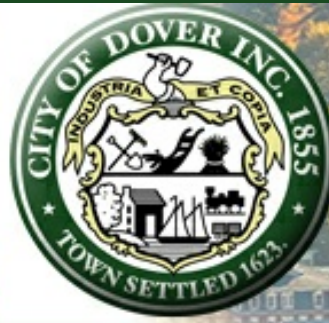


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



January 20, 2023



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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,**

## School Board adopts FY2024 budget

The School Board adopted the School Department's fiscal year 2024 budget at its meeting Monday.

In a 5-2 vote, the board approved a bottom-line budget of \$85,141,068, a 1.2% increase from the current FY2023 budget. The budget calls for \$52,971,017 to be raised by local property tax, exceeding the estimated tax cap calculation by \$1,125,663. The tax-supported operating budget, including debt service and revenue from the statewide education tax of \$7,120,667, increased by 6.26% to \$78,874,163. School Board Chair Carolyn Mebert and School Board member Michelle Clancy were the two dissenting votes.

The budget will be included in the City Manager's city-wide budget that will be presented to the City Council next month. A public hearing on the school portion of the budget will be held during the Council's budget deliberations in March.

Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni said the budget includes a cost-neutral staffing plan to address lower enrollments at the elementary and middle school levels while expanding educational opportunities for high school and career technical center students. The staffing plan also includes providing student and staffing support services at all three levels.

The adopted budget would add team leader stipends for the elementary schools to bridge the gap in the school improvement plan, helping to ensure that decisions on teams align with the

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district's and school's mission, vision, and strategic plan, Harbron said. The middle school would add an instructional coach to provide instructional professional development directly to the classroom to help predict and get ahead of issues and introduce new and supportive instructional materials. The high school adds a social studies teacher and brings the sports medicine and building trades instructors to full-time to address waiting lists in both growing programs.

The budget would also add an additional school psychologist, two special education teachers, three social workers, and a floating English to speakers of other languages (ESOL) paraeducator to provide students with additional supports.

Some of the cost items driving the budget increase include health insurance premiums, expected to increase by 14.3%; special education costs, estimated to rise by 21.27%, with an estimated \$2,216,742 in non-wage obligations.

Limanni said he will continue refining the budget as more definitive numbers become available in the coming weeks. The School Department is also negotiating contracts with four of its unions and expects additional budget discussions and revisions.

Documents detailing the FY2024 budget summary and significant cost items are posted to the [FY2024 Budget Revealed webpage](#), along with other budget documents and videos of budget meetings and workshops.

The School Board plans to continue its School Board its budget discussions at upcoming workshops to help further refine its budget.

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



## Electric aggregation plan for Dover before City Council at next meeting

The City Council will consider approving the Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP) at its meeting this Wednesday, Jan. 25. Adopting EAP is the first significant step in creating a Dover Community Power Program. If approved, the plan would then be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission for review, among other steps.

The EAP would serve as the Dover Community Power program's operation blueprint. The Energy Commission, which Dover's City Council designated as the city's Electric Aggregation Committee (EAC) for the program, held public hearings on the plan on [Nov. 16, 2022](#), and [Dec. 14, 2022](#). At the Energy Commission's [Jan. 18, 2023 meeting](#), it unanimously approved the EAP and recommended its adoption by the City Council. For details on the EAP and

The Community Power program is authorized under state law RSA 53:E. It allows municipalities and counties to aggregate retail electric customers to “access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services” on a voluntary basis. The program would only launch if it can initially offer residential default electricity rates lower than those provided by Eversource; it would be self-funded through revenue generated by participating customers and not use taxpayer funds to cover program expenses.

Once operational, as envisioned under the current draft plan, residents and businesses utilizing the default electricity supply through Eversource would be enrolled in the Dover Community Power program. Default customers would receive a notice well before the potential launch date that they will be enrolled in the program and can opt out or choose another supplier before its launch. The program is voluntary; customers can return to the default electricity supply or choose another competitive supplier. Customers with competitive suppliers can opt into the program – they would not be automatically enrolled. The estimated launch date could be around the start of 2024, depending on the approval process and market conditions.

