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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



July 18, 2025



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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:

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## **ON THE AGENDA**

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

## **Housing Committee, budget adjustments on Council's July 23 agenda**

The City Council will receive a report from its ad-hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs during the Mayor's Report at the July 23 City Council meeting.

The City Council formed the committee in 2023, charging it to review relevant data to "recommend long-term strategies for the City Council and City Manager to encourage and incentivize thoughtful development for residents of all incomes, ages, and abilities." Its final report is due to the City Council by Dec. 31, 2025.

At the beginning of the meeting, the City Council will hold a public hearing on a pending resolution that would add stop signs on Fairfield Drive, Milk Street, Old Rollinsford Road, Page Avenue and Richardson Drive. The passage of the resolution has been endorsed by the Transportation Advisory Committee.

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

The City Council will be asked to authorize additional funding for the Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project to cover unexpected expenses, including both construction costs and construction oversight.

The Council will hold a first reading on several budget adjustments, all of which will require a public hearing on Aug. 13, 2025, a vote on Aug. 27, 2025, and a two-thirds vote of the Council to be authorized.

One is a resolution to rescind the Dec. 13, 2023 debt authorization of \$2.5 million for the high school athletic complex project, as the Council had authorized the full amount of \$18,037,000 at its June 25, 2025 meeting.

A second resolution would rescind the Dec. 11, 2024 debt authorization of \$850,000 for Fire and Rescue's South End Station addition project. Earlier this year, the City Council authorized Fire and Rescue to lease space on Crosby Road, negating the immediate space needs for the station.

A third resolution would authorize reprogramming \$278,434 of unused debt authorization to help fund the retrofit part of the Liberty North Fire Station vacated by Inspection Services into a training facility.

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

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



# Moon Boot Lover takes stage tonight for Cochecho Arts Festival

The 39th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. with Moon Boot Lover, described as one-of-a-kind mix of rock, funk and soul. Tonight's concert is sponsored by Unitil.



The festival lineup for this week includes:

- **Tuesday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.:** Wildlife Encounters, Rotary Arts Pavilion. Children will meet a variety of ambassador animals, hear their rescue stories and participate in an educational talk. Sponsored by: Martel Plumbing & Heating
- **Wednesday, July 23, 3 to 7 p.m.:** Farmers Market Acoustic Music Series, 110 Portland Ave., Ice Arena Back Lot. Sponsored by: Seacoast Eat Local
- **Thursday, July 24, 7:30 to 9 p.m.:** Dover Community Band, Rotary Arts Pavilion.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival (CAF) is one of the most popular summer music festivals in the Seacoast. This summer-long festival, which is free and open to the public, takes place in Dover's Henry Law Park at the Rotary Arts Pavilion. It features a wide variety of local and regional performers and artists, drawing thousands of people to Dover. This year's festival is underwritten by Orpheum Apartments and Cowork.

Show your support for the Cochecho Arts Festival by purchasing a Festival Button sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dover. Button holder benefits include a free bottle of water courtesy of Somersworth Storage at the Friday night concerts and special offers at La Festa, Chapel & Main, Wing-Itz, and Hi Fi Burritos. Each person who purchases a button is entered into the season-long Festival Button Raffle for the grand prize of a Lifetime Zenith 10-foot, sit-in kayak, which comes with a paddle and rooftop car carrier.

For the full Cochecho Arts Festival schedule, visit [dovernh.org/cochecho-arts-festival](http://dovernh.org/cochecho-arts-festival) or stop by the Chamber at 550 Central Ave. in Dover to pick up a brochure and purchase a festival button. The buttons will also be available for purchase at the CAF Friday night concerts. All proceeds go directly back to the Cochecho Arts Festival.



## Oak Street to be closed between Broadway and Ela starting Monday

Oak Street will be closed in both directions between Broadway and Ela Street starting on Monday, July 21, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for utility work.

The closure is expected to last several days. Traffic flow returns to normal during off-hours and weekends. Local traffic will be permitted during the closures.

The closure is for the installation of a new water main on Oak Street and Broadway.

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



## **Paving operations impact Chestnut Street intersection starting July 25**

Weather permitting, Chestnut Street in the area of Fifth Street will be reduced intermittently to one lane of alternating traffic starting on Friday, July 25 for paving operations. The traffic pattern is expected to continue on Monday, July 28. Motorists should anticipate delays in the area between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The paving operations are part of the final paving work for the Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project. Fifth Street will be milled and paved from Central Avenue to Fourth Street, including the intersection of Chestnut Street. Grove Street will also be milled and paved from Fourth Street to Sixth Street.

