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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 4, 2025



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**City Hall  
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Monday-  
Thursday:  
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5:30 p.m.  
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## BUDGET Revealed

YOUR GUIDE TO THE  
FY2026 BUDGET

### City Council adopts FY2026 budget

The City Council unanimously adopted the city's fiscal year 2026 budget during a [special meeting](#) on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, following a final budget workshop session and nearly two months of budget review.

The adopted budget totals \$206,791,012 across all funds, a 4% increase from the current FY2025 adopted budget. Of this, the General Fund accounts for \$168,238,167, a 6.4% increase from the current year.. The General Fund includes \$60,963,620 for city operations, \$83,120,024 for school department operations, \$12,460,486 for debt service, and \$11,694,037 to be collected for the county tax payment.

The final budget is \$2,482 below the city's tax cap limitation. The initial proposed budget in February exceeded the tax cap by just under \$2.3 million due to the School Department's portion of the budget. In March, the School Board revised its budget, recommending nearly \$2.3 million in adjustments through spending reductions and revenue

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

increases, reducing the total budget to below the amount allowed by the tax cap.

The adopted budget is projected to result in a property tax rate of \$18.93 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of 76 cents over the current rate of \$18.17. A homeowner in Dover with a property valued at the city's average of \$524,638 would see a property tax increase of about \$399. The official tax rate will be certified by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration later this year.

Several adjustments were made during the final budget workshop, including restoring funding for the COAST Commute Smart Service, rejecting proposed fee increases at the Dover Community Senior Center, increasing emergency shelter funding, restoring a recreation program supervisor position, and adjusting street paving allocations to ensure the budget stayed under the tax cap.

During the [April 2 workshop](#), City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr. guided the Council through a series of suggested line-item adjustments to form the final budget. These adjustments reflected \$766,277 of appropriation reductions and an increase of \$1,510,429 in budget revenues compared to the initial proposed budget presented to the City Council on Feb. 12, 2025.

The new fiscal year begins July 1, 2025, and runs through June 30, 2026.

The proposed budget can be [viewed here](#) and is available at the Dover Public Library and City Hall. Video recordings of all the budget meetings and workshops, including the School Board's budget process, are posted with budget documents on the [FY2026 Budget Revealed](#) online resource.



## **Contract for new water transmission line, voting machines on April 9 agenda**

The City Council will hold its first regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, April 9.

There is one public hearing on the agenda related to a resolution that would authorize \$250,000 in bonding and appropriation through New Hampshire'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. The City Council will vote on this resolution at its April 23 meeting.

The City Council will also consider awarding the construction bid for a new transmission

line from Garrison Hill water tank to Oak Street and Broadway, which would replace the 1929-era cast-iron water line that has been subject to numerous significant water main breaks in recent years. City staff recommends the bid be awarded to S.U.R. Construction of Rochester for \$1,457,625.

The City Council will also consider authorizing:

- The purchase of seven new ballot counting machines from VotingWorks for \$31,500.
- Awarding the contract for reflectorized street line painting to Pro Finish Lines of Plymouth, Massachusetts, for \$75,000.
- Awarding the contract to dispose of the wastewater treatment plant biosolids to Resource Management, Inc. of Holderness for \$158.30 per wet ton.

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

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

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## Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Saturday for Saint Mary Academy 5K

Dover Police Chief William Breault announces the following road closures for the 12th annual Saint Mary Academy 5K event on Saturday, April 5, part of the Dover Race Series. Find event information at <https://racerooster.com/events/2025/96599/sma-5k-runwalk>.

The event begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 5 on Church Street at the intersection of Academy Street. The course ends at the same location.

The following roads will be closed at points during the race:

- Church Street, from 8 to 11 a.m.
- Locust Street, between Silver and Kirkland streets, from 9:10 to 10 a.m.
- Locust Street, between Trakey Street and Central Avenue, from 9 to 9:30 a.m.
- Atkinson, Belknap and Fisher streets, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Motorists should anticipate additional brief closures and traffic delays in the downtown area between City Hall and Silver Street to accommodate the 9 a.m. start. Motorists will encounter delays on other streets along the course, including Rutland, Elm, Belknap, Trakey, Summer, and Nelson streets between 9 and 10 a.m.

The course includes a portion of Dover's Community Trail between Fisher and Folsom streets.