The Dover Community Power program is part of the non-profit Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) initiative, of which the City of Dover is a founding member. CPCNH is overseen by a board of directors appointed from participating communities. The goal is for the participating communities to use their combined purchasing power to create savings and new value for customers, including expanded product options with higher mixes of renewable energy.

Other resolutions related to Dover Community Power are also on the agenda. One would change Dover’s voting member on the CPCNH board of directors to the city’s Resilience Manager, currently Jackson Kaspari; the voting alternate would be the chair of the Energy Commission, currently William Baber. The other resolution would approve an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), which the City Council authorized as part of participating in CPCNH. The amendment would enable members to vote on changes to the JPA at any board meeting instead of once a year; the amendment also provides notice requirements for members for any proposed changes.

### **Readoption of the Veterans’ Tax Credit and Veterans’ Property Tax Credit**

The Council will consider a resolution to readopt the Veterans’ Tax Credit and the Veterans’ Property Tax Credit. The state legislature passed a bill that would expand eligibility to include those on active duty in the armed forces, including those in active duty or reserves for the National Guard. The Department of Revenue Administration informed the city that it needs to readopt the credit for veterans to be eligible for the \$750 credit the City Council had previously adopted. Currently, 998 veterans received the \$750 tax credit; however, the city is unclear how many more would be eligible. It estimates the new eligibility may result in 75 additional tax credits to a total of \$56,250; the city estimates the tax rate impact would be 1 cent per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

### **Public hearings**

There are two public hearings on the Council’s agenda. One would be on the resolution to accept and expend a \$56,354 Assistance to Firefighters Grant funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Accepting the grant requires a city match of 10%. The Fire Department plans to use the grant enhance its health and wellness program by purchasing new exercise equipment for each fire station and providing each employee with an individualized training program.

The second public hearing is on a resolution authorizing the City of Dover to conduct its annual appraisal of real estate for FY2024 (Tax Year 2023). The city has conducted the annual assessment since 1998 to follow market trends to ensure proportionality so that assessments remain between 90% and 110% of market value, and to avoid extraordinary changes in assessments and resulting tax bills, according to the resolution. This will be the first of two public hearings on the resolution. The second one is scheduled for the Council’s Feb. 22 meeting; a vote would occur at its March 8 meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall’s Council Chambers. The meeting will be televised on

## Economic forecast: What we can expect from New Hampshire's economy this year

The 2023 Economic Forecast, hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the McConnell Center (61 Locust St.). Registration is open to the public and pre-registration is required.



Hear from Brian Gottlob, Director of the N.H. Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau and Principal at PolEcon Research, about New Hampshire's economic year in review, and what to look for in 2023. Gottlob will cover topics such as interest rates, workforce woes, housing challenges, and more.

Will we see economic growth? And are there lasting effects from the pandemic? Register for this forum and find out. The price is \$25 for Dover Chamber members and \$35 for not-yet members. The event fee includes breakfast, which is sponsored by Cleveland, Waters, and Bass P.A. Visit [dovernh.org/economy](https://dovernh.org/economy) to register or for more information.

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 information on other programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email [info@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org), or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicle Improvements Project topic of Jan. 23 presentation

The Transportation Advisory Commission will meet on Monday, Jan. 23, for a public presentation Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Improvements Project. This project will bring the [2015 Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access and Streetscape Study](#) into design and ultimately create construction plans.

Staff from the city's Planning and Engineering divisions and design consultant Greenman-Pederson, Inc., will provide a brief presentation at the meeting. Their overview will discuss current conditions in the Central Business District, the recommendation from the 2015 study to change the traffic flow on Central Avenue and Main Street, and why that change would be advantageous to pedestrians, motorists and downtown businesses.