Parking will be prohibited in the work area during operations.

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

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## **Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool closing for season Aug. 10 for rehabilitation**

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool will close for the season on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025, to allow a major pool renovation to begin. It's currently projected to reopen in late June 2026.


The rehabilitation includes repairing the foundation of the 47-year-old pool, which has significant cracks that have led to excessive water loss. The deck of the pool will also be resurfaced, and its pumping, filtration, and operational control equipment will be upgraded. There will also be electrical modifications to meet current life-safety code requirements. The project will also encompass general site improvements, including a new perimeter fence, ADA accessible parking accommodations, and restorative landscaping.

Earlier this year, the City Council authorized the city to award the contract for the rehabilitation to Northeast Earth Mechanics, LLC, for \$3,585,124, following a competitive bid process. The project cost is partially offset by a \$500,000 federal grant.

The city previously contracted with the engineering firm, Weston & Sampson, to determine the scope of work and create bidding documents. The firm will also oversee the

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

## A group of children and adults are participating in a community art project, painting a large, colorful mural on a wooden boardwalk structure. The mural is divided into several panels, each featuring different themes: a rainbow, a sun, a cityscape, and various colorful figures. A young boy in a red shirt is standing on a small white stool, painting a section of the mural. Other children and adults are standing around the structure, some using ladders to reach higher sections. In the background, a blue tent is set up on a grassy area, and a person is sitting on the ground under it. The scene is outdoors, with trees and a clear sky visible in the background.

A portrait of Donna Benton, a woman with long, wavy reddish-brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark green top. The background is a blurred office setting with a wooden desk and a chair.

**DONNA BENTON**

PLANNING DIRECTOR

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, July 22,



July 21, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Utilities Commission, July 21, 6 p.m.**

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

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

### **DBIDA, July 22, 4 p.m.**

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a non-public meeting, followed by a regular meeting, on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, beginning at 4 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

### **Planning Board, July 22, 7 p.m.**

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

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

### **Planning Board, TDR Subcommittee, July 23, 5 p.m.**

The Planning Board's Transfer of Development Rights Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **DHS Athletic Complex JBC, July 23, 5:30 p.m.**

The Dover High School Athletic

2025. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=IYwjV0cqWhyfbbV9>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on DNTV 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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## **Filing period for Nov. 4 municipal election is Sept. 8-19**

The filing period for candidates seeking Mayor, City Council, School Board or election officer positions in the November municipal election is from Monday, Sept. 8, through Friday, Sept. 19.

Interested candidates must file a written declaration with the City Clerk during the filing period if they want to appear on the municipal ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, election.

All elected positions are two-year terms that begin in January 2026. Visit the [2025 Municipal Election webpage](#) for information on the elected positions, qualifications and compensation.

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

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

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

- [Ford Maverick for Parking Bureau](#)
- [Disposal of City of Dover Real Estate](#)
- [Ford Maverick for Facilities & Grounds](#)
- [Laboratory Testing Services](#)
- [Crack Sealing](#)
- [WWTP Ford F600 Truck with Plow and Hook Lift](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors

Complex Joint Building Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **City Council, July 23, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

### **Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, July 24, 10:30 a.m.**

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

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

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

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## **Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant**

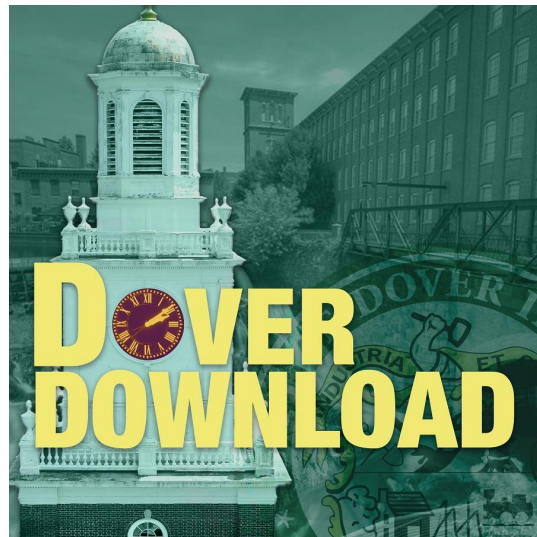
The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