Parking will be prohibited on Church Street on Saturday. Event participants may park in the Orchard Street Parking Garage or any downtown municipal lot. Metered parking is in effect on Saturdays.

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

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## 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/>.

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## Municipal Election is Tuesday, Nov. 4

### Candidate filing period set for September

The next City of Dover election is Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, when voters will elect members for all of the city's elected positions.

#### What's on the ballot?

All city voters will elect a mayor, two at-large city councilors, and one at-large school board member. In each of Dover's six political wards, voters will choose a city councilor, a school board member, and election officers: a supervisor of the checklist, a moderator, three selectpersons, and a ward clerk.

#### Roles and responsibilities

**Mayor and City Council:** The Mayor and City Council govern Dover through setting policies and overseeing their implementation through the City Manager, per city charter. Duties include adopting the annual city budget and city ordinances, authorizing expenditures of \$25,000 or more, and appointing members to committees, boards, and commissions.

**School Board:** The School Board oversees Dover's School Department (School Administrative Unit 11). State law mandates that school boards provide elementary and secondary education to all resident pupils until they earn a high school diploma or turn 21. The board sets school policies, determines budgets, and hires and supervises the superintendent, who manages the department.

**Election Officers:**

- Supervisors of the Checklist: Maintain accurate voter checklists for their ward, following applicable laws.
- Moderators: Oversee polling places in their ward, ensuring compliance with election laws and procedures.
- Ward Clerks: Assist moderators with tasks like verifying and recording ballot counts.
- Selectpersons: Manage “in” and “out” checklists, verify voter info, distribute ballots, guide voters to booths, and perform other moderator-assigned duties.

### **Compensation**

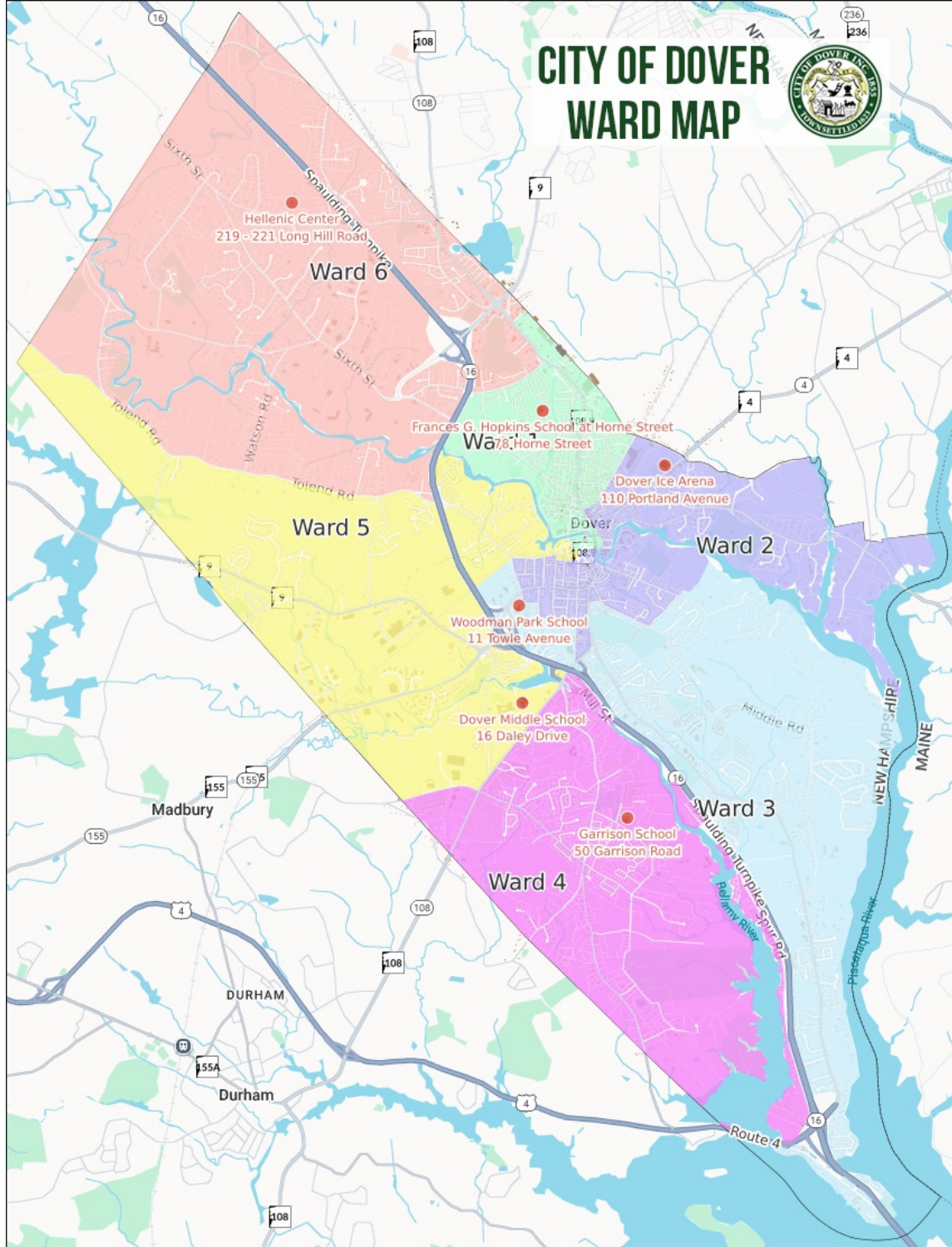
City Councilors and School Board members earn \$1,000 annually. The Mayor and School Board chair receive an extra \$200 per year, and the Deputy Mayor (elected by the City Council) gets an additional \$50. Election officers are paid per election day: supervisors of the checklist, \$222; moderators, \$250; ward clerks, \$170; and selectpersons, \$9 per hour. Elected officials may volunteer without compensation.