After the presentation, the public will be invited to review representations of the proposed design at different stations. Each station, operated by a member of the project team, will include plans, alternative designs, streetscape renderings, and a list of the pros and cons. There will be sticky notes and pens available so the public can comment and/or directly mark areas of concern. The project team will also be available to answer questions, address concerns and solicit feedback.

Further public meetings are planned during the design phase of the project. The city will also provide email updates as the project develops. To sign up for these emails, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Project update: Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access Improvements" to your current email subscription list.



## Action plan for Community Development Block Grant Program has public hearing Jan. 24

The Planning Board will be conducting a public hearing regarding the draft FY24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan. The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The City of Dover receives federal grant funding through the CDBG program, which is administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City has adopted a Consolidated Plan that identifies Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and the Community's priority objectives to be addressed during the FY21-25 timeframe. To help achieve the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan, the City must develop an Annual Action Plan which outlines the City's proposed use of grant funding received through the CDBG program for FY24.

When completed, the final FY24 Annual Action Plan provides the allocations that will be made to organizations, programs and projects. Projects under consideration for the Dover FY24 Annual Action Plan include:

- Homeless shelter services
- Security deposit programs
- Weatherization and energy efficiency improvements
- Economic development activities

Members of the Public, Organizations, Agencies and Programs are encouraged to attend/participate and provide comments regarding the draft FY24 Annual Action Plan. Comments and concerns can also be submitted to Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter via e-mail at [d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov); via telephone at 603-516-6008; or via postal mail at Planning and Community Development Department, 288 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03820.

A copy of the draft FY24 Annual Action Plan can be found at the Dover Public Library and at the Planning Office at City Hall. You can also access the draft FY24 Annual Action Plan by [clicking here](#)

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Conservation  
Commission,  
January 23, 5:30 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission Forest Management Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference



Room, City Hall.

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

### **Graffiti Management Committee, January 23, 6 p.m.**

The Graffiti Management Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Transportation Advisory Commission, January 23, 6 p.m.**

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **McConnell Center Advisory Board, January 23, 7 p.m.**

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **Housing Authority, January 24, 12 p.m.**

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

### **Planning Board,**

## **Missed the meeting? Catch it again online**

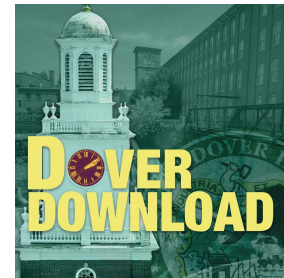
Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](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 podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week**

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past with a look back at the week in Dover's history.



The podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh>.



## **Composting: How you can get started**

Composting is a natural way to recycle nutrients back into the soil and reduce waste going to landfills. It can be made from yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings, and kitchen scraps such as egg shells, coffee grounds and fruit and vegetable peels and scraps.

**January 24, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

**City Council,  
January 25, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at 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/>.

**In the backyard**

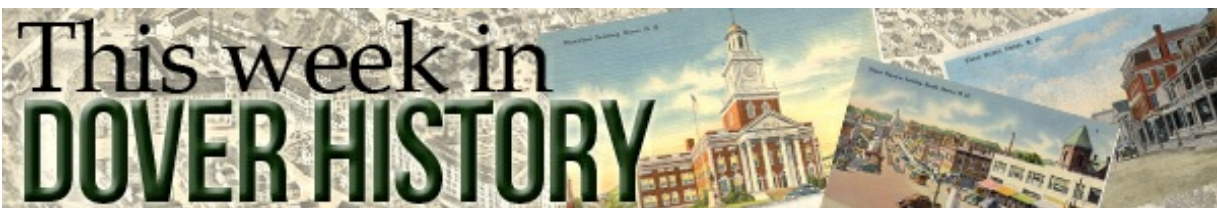
Backyard composting can be done in a mound or a garbage can. If using a garbage can, drill holes 4 to 6 inches apart, and put 2 to 3 inches of straw or wood chips in the bottom for drainage. A shovel or pitchfork may also be needed.