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

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board

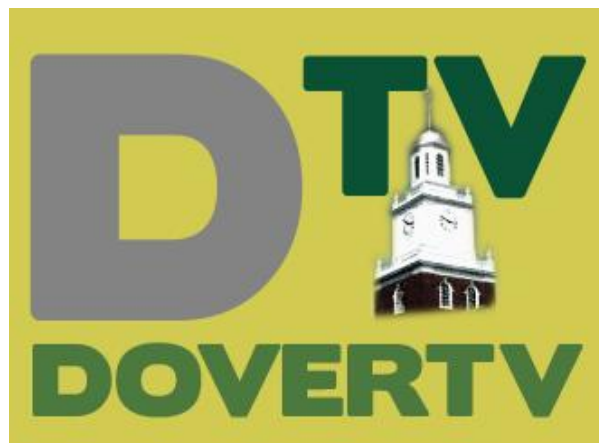
can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

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



## **Building Partnerships: How Dover Makes Public-Private Partnerships Work**

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Eric Chinburg and Chad Kageleiry about Dover's use of public-private partnerships (PPPs) as an economic development tool. Both developers have extensive experience working with the city on various projects over the past decade. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3Gqnixr>.



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

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board, Planning Board or

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

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

Waterfront Committee meetings on DTV, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

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

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# Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission



## YOUR DRIVING HABITS GREATLY AFFECT YOUR FUEL ECONOMY!

### Want to Save on Gas?

Aggressive driving can cut your fuel efficiency by up to 40%! Most cars run best under 50 mph. Boost your mileage by:

- ✓ Changing your oil regularly
- ✓ Keeping tires properly inflated
- ✓ Rolling up windows
- ✓ Limiting A/C use
- ✓ Removing extra cargo
- ✓ Avoiding long idling

### Considering an EV?

Federal incentives up to \$7,500 for new and \$4,000 for used electric vehicles expire September 30, 2025. Don't miss your chance to save—act now!



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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.

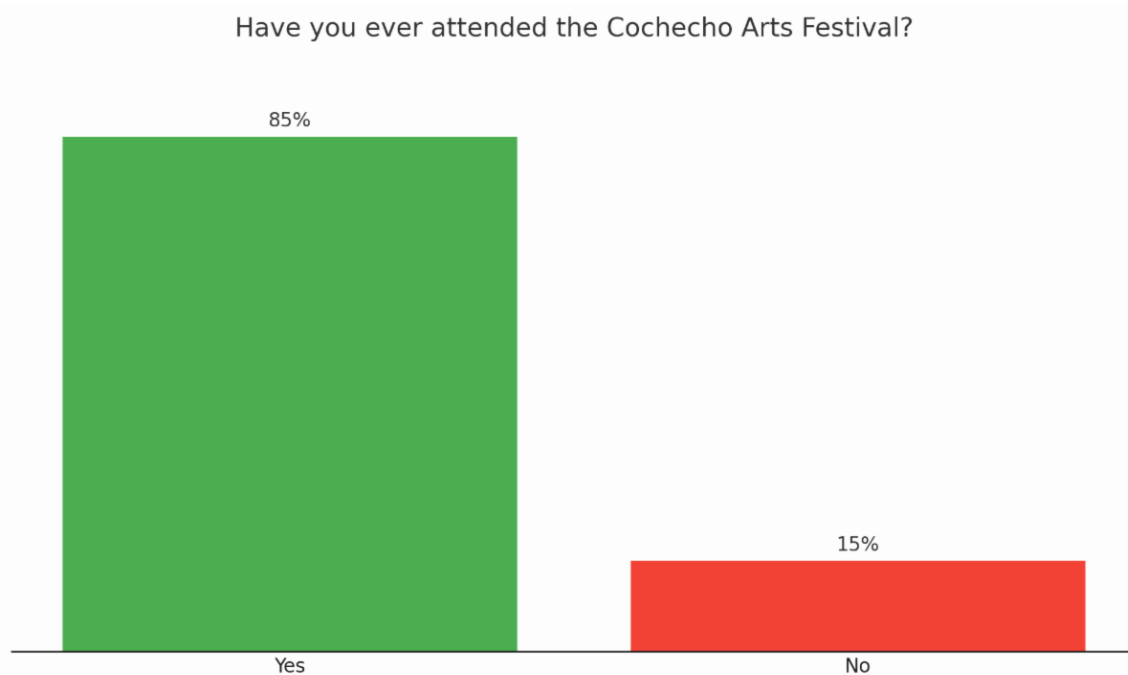
This week's question:

**"How interested are you in Dover's history?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mt8gr7>.

*Please note that if you don't already have an account with Polco, the city's polling system, you will be asked to create one. Responses are anonymous.*

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you ever attended the Cochecho Arts Festival?"**



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](#).