### **Running for office**

Qualifications: Candidates must be qualified Dover voters. Mayor and City Council candidates must reside in Dover for at least one year before the election. Ward-specific candidates must reside in that ward. View Dover’s [online ward map](#) or [Chapter 17](#) of the city’s code for a written description of the ward boundaries.

Filing period: Candidates must file a written declaration with the City Clerk during the candidate filing period to appear on the ballot. The filing period will be from Monday, Sept. 8, through Friday, Sept. 19, 2025.

For more information, contact City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier at 603-516-6018 or [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.bizier@dover.nh.gov). The city also maintains a page dedicated to the 2025 municipal election at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/>.



## Upcoming lane split on northbound Spaulding Turnpike in Dover

**New traffic pattern lasts through fall for northbound Cochecho  
River bridge rehabilitation.**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) will implement a new traffic pattern on the Spaulding Turnpike (Route 16) in Dover between Exits 8 and 9 ahead of the rehabilitation of the northbound Cochecho River bridge.

On the night of Monday, April 7, 2025, weather permitting, construction crews will mark pavement and install temporary concrete barriers to split the existing two lanes of northbound Spaulding Turnpike traffic. In the new pattern, northbound traffic will be split



just south of the Cochecho River bridge. The left passing lane will branch off to the left, cross over the median and travel on the southbound barrel over the bridge, returning to the northbound barrel just north of the bridge. The right travel lane will be moved into the northbound right shoulder to cross the bridge and will realign with the passing lane just north of the bridge. The existing two lanes of southbound traffic will be shifted into the westerly shoulder to accommodate this new traffic pattern.

The work to implement the new traffic pattern will occur between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. The work is weather-dependent and is expected to be completed in one night. Lane closures with uniformed police officers will be utilized to control traffic during this operation. Motorists should exercise caution when driving through the construction zone.

This temporary traffic pattern will include reduced lane widths for northbound traffic. The passing lane will have a 12-foot width between the concrete barrier and bridge rail. The travel lane will have a 13-foot width between the concrete barrier and bridge rail. Truck traffic should utilize the right lane through the work area. Loads wider than 10 feet 6 inches are not permitted to pass through the work area. This traffic pattern is anticipated to remain in place until mid-November 2025 at which point traffic will be returned to its normal pattern.

Get real-time traffic news from <https://newengland511.org/>, which alerts motorists to incidents and construction work.

The work is part of the Dover 41824 project. Evroks Corporation of Northfield is the prime contractor for the \$14 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in June 2027. This bridge project will address structural deficiencies and remove the north and southbound bridges from the state's Red List bridges. Work includes replacing both decks and bridge superstructures, replacing bearings, rehabilitating abutments, minor rehabilitation work to the bridge piers, and minor work at the bridge approaches to tie them into the existing roadway.