**Bring it to the Recycling Center**

The City of Dover has partnered with Mr. Fox Composting to provide residents with a no-cost composting option to divert food waste from the solid waste stream. Five 64-gallon composting totes are located at the Recycling Center, which is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The bins accept all food scraps, including meat, bones, eggshells, bread, seafood, fruits, vegetables, pizza boxes, coffee grounds, wooden stirrers, sugar packets, napkins, towels, teabags, ground tea, muffin wrappers, flowers, floral trimmings, and corks.

Need more information? Visit <http://bit.ly/3J2g95l> or call Community Services at 603-516-6450.



The following events are from a variety of 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](#).

**Jan. 27, 1882** — (From the New York Times) "Dover, NH - The small-pox scare is still at its height. It has been discovered that two persons who had visited Mr. Tibbett's bedside previous to his death are now sick with varioloid of a mild type. The Secretary of the State Board of Health consulted with the local Board of Health, the City Physician, and other authorities yesterday, and the result is that no more public performances, balls, gatherings, etc., are to be permitted, at least for the present, within the city limits. An order has been issued by the agent of the Cocheco Manufacturing Company authorizing two surgeons to vaccinate all the operatives employed in the mill who are willing to submit to the operation. Last summer in two weeks nearly 8,000 persons were vaccinated at the city's expense. The County Commissioners have ordered the attending physicians at the county farm to vaccinate the inmates.

**Jan. 26, 1907** — At 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 26, fire broke out on the fourth floor of Cocheco Mill Number 1. The sprinkler system was under repair so the fire spread rapidly. Power was shut off, leaving panicked workers attempting to escape in darkness and smoke. The building had

only one fire escape, many workers were injured when they leaped from windows. Firefighters batted the flames for 36 hours. Their efforts were hampered by 30-degree temperatures. It was so cold that water from the fire engines froze almost immediately. Some of the fire hoses were accidentally cut by the buggy wheels of sightseers. Thousands of spectators from Portsmouth, Rochester, Rollinsford, Durham and Newmarket came to watch. Police had to send all officers to control the crowds, many of whom came from Dover's 60 bars. The police station filled to capacity with intoxicated spectators. In the end, four lives were lost and the building was a million dollar loss. Just a few days before the fire, the Mutual Insurance Company proclaimed the Cocheco Mills "excellent". (Dover Public Library)

As the blaze raged on, an unknown prisoner at the former jail perched on the hill above, wrote this poem:

*Twas on a January morn*

*And work had taken regular form.  
The factory bells had rung their final call.  
When the cry of fire quite shrill  
Rang through No.1 Cocheco mill,  
The beginning of what proved a terrible pall.*

*Quick the cry was passed along  
Through that terror stricken throng;  
No pen, what followed after, can describe.  
Fighting wildfire, shrieking childlike,  
vainly trying to escape  
In that frantic, groaning, seething, human tide.*

*Firemen grieving and struggling bravely,  
People running, rushing madly,  
Hear the shrieks amid that chaos of despair.  
Some are helping, toiling blindly,  
Others soothing in tones kindly,  
Oh, God, tis more than human eyes can bear.*

*What a sense of sickly terror,  
Heart strings broke in silent horror,  
A melancholy spell hands in the air.  
See the flares keep leaping higher,  
Dancing around that funeral pyre,  
Leaving nothing but the brick walls grim and bare.*

*Then a wild yell, long and loud,  
Issues from that surging crowd;  
Women swooned away, and strong men's courage failed.  
See a wild-eyed, pale-faced lad,  
Begging, pleading, almost mad,  
To be taken from that roaring seething hell.*

*Soon a ladder is extended  
Through smoke, flame, and water, blended  
Into color that defies the painters art.  
He is saved, but many more  
Lie upon that upper floor,  
And the gaping crowd falls backward sick at heart.*