**July 20, 1837** — On this day, Deborah Coffin died at the age of 99, believed to be the oldest person in Dover at the time. She was born in 1738 in a house on Central Street, situated on a high embankment that was later leveled to make way for what became known as Varney's Block. Her family had lived in that same house for generations, until the powerful 1755 earthquake, known as the Cape Ann earthquake, shook the region and caused the chimney to collapse on the home. Deborah's great-grandfather was Peter Coffin, an early settler and mill owner whose fortified home, or garrison, once stood on the site of her birth. In 1689, during a period of violent retribution by the Indigenous Pennacook and their allies for years of betrayal and mistreatment by colonial leaders, Peter Coffin's home and mills were destroyed. The same coordinated uprising resulted in the death of Major Richard Waldron, a powerful colonial magistrate, at the hands of Native forces who had long sought justice for his earlier deception and brutal treatment of Indigenous people. Deborah was the eighth of 10 children. She recalled that in her youth, women going out to milk the cows were always accompanied by a man carrying a musket, a precaution that reflected the lingering fears from earlier decades of conflict between colonists and Indigenous communities. Much of the land along what is now Washington Street had originally been granted to Peter Coffin in the 17th century. Remarkably, much of that land remained in the Coffin family's hands until Deborah's death, affectionately remembered by locals as "Aunt Deborah."

**July 25, 1857** — Dr. Ezra Green dies on this day at the age of 101 years and 28 days. Born on June 17, 1746, in Malden, Mass., Ezra Green graduated from Harvard College in

1765 and moved to Dover two years later to begin his career as a physician. When the American Revolution broke out, Dr. Green put his medical skills to service in both the Continental Army and Navy, serving for five years. He was the surgeon aboard the *Ranger* under the command of the legendary Captain John Paul Jones, a key figure in early American naval history. After the war, Dr. Green returned to Dover, where he remained a highly respected member of the community for the rest of his life. In his early post-war years, he stepped away from medicine and became a successful merchant, frequently traveling to Boston to acquire goods for his store. In 1790, he was appointed Dover's first official postmaster by President George Washington, a role he held until he voluntarily resigned during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson. His appointment reflects the federal government's efforts to establish reliable postal services in the new nation and the trust placed in Green by its founding leaders. Dr. Green stayed active well into old age. He regularly attended church services and participated in town meetings, even casting votes when he was nearly 100 years old. He maintained a strong interest in public affairs throughout his life and remained a pillar of civic life in Dover. To learn more about Dr. Green, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4w9eferz8c>.

**July 21, 1864** — President Abraham Lincoln issued a new call for 500,000 more Union troops during the Civil War, as the bloody conflict entered its fourth year. Under this federal order, New Hampshire was responsible for supplying 6,502 men, with Dover's share set at 149. Thanks to a credit system, which accounted for prior enlistments and other contributions, Dover was able to reduce its obligation to around 110 men. Just two days later, on July 23, the Dover City Council held a special meeting to respond swiftly to the call. Councilors voted to offer the highest enlistment bounties allowed under recent legislation from the New Hampshire Legislature: \$100 for volunteers who agreed to serve one year, \$200 for two-year commitments, and \$300 for those willing to serve three years. These incentives were a common practice in Union states during the later years of the war, designed to boost enlistment and avoid the need for a draft. Mayor Daniel Hall was authorized to take immediate action to implement the plan and ensure Dover met its quota. At the time, local governments across the North often took the lead in raising troops by offering financial incentives, organizing recruitment efforts, and managing community support for the war.

**July 21, 2001** — Dover Middle School prepared to roll out laptops in classrooms, replacing trips to the computer lab. That fall, in what was then a cutting-edge move, Dover Middle School students would begin using laptops in class instead of trekking to a shared computer lab. The school, with more than 1,000 students and only 30 stationary computers, introduced 50 laptops and a pair of wireless "access points," devices that allowed students to connect to the school's network without plugging in. At the time, this was a bold step forward. Wi-Fi was still in its infancy, and the idea that any room, even the gym, could become a "computer lab" was revolutionary. Superintendent Armand LaSelva championed the concept of mobile computer labs, believing it made more sense to bring technology to students rather than send students to technology. Each laptop, costing about \$950, could wirelessly access the internet once within range of an access point, an innovation that helped usher in a new era of classroom flexibility. The initiative also aimed to boost student engagement by giving teachers new ways to assign and manage work digitally. Today, more than two decades later, students routinely carry their own devices, entire buildings are blanketed in high-speed Wi-Fi, and cloud-based collaboration is standard. But in 2001, a classroom full of wireless laptops was enough to make headlines.