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## **Intermittent closures of Payne Street this spring begin Monday**

Payne Street (formerly River Street) will be closed intermittently to vehicular and pedestrian traffic this spring, starting on Monday, April 7, to allow contractors to complete roadwork.

The street will be closed during daytime hours to allow workers to safely install the sidewalk, curbing, drainage and other improvements.

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

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## **Chestnut Street to be closed at railroad intersection for track upgrades**

### **Work to occur later in April or in May**

Upcoming work to upgrade the railroad crossing by CSX Corporation, which owns the railroad tracks in the city, will require the closure of Chestnut Street to all traffic. The closure is expected to last three full 24-hour days.

The date will be determined by the ongoing rail upgrade work CSX is performing along the rail line now. CSX has provided the city with two windows of when the work will occur: either between April 15 and April 26, or between April 29 and May 14.

CSX confirmed with city officials that no work will occur on the Central Avenue crossing

during the Chestnut Street closure. The Central Avenue crossing is also expected to be upgraded, but not during either of the two windows provided to the city.

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Planning Board, April 7, 5 p.m.

The Planning Board TDR Sub-Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### Conservation Commission, April 7, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission Forest Management Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### Cemetery Board, April 8, 5:30 p.m.

The Cemetery Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Facilities and Grounds building, 145 Court St.

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

### Planning Board, April 8, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

### Joint Building Committee, High School Athletic Complex, April 9, 5:30 p.m.

The Joint Building Committee for the Dover High School Athletic Complex will hold a site walk of DHS athletic

## Downtown Central Avenue work to temporarily impact traffic patterns

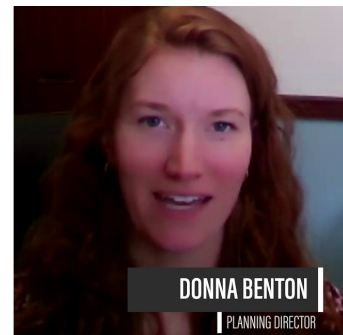
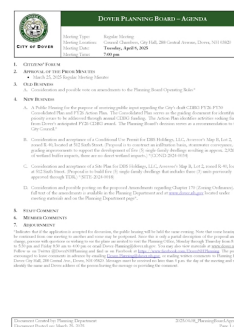
Later this month, crews will begin working in the median island on Central Avenue between Broadway and Chapel Street to upgrade street lights.

The project will temporarily close Central Avenue's northbound turning lane to Third Street for a few days. This traffic will be detoured through the Third Street lot just north of the Broadway intersection before the train tracks. It may also temporarily impact Central Avenue's southbound U-turn lane. Parking is not expected to be impacted.

The work is part of a larger project to upgrade the aging downtown street lights, many of which were installed in the late 1970s, and improve the overall lighting. This includes better lighting around downtown crosswalks.

Part of the work in the initial phase is to determine how much of the buried electrical conduit can be reused, which will help determine the impacts and costs for the overall project.

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



## On the Agenda: Planning Board, 4/8/2025

In this video, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. The video can be viewed by clicking the



fields on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

### **City Council, April 9, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

### **Solid Waste Advisory Committee, April 10, 6 p.m.**

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

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/>.

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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:

- 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

image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=XLBLfiyw9oKhlquQ>.

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](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.

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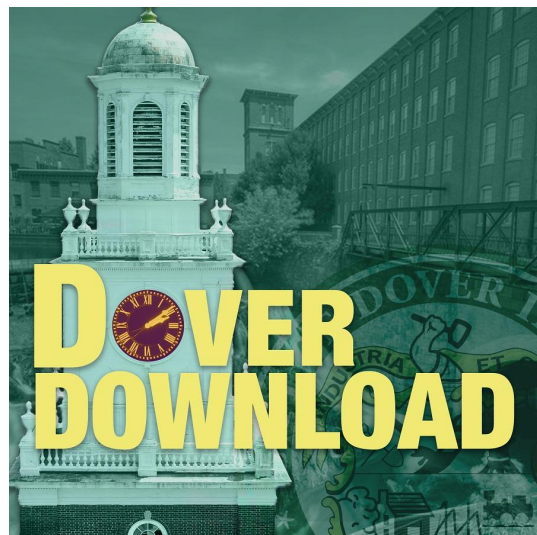
## **Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover**

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

- [Organic Turf Treatment and Mowing Services](#)
- [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](#)

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.