*There's no time for idle theory,  
How to reach them is the quarry,  
But the firemen see the folly of such pains.  
For, although they may be living,  
That no other power, save Heaven,  
Can save them from that cruel heartless flames.*

*Women shrieking, wildly sobbing,  
Black despair their senses robbing,*

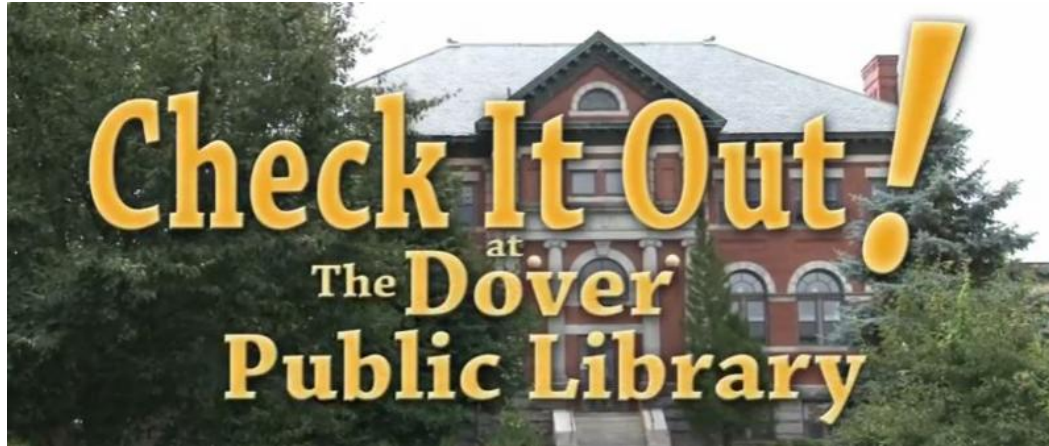


*Calling, calling for their loved ones but in vain.  
For their spirits have departed  
Leaving friends here heartbroken  
Full of death-dividing anguish, grief and pain.*

**Jan. 29, 2002** — Demolition of the former public works facilities on River Street began this day. The demolition included a controlled burning of the old city barn by Dover Fire and Rescue. Community Services had moved into a new facility on Mast Road the previous year, in 2001. The demolition of the former public works building was intended to make way for the development of the waterfront, which is underway. At the time, then City Councilor Parks Christenbury said, "Every council has its milestone. This is the 2002 City Council's milestone." Dover's mayor at the time, Alex Nossiff, added, "We're hoping to attract people to a resource that has been neglected for years and years. This is a monumental step."

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## **Library to host NH Humanities Book Discussion of 'Stony the Road' by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**

The library will host an online book discussion of Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s "Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow" on Wednesday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Stony the Road is a challenging and unsettling account of Reconstruction-era racial history, with much to inform us about today's cultural and political divides.

The library will have limited copies of the book available for those who attend the event. The presenter will be virtual, but folks are welcome to attend in-person at the library or virtually from home. To register, [click here](#).

This program is provided via a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

For more information, visit the library's website at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call (603) 516-6050.

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## **Friends of the Dover Public Library to hold music CD sale**

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will hold a music CD sale Feb. 5 to 11 on the main floor of the library, near the adult circulation desk.

The library is discontinuing its music collection and the entire collection will be available for \$2 per CD for singles and boxed sets will be specially marked. Genres include rock, country, classical, world, pop, jazz, folk and bluegrass, musical soundtracks, and children's music. The CDs for sale will be available all hours the library is open. Library hours are Monday through

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

All proceeds from the sale goes into the Friends funds which are used to help support the library in many ways. The Friends pay for programs throughout the year, support the Summer Reading Program, purchase all of the museum passes available to patrons, and much more.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

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## This Week at the Library

### **January VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Snowy Cabin Cookbook* by Marnie Hanel. Throughout the month of January, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Your creations will be shared on the library's social media pages.

Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov) or tag the library on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### **Monday, January 23, 3 to 4 p.m.**

#### **Monday Afternoon Book Group**

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *The Girl You Left Behind* by Jojo Moye. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. *Register if you would like to attend remotely.*

### **Monday, January 23, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

#### **Bullet Journaling for Teens**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to start and use a Bullet Journal? Learn the basics of what a Bullet Journal is, how to use one, and how to make it truly yours! Notebooks, markers, washi tape, and all the supplies you need will be included. If you have a special notebook you'd like to use, feel free to bring it along. No experience necessary. You can bring favorite pens, markers, and anything you'd like to include in your Bullet Journal. *Registration required.*

### **Monday, January 23, 6 to 8 p.m.**

#### **Dungeons & Dragons: Adults**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every other Monday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

### **Monday, January 23, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Monday Evening Book Group**

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *The*

### **Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

#### **A Walk in Their Shoes:**

#### **Dementia Simulation**

Allow the dementia experts from The Residence at Silver Square to take you through a simulation experience to better understand and empathize with what living with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia can be like. They will guide you through the challenges of compromised vision, hearing and dexterity, which all affect cognition.

RSVP: Audra Michel 603-570-9390 or email [amichel@residencesilversquare.com](mailto:amichel@residencesilversquare.com).

*Register if you would like to attend remotely.*

### **Thursday, January 26, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

#### **Arts and Crafts Storytime**

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun.

*Registration required.*

### **Thursday, January 26, 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

#### **Bullet Journaling**

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### **Thursday, January 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

#### **Cocheco River Writers**

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!

### **Friday, Jan. 27, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

#### **Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with

*Girl You Left Behind* by Jojo Moyer. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register if you would like to attend remotely.

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**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**  
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**Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Family Storytime**  
Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

**Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 to 7:30 pm**  
**Get Lit! Adult Book Club**  
Join this adult book group to discuss *The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley at Garrison City Beerworks. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library, on Hoopla Digital, and on NH Overdrive. All are welcome!

drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

**Friday, Jan. 27, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Sensory Storytime**  
This storytime is for children, ages 3-6, with autism, sensory challenges, developmental delays, and their caregivers. This fun, interactive program will engage the senses through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs, rhymes and movements, as well as tactile and sensory activities.  
*Registration required.*

**Saturday, January 28, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**How to be an Animal Adventurer**  
Susie Spikol, author of *The Animal Adventurer's Guide*, will lead this interactive program on how kids and their families can become animal adventurers with the wild things in their neighborhoods. There will be books available for purchase.  
*Registration required.*

**Saturday, January 28, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Lego Club**  
Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build their own creations. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library.  
CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.



