifted, detaining the cars on the railroad four hours. It was nearly six months between the first and last snow of this winter — one of the longest and severest ever remembered.

**April 1984** — Two struggling artists living in Dover -- Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird -- release a self-published, black-and-white comic book created in their living room. After a United Press International story about the comic book, interest in the comic book skyrockets. The comic book, “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,” would go on to spawn a lucrative franchise that includes comic books, toys, and television series and feature films. Two historic markers were installed in Dover in 2023 to commemorate the creation of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in Dover. To see a video of the unveiling of the markers, visit <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=m8Jibi77dW4E8gbW>.



## This Week at the Library

Weds, March 18-Weds, April 15  
24th Annual Poetry Contest

Wednesday, April 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
All Abilities Club: Art for All

The 24th annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for seacoast are residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in 7 different categories (Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and adults ages 18 & older.) and will be judged on originality, style, and creativity. The deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 15. Contest rules and entry forms available [online](#) or at the Dover Public Library.

**Tuesday, April 7, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Adult Knitting Group**

**McConnell Center Cafeteria**

This group is open to anyone who has a love for knitting, crocheting, and related fiber arts. All levels are welcome, no instructions provided! Bring your works-in-progress and any finished objects you would like to show off to the group.

**Tuesday, April 7, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Learn to Use Libby: Drop In Session**

**McConnell Center Cafeteria**

Discover Free Audiobooks & Ebooks with Libby! This easy-to-use app lets you borrow thousands of audiobooks and ebooks straight to your phone, tablet, or laptop — all with your Dover resident library card. Drop by our casual help session with Nick and Rachel, who'll walk you through getting Libby set up on your device. No registration, no stress — just bring your device, your library card and we'll handle the rest.

**Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Genealogy Group**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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.

**Wednesday, April 8, 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Learn to Use Libby: Drop In Session**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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### **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.

**Wednesday, April 8, 2 to 3 p.m.**

**Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book is *Notes of a Native Son* by James Baldwin.

**Wednesday, April 8, 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. We will have a variety of supplies available for you to use to create artwork of your own design.

**Thursday, April 9, 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Reading Rainbow Book Group**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *Flamer* by Mike Curato. Copies of the book will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

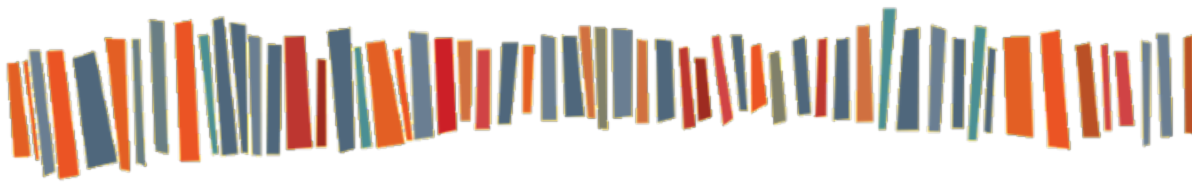
**Friday, April 10, 10:30 to 11:30 am**

**Virtual Presidential Series:**

**James Madison**

**Register: <https://ow.ly/PtQc50YBx7y>**

A yearlong series with "America's Preeminent Presidential Doodler," Heather Rogers, sharing curious facts, surprising tidbits, and lively illustrations of U.S. presidents. This month we're all about James Madison. Our teensiest president who tried to conquer Canada. Instead, Canada captured Michigan. Oops.



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## **DHS Interact Club to host shredding event as fundraiser**

The Dover High School Interact Club will host a community shredding event on Friday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. John's Church, located at 26 Cataract Ave. in Dover.

The event, held in partnership with the Dover Rotary Club, invites residents to bring paper documents for secure and environmentally responsible disposal. Suggested donations are \$5 per bag and \$20 per box.

All proceeds will benefit Action Against Hunger, supporting global efforts to combat hunger.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/4c356FD>

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In honor of Earth Day, Don't Trash Dover & City of Dover Present

3rd Annual

# Power of an Hour

## A One-Hour Volunteer Litter Collection Event in Dover, Organized by Ward!

### When:

Saturday, April 25th, 2026  
9:30AM - 10:30AM  
(arrive by 9:15AM)

### Where:

#### Ward 1

Frances G. Hopkins School  
78 Horne Street

#### Ward 2

Dover Ice Arena  
110 Portland Avenue

#### Ward 3

Woodman Park School  
11 Towle Avenue

#### Ward 4

Garrison School  
50 Garrison Road

#### Ward 5

Dover Middle School  
16 Daley Drive

#### Ward 6

Hellenic Center  
219 Long Hill Road



### How it Works:

**1. Show Up:** Arrive at your ward wearing a safety vest or bright clothing, gloves, and appropriate walking shoes. If you have a litter tool and/or a wagon, bring it.