**State of the City 2025: The**

[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 Vansylvong-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.

## Waterfront District Development

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, we hear the State of the City address focused on Dover's Waterfront Development project, held March 27 at 121 Broadway in Dover, and hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4jhBHcW>.



### 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](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience

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## Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the results for the previous week. Participating is easy – click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question:

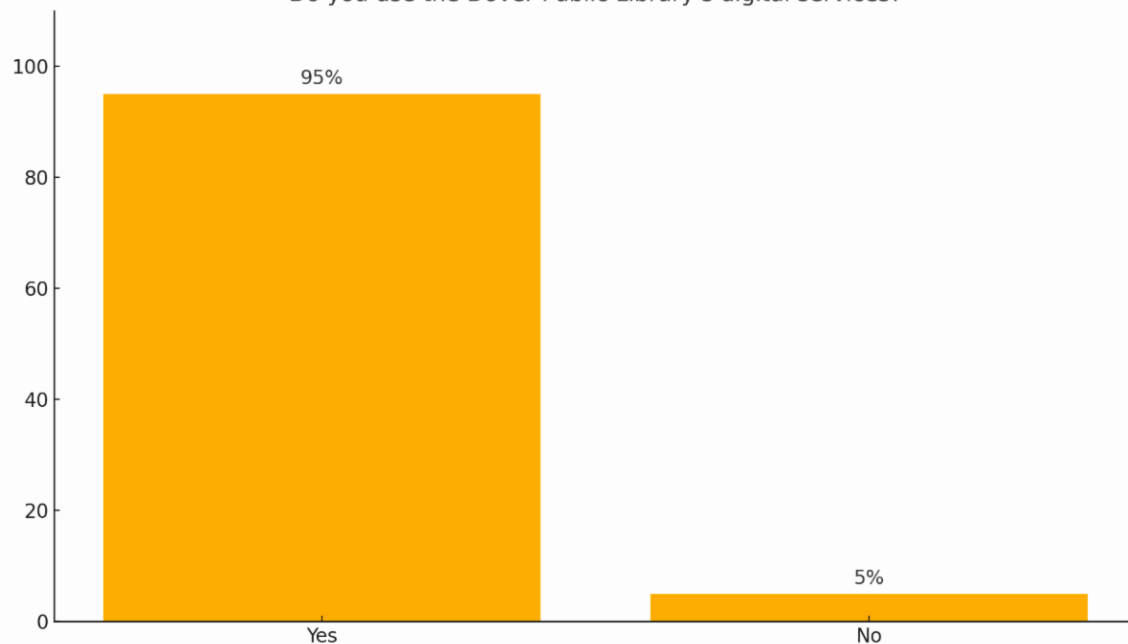
**"Do you plan to retire in Dover, or have you retired in Dover?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m3t8qe>

*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 use the Dover Public Library's digital services (e-books, audiobooks, research databases)?"**

Do you use the Dover Public Library's digital services?



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, 1805** — The Dover Sun newspaper reported that workers digging an aqueduct through land owned by Daniel Waldron uncovered a vein of dark brown sand running east to west, heavily embedded with high-quality mercury (quicksilver). Upon closer examination, small droplets of mercury ranging from the size of fine sand grains to "duck shot pellets" were identified, suggesting that more substantial quantities might be discovered with further exploration, potentially benefiting the landowner significantly. In the early 19th century, mercury was highly valued for its crucial role in extracting gold and silver through amalgamation, as well as its use in scientific instruments, mirror-making, and medicine. Its unique liquid properties and widespread industrial and medicinal applications made it a strategic and sought-after resource.