## Chamber's 2023 sweeps tickets now on sale

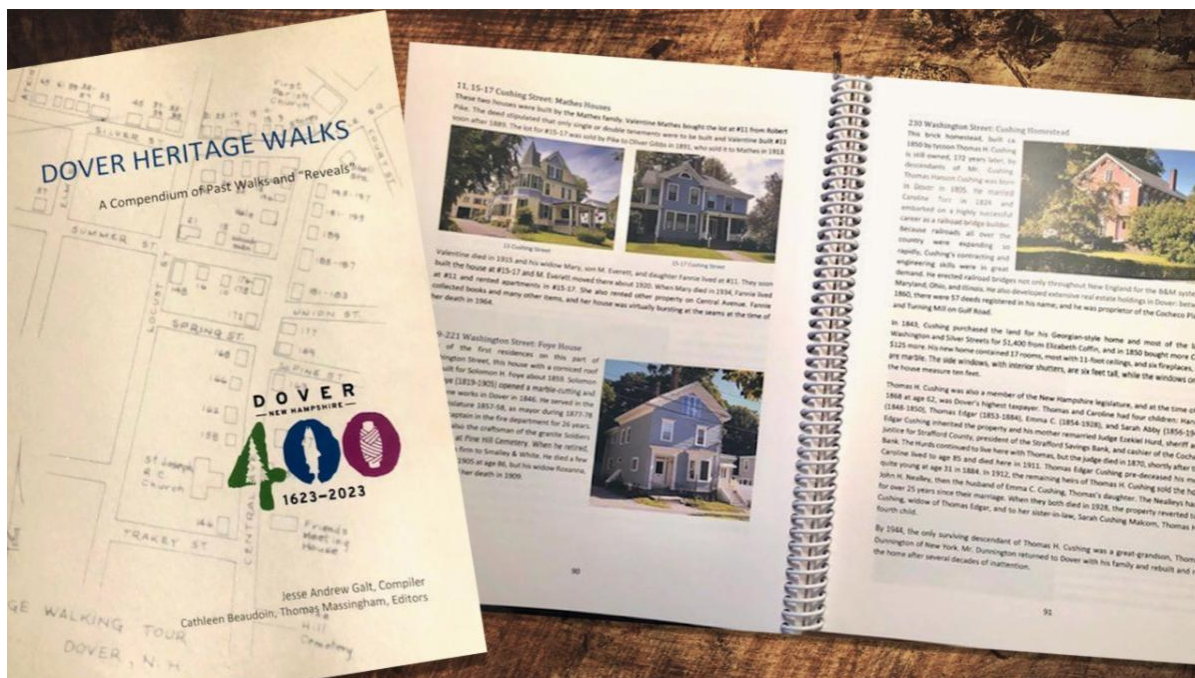
Every year, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Sweepstakes and Auction event to raise money to support our community events. Only 325 tickets will be sold, and the lucky winner will receive \$10,000 cash. The drawing will be held in person on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:45 p.m. at Chapel + Main. There will also be an optional live stream via the Chamber's Facebook page.

To purchase tickets, visit [dovernh.org/sweeps](https://dovernh.org/sweeps).

The Sweepstakes and Auction is the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's largest fundraiser of the year, supporting community events such as the Cochecho Arts Festival, Apple Harvest Day, and Festival of Trees.

For more information about the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, visit [dovernh.org](https://dovernh.org).





## New Dover400 book compiles, expands popular 'Heritage Walks'

Dover400, the committee organizing Dover's 400th Anniversary celebrations, recently announced the publication of a new book, "Dover Heritage Walks: A Compendium of Past Walks and Reveals." This 175-page volume, which covers over 250 Dover historical properties and sites, relates the history of hundreds of buildings, people, churches, and businesses in the Garrison City.

The idea for the book arose from an existing series of 29 "Heritage Walk" brochures which were produced annually from 1979 to 2007. In each of those years, a different Dover neighborhood was chosen, and significant research into its history was conducted. Volunteers then led walking tours of that neighborhood. But with such valuable information scattered among so many separate pamphlets, it was difficult to navigate the history.

With the publication of this new compilation volume, Dover's history comes alive. The original brochure information has been edited and updated, and new color photos now illustrate each property. Designed with a spiral binding, the book can easily be carried on an exploratory walk or read comfortably in an armchair. The book includes a table of contents, organized by street address, and an index with surnames and/or business names. The new volume sells for \$30 and is available at the Dover Chamber of Commerce, the City Clerk's Office at Dover City Hall, and at the Dover Public Library. All proceeds will help support the Dover400 Celebration events from June 24 to July 4, 2023.

Dover400 is also conducting two fundraising campaigns, "\$400 for 400", an effort to solicit 400 donors at \$400, and also "The 1623 Society," with membership available for a donation of \$1623. Donations may be sent to Dover400, 24 Chestnut St., Dover, NH 03820.

For more information, please visit [www.Dover400.org](http://www.Dover400.org).