**2. Sign In:** Sign the waiver (if you haven't already) and sign in. The top three wards for attendance win a trophy and bragging rights!

**3. Collect Litter:** Head out into your wards, and pick up as much litter as possible! We'll provide trash bags for you. Walk facing traffic and respect private property. Don't go beyond "No Trespassing" or "Private Property" signs. Use caution when collecting and don't collect litter in locations that may pose a danger. Don't touch potentially hazardous materials including needles/syringes. Make note of large items which cannot be carried and report to your site leader upon return.

**4. Drop Off:** Keep an eye on time and return to your ward's location to drop off collected litter and pose for a group photo at 10:30am sharp.

*Note: Children under 12 years must be with an adult.*

Need more information?  
DontTrashDover@gmail.com  
Or  
Visit Our Facebook:



## Critical need for blood donors

The American Red Cross reports a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply. The shortage is especially serious for blood types O, A negative, and B negative blood.



**American Red Cross**

Every day, thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant.

Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). [Learn more about the donation process.](#)

## Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Tuesday, April 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [St. Mary Church](#), 25 Chestnut St.
  - Tuesday, April 14, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Dover Point Road
  - Friday, April 17, 1 to 6 p.m., [St. Johns United Methodist Church](#), 28 Cataract Ave.
  - Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Human Action Foundation](#), 97 Piscataqua Road
  - Thursday, April 23, 12:30 to 5 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
  - Tuesday, April 28, 12 to 5 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.
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## Warming Center to host Spring Support Fair

The Willand Warming Center will host a Spring Support Fair on Monday, April 13, offering residents access to essential services and resources ahead of the facility's seasonal closure.

The event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. at the Willand Warming Center and will feature a range of support services, including clothing donations, medical services, recovery programs and housing assistance. Free food will be available, with contributions from local restaurants including The 99, 110 Grill, The Rail at La Stazione, Olive Garden and Evviva Trattoria.

Organizers say the fair is designed to help individuals prepare for the transition from winter to spring and summer by connecting them with local organizations and services.

The Willand Warming Center, located in Somersworth, operates seasonally as an overnight safe, warm space for individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability during the colder months. The center is operated through a collaboration of local service providers and community partners, including organizations focused on recovery, outreach and social services in the greater Strafford County region.

The facility is accessible via COAST bus routes 1 and 12, making it reachable for residents throughout the area. Following the event, the warming center will continue to operate overnight regardless of weather conditions.

Organizers encourage community members in need of assistance, as well as those seeking information about available resources, to attend.

# DOVER READS

## Events Calendar

**Featuring "The Green House" by local author Dan Lawton.**

Borrow the book from the library or visit a participating location for your own free copy, then keep the conversation going by attending one of our Dover Reads events based on the book!

**APRIL 16** *Floral Arrangement Party*  
5:30 PM at The Floral Room, Dover

**MAY 07** *Author Talk w/Dan Lawton*  
7 PM at Dover High School Auditorium, Dover

**JUNE 18** *Sewing the Seeds Discussion Panel: Mental Health and The Green House*  
6:30 PM at Dover Public Library

Reach out to our Dover Literary Laureate, Shane Morin, at [S.morin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:S.morin@dover.nh.gov) with any questions!

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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**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time**
- **Utilities Supervisor**

- Health/Fire Life Safety Officer
- Prevention Programmer
- Custodian, Part-Time
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Utilities Laborer
- Truck Driver-Utilities
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Utility Systems IT Technician
- Secretary I - Recreation
- Municipal Construction Project Administrator
- Director of Public Welfare
- Engineering Intern
- Maintenance Specialist-Streets
- Library Page, Part-Time

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:

- District Student Support Counselor
- Occupational Therapist
- Elementary Instructional Coach
- Substitute Nurses
- Physical Education Teacher
- English Teacher
- Speech Language Pathologist
- High School Transition Services Special Educator
- Long Term Substitute Preschool Teacher
- Paraprofessionals- Special Education
- Noon Supervisor
- School Psychologist Charter, Private & Out-of-District Evaluations
- Dean of Students
- District School Psychologist
- Boys JV Baseball Coach
- Business Teacher
- Substitute Teachers
- Long Term Substitute 5th Grade Teacher
- Dean of Student Services

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