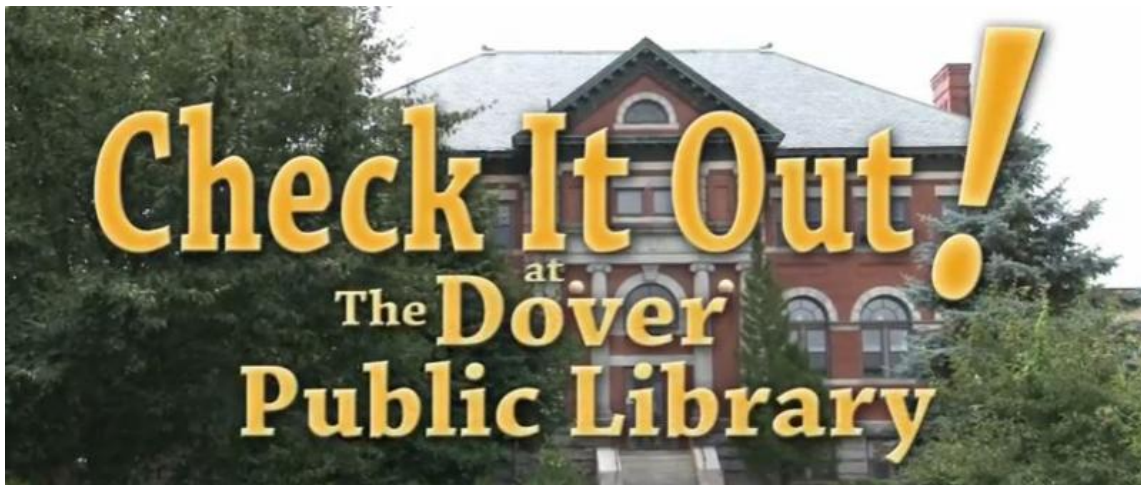
**April 13, 1830** — President Andrew Jackson vetoed a federal funding bill known as the River and Harbor Bill, which had included a \$4,200 appropriation to improve the Cochecho River. The funding would have supported navigation improvements to boost trade and local commerce in Dover's busy port. Jackson opposed what he saw as excessive federal spending on local projects, which he believed should be funded by states or private interests. His veto of the river and harbor bill was part of a larger campaign to limit federal involvement in internal improvements, a stance that sparked controversy, especially in communities like Dover that would have directly benefited from such investment. By 1835, sentiment had changed and the Cochecho River underwent its first major dredging that year, which continued through 1840.

**April 5, 1852** — Nearly a foot of snow fell on Dover on this day. Heavy winds created significant snow drifts, which caused the railroads to be delayed by four hours. It was nearly six months between the first and last snow of the winter — one of the longest and severest winters ever remembered at the time.



**April 1984** — Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird, two struggling artists living in Dover, 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=m8Jibl77dW4E8gbW>.

**April 5, 2002** — Despite some rainfall, Dover still found itself in the throes of a drought, a serious concern due to low groundwater levels and reservoirs. The state climatologist at the time noted that the drought, which began in July 2001, was primarily hydrological, not agricultural. While precipitation improved in March and early April, experts said the state needed double its normal rainfall for full recovery. Although Dover's water levels were reported to be good, officials urged water conservation and warned that restrictions might be needed if summer conditions worsened.



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

### **Monday, April 7, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Big Kids Storytime**

#### **McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join us for a fun storytime for kids in grades K-2. We'll read more in-depth books, and follow our stories with an accompanying craft. Children attend this event independently, without a caregiver.

*Registration required.*

### **Wednesday, April 9, 11 am to 12 pm All Abilities Chapter Book Club Great Bay Services**

Join the All Abilities Club! These weekly programs are geared towards adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their caregivers. At each session, we will read several chapters from a popular book. We will end with activities and crafts related to the book and some time for socializing.

### **Wednesday, April 9, 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 *Book of Ages* by Jill Lepore.

### **Wednesday, April 9, 3:30 to 4:30 pm Drop-In 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 7, 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 7, 7 to 8 p.m.**  
**Virtual: Behind the Headlines:**  
**Understanding Bird Flu**

situation and the risk that avian influenza presents. Brown is the Massachusetts State Epidemiologist and Public Health Veterinarian, and current President of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. She plays a key role at the state and national level in monitoring and responding to infectious disease threats, and has been involved with avian influenza for over 20 years. *Register at:*  
<https://ow.ly/lbw450VsKSq>

**Tuesday, April 8, 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.

**Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**  
**Friends of the Dover Public Library**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$20 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as cultural events for the community.