**DALC's spring  
enrichment term begins  
soon**

Dover Adult Learning Center's spring

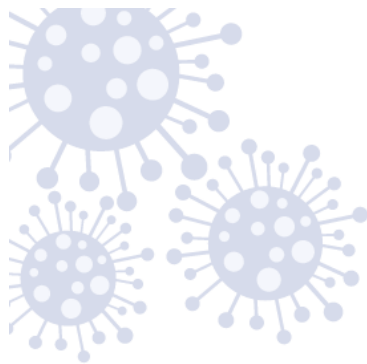
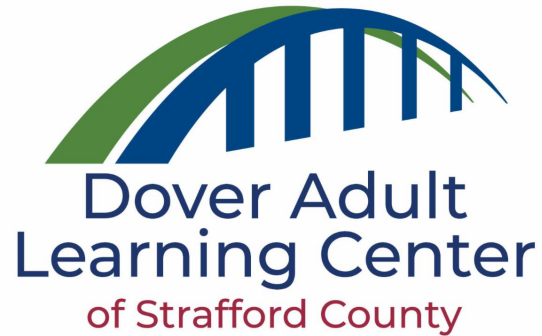
enrichment term is about to begin. Here's a glimpse at what's coming:

Learn to quiet anxiety and relieve tension with the Lift Method meditation. This three- week class starts on Feb. 6 and meets once a week for an hour. Register at <https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/lift-method-meditation/>

Using an online tutorial, crochet a lovely snowflake chain. Instructors will be available for guidance and troubleshooting. This workshop meets on Feb. 7 for 2 two hours. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mpezuuxz>

Wire wrapping is a foundational jewelry-making skill. Learn from an expert in this two-hour workshop on Feb. 8. If you can't make this date, this workshop is also offered on the third Wednesday of March, April, or May. Register at <https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/intro-to-wire-wrapping/>

For a complete list of classes, visit [doveradultlearning.org](https://www.doveradultlearning.org).



## WHY STAYING AT HOME IS IMPORTANT WHEN YOU'RE ILL



- ✓ IT'S THE BEST PLACE TO RECOUP AND RECOVER!
- ✓ TO REDUCE THE RISK OF COMMUNITY SPREAD
- ✓ HONORING OUR HEALTH WORKERS

Dover Board of Health

## Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2023 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30, 2023, 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 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; a certificate of spaying or neutering can be sent by email to [s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov) or by mailing it to the City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1, 2023.

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

A checking account is required for online dog license registration. 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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DOVER MENTAL  
HEALTH ALLIANCE

# The Community Circle

A group to help people connect,  
especially those struggling with social  
isolation, through fellowship, conversation  
and peer to peer support.



## JOIN US!

- First and third Wednesday of each month, starting January 4.
- 5:15-5:30 p.m.  
Get to know your peers.
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting
- 6:30 - 6:45 p.m.  
Connect with your peers.
- Coffee and donuts provided!
- This group is FREE!
- Register here:  
<https://forms.gle/gVRTvvo2VmWL7AFp6> or



## PURPOSE:

Connect with other adults like you who are struggling with

- social anxiety
- depression
- isolation
- share success stories & strategies

## LOCATION:

McConnell Community Center  
25 St. Thomas Street, Dover, NH  
Enter door # 7, just past the court house.  
Then take elevator # 2 to floor 3.  
Room # 340

Scan to Register



[www.dovermentalhealthalliance.org](http://www.dovermentalhealthalliance.org)

## 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**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Firefighter / EMT**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic / Automotive Technician**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**

- **City Planner**
- **Utility Systems IT Administrator**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Administrator**
- **Community Housing Navigator**
- **Utility Laborer**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**

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:

- **K-4 Principal**
- **Special Education Paraeducators and paraprofessionals**
- **Special Education Teachers – Dover Middle School**
- **Lunch Supervisors- Dover Middle School**
- **Special Education Teacher – Garrison Elementary School**
- **DALC Counselor Aide**
- **DALC Adult High School Math Teacher**
- **Custodian**
- **Nurse-RN (floating position)**

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