**Wednesday, April 9, 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.

**Wednesday, April 9, 5 to 8 pm**  
**Library Pop-Up & Beat the Librarians**  
**Trivia Night at Garrison Beerworks**

Join us for a fun-filled night at Garrison City Beerworks (located at 455 Central Ave., Dover, NH) in honor of National Library Week! From 5-6 pm, library staff members will be there to register new patrons and answer questions about library services and programs. From 6-8 pm, see if you can defeat the library staff at Garrison City's weekly trivia night!

**Thursday, April 10, 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.*

**Thursday, April 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Reading Rainbow Book Group**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *Ace: What Sexuality Reveals* by Angela Chen. Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

**Friday, April 11, 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 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 12, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Family Dance with The Suite Studio**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Families are invited to come dance with Jenna from The Suite Studio! You are welcome to wear/hold your babies while you modify the dance moves, or they can nap/watch from their bucket seat while you dance. For kids who are able to walk, and for those kids who are older and have sick dance moves themselves, they can dance beside you! However your body moves is the RIGHT way! Come for





**Ben VanCamp, left, president of the Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth, and Margaret Joyce, president of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, team up to help steer the Tides of Fortune sweepstakes on May 8 to benefit both chambers.**

## **Dover, Portsmouth Chambers of Commerce announce sweepstakes with \$10,000 grand prize**

The Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth and the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce are thrilled to announce the Tides of Fortune Sweepstakes, an exciting opportunity for the community to win big while supporting local businesses and economic initiatives.

With 402 entries available, each ticket purchase at \$100 per entry offers a chance to win incredible cash prizes, including:

- Grand Prize: \$10,000
- Second Prize: \$5,000
- Additional prizes to be announced soon

The ticket draw event will take place on Thursday, May 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Martingale Wharf, the largest deck in Portsmouth. This lively waterfront celebration will feature a cash bar, delicious appetizers, and an electrifying atmosphere as the lucky winners are announced. While attendance is not required to win, this is an event you won't want to miss, Chamber officials said.

"The Tides of Fortune Sweepstakes is an incredible way to bring together our community



while supporting local businesses,” said Margaret Joyce, president of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. “We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets early and join us for an unforgettable evening on the Seacoast.”

Ben VanCamp, chief collaborator and president of the Chamber Collaborative of Greater Portsmouth, said, “Imagine what you could do with \$10,000—take a dream vacation, invest in your business, or simply enjoy the financial boost. This sweepstakes is an exciting chance for someone in our community to win big. Get your ticket today and be part of the excitement! After all, you’ve got to Ride the Tide to Win the Treasure.”

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses looking to gain visibility and support this exciting initiative. Interested sponsors can review the sponsorship menu and secure their spot by reaching out to Margaret Joyce ([margaret@dovernh.org](mailto:margaret@dovernh.org)) or Nate Hastings ([nate@portsmouthcollaborative.org](mailto:nate@portsmouthcollaborative.org)).

The Tides of Fortune Sweepstakes is made possible by the generous support of our sponsors, Bangor Savings Bank, and Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

Get your ticket to ride at [PortsmouthCollaborative.org/Tides](https://PortsmouthCollaborative.org/Tides).

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## **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.

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## **COAST receives \$50,000 donation from Kennebunk Savings Bank Foundation to support new Dover facility**

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has received a \$50,000 leadership gift from the Kennebunk Savings Bank Foundation to support the construction of its new administrative, operations, and maintenance facility in Dover.

The donation is part of COAST's ongoing capital campaign. The new facility will help the nonprofit maintain current service levels, reduce its environmental impact and remain flexible to meet future transit needs.

COAST, which has served the Greater Seacoast region for more than 40 years, has seen its most significant growth in the last 15 years. The new 48,000-square-foot building will be funded through a mix of federal, state (including CDFA tax credits), local and private sources. To date, 81% of the projected \$17.3 million cost has been raised.

"We are so grateful to Kennebunk Savings Bank Foundation for their generosity and for recognizing the positive social and economic impacts that public transit brings to the Seacoast," said Rad Nichols, COAST executive director. "Our new facility is a down payment on the future, and with forward-looking partners like Kennebunk Savings by our side, COAST will be able to continue to connect people and communities for another 40 years and beyond."

In recognition of the gift, the main lobby of the new facility will be named in honor of the Kennebunk Savings Bank Foundation.

"We're excited to support COAST because of what a great job they do working to connect our neighbors and communities," said Lex Meagher, president and CEO of Kennebunk Savings. "By partnering with them, we can play a role in supporting connectivity, overall health and well-being, and environmental sustainability. We can help people access employment opportunities, healthcare and social services, educational opportunities, community events and more."

COAST's capital campaign is ongoing. For more information on the facility project or naming opportunities for donors of \$15,000 or more, visit [www.coastbus.org](http://www.coastbus.org).



## Service Dogs NH receives \$48,079 from Revo Casino to support service dog teams

Service Dogs NH, formerly the New Hampshire Coalition for the Support of Service Dogs, received \$48,079 in charitable gaming funds from Revo Casino after a 10-day run in Dover. The funds will allow the organization to expand its support for service dog teams across the state.

The organization provides financial assistance to qualified service dog owners, helping cover the cost of veterinary care, medications, and essential health services. Additionally, Service Dogs NH is committed to education and advocacy, working to raise awareness about the rights and responsibilities of service dog teams while educating businesses, landlords, and the public on service dog laws and etiquette.

“The funds from Revo Casino significantly improve the support we can provide to service dog teams in NH,” said Brendan Madden, Chairman of Service Dogs NH. “With this funding, we can increase the amount of assistance per dog and extend our reach to even more service dog owners in need. We can’t thank Revo Casino and their staff enough for helping us”

Service Dogs NH is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting service dog teams throughout New Hampshire by providing financial aid, advocacy, and education. The organization strives to ensure that service dog owners have access to the resources they need while promoting awareness and compliance with service dog laws.

For more information, visit [www.servicedogsnh.org](http://www.servicedogsnh.org).

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## Time to renew dog licenses

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@doover.nh.gov](mailto:Dover-TaxClerk@doover.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's annual street sweeping underway**

The city of Dover began its annual street sweeping operations this week, starting with cleaning sidewalks using blowers and brooms.

The Community Services Department will conduct the work through early June, with downtown streets scheduled for cleaning first before moving to the rest of the city.

Street sweeping operations typically begin at 3 a.m. and may require temporary parking restrictions. The city will provide advanced notice of these restrictions through signage, email and social media. Residents can sign up for these and other alerts by adding "Dover Alert: public safety alerts and special announcements" to their email subscription list at <https://bit.ly/doovernewsletters>.

The annual cleaning not only beautifies the city but also helps reduce pollutants entering the stormwater system. The city estimates street sweeping reduces the annual nitrogen load flowing into the Great Bay Estuary by 43 pounds.

The work this week is focused specifically on sidewalks, utilizing a combination of machine work and hand work with blowers and brooms. Street sweeping with vehicles is expected to begin next week, weather permitting. Overnight temperatures near or below freezing may delay street sweeping operations as the vehicles spray water for dust control.

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

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## ***Dover Pediatrics celebrates new location***



Patients Oliver Livingston and Isla Saunders, center, front, of Dover Pediatrics joined physicians David Rich, front, left, Rachel Laramée, right, and Emily Davie, right, to cut the ribbon at its new location at 121 Broadway in Dover on Thursday, March 27, 2025. Dover Pediatrics has been serving the Dover community for more than 75 years. The practice's relocation provides a state-of-the-art 12,000-square-foot facility.



**City of Dover, NH**  
Community Services

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**  
**MAY 18-24, 2025**



**Second Annual**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**AND**  
**TOUCH A TRUCK**



**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 17, 2025**  
**271 MAST ROAD**  
**DOVER, NH**



# 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:

- **Secretary, Community Services, Part-Time**
- **Police Officer**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **City Attorney**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Utility Systems IT Administrator**
- **Facilities, Grounds & Cemetery Secretary**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Meters & Backflow**
- **Truck Driver - Street**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**

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:

- **Title I ESOL Interventionist**
- **Paraprofessionals- Special Education**
- **Elementary School Classroom Teacher**
- **JV Girls Lacrosse Coach**
- **District School Psychologist**
- **Mathematics Teacher**
- **Science Teacher**
- **Noon Supervisor**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **MTSS Building Coordinator**
- **Art Teacher**
- **School Counselor**
- **DHS Ski Team Coach**
- **Boys JV Baseball Coach**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Long-Term Substitute, 6th-grade Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Boys JV Soccer Coach**
- **Boys Varsity Soccer Coach**

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

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