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## **Library hosts free Elvis tribute concert at Dover High School auditorium**

Don't Be Cruel. Put on your Blue Suede Shoes, and get All Shook Up. Elvis is coming to the library.

Enjoy a free concert from one of New England's top Elvis performers on Saturday, July 26, at 2 p.m. in the Dover High School auditorium. The concert, sponsored by the Dover Public Library, is part of the 2025 Summer Reading programming.



The concert features impersonator Rick Anthony, a dynamic entertainer who zoomed into big-time entertainment practically overnight. Born in Lawrence, MA, Anthony began paying tribute to the late Elvis Presley for audiences when he was 14 years old at a school lip-sync contest. He borrowed an Elvis-style jumpsuit, a terrible wig, and took home first place. He decided to use his own theatrical talents and studied the voice and energetic performance style of Elvis to create his own high-quality performances. Through the years, Anthony has achieved many awards and performed for audiences throughout New England, Florida (including Walt Disney World), Canada, and as far east as the Azores, Portugal.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at [library.dover.nh.gov](https://library.dover.nh.gov) or call (603) 516-6050.

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## **History of New England Sweets at Dover Public Library**

In 1765, Boston became the home to the first chocolate mill in America when Hannon's Best Chocolate (now known as Baker's Chocolate) began production. One could even say this set the stage for New England's enduring love affair with sweets.

Dig into the sugar-coated "History of New England Sweets" with Dover Public Library on Wednesday, July 30 at 7 p.m. The virtual program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

In the talk, Author and Photographer Susan Mara



Bregman will discuss her new book “New England Sweets: Doughnuts, Bonbons & Whoopie Pies,” uncovering the stories behind the treats that sweetened New England’s culinary landscape.

Over the following centuries, the New England region has become home to an extraordinary variety of baked, fried, dipped, sugared, and frozen confections. Massachusetts introduced candy classics like Necco Wafers, Sky Bars and Junior Mints. Connecticut claims lollipops and Almond Joy. New Hampshire boasts the world’s longest candy counter. Maine puts a homespun twist on its doughnuts and chocolates by blending in a touch of potato. Rhode Islanders sip ice cream shakes called cabinets, while Vermonters prefer smooth maple creemees. From Fluffernutters to whoopie pies, come discover the confections that have come to define New England.

A long-term Boston resident, Bregman received her bachelor’s degree from Brown University and a master’s degree in city and regional planning from the Harvard Kennedy School. After a career in public transportation, working as a public official and private consultant, she returned to her first loves: writing books and taking photographs. She is the author of “New England Neon”, “New England Candlepin Bowling”, and “Along Route 1: Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts”.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to sign up, visit the library’s website at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call (603) 516-6050.

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## This Week at the Library

**Monday, July 21, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Summer Family Storytime**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join us this summer to celebrate storytelling and family, tied together in a whirl of color and art. Through stories, songs, games and activities, children will explore their art-filled world.

**Monday, July 21, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Teen Yoga**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join fellow teens for a fun, accessible beginner yoga flow set to a cool playlist, followed by some relaxing meditative journaling. It's the perfect way to de-stress and reconnect with yourself in a laid-back environment. All levels and bodies are welcome – no prior experience necessary, just come as you are! This class is open to teens entering grades 6-12.

**Monday, July 21, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.**  
**The Power of Pigment - Understanding Color in Art**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

The history of color unveils remarkable stories—from purple dye extracted from sea snails to ultramarine blue once more precious than gold itself. Artists deploy color strategically to create pathways through their compositions, creating movement that guides your experience. These calculated decisions transform flat surfaces into dynamic spaces, influencing

**Wednesday, July 23, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Inked In: Graphic Novel Book Group**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

If you love Graphic Novels join us for a new book group! Kids in Grades 3-5 are invited to join us to discuss a different popular graphic novel/graphic novel series each month. We'll discuss the book, draw some art of our own, enjoy some snacks, and decide what to read next month. For the month of July we'll be reading *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza* series by Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris. If you've read any books in this series, or all of the books, stop in for this fun group!

**Thursday, July 24, 10 to 11 a.m.**  
**Lego Club**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

There will be several stations to explore Lego STEM activities, as well as a free build area. This is a family event for people age 5-99. Caution: Lego bricks are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3. All Lego creations stay at the library.

**Thursday, July 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Cochecho River Writers**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for

how you perceive depth, feeling, and significance. What hidden messages might you discover when you begin to see paintings not just as images, but as carefully orchestrated color symphonies designed to evoke emotion and direct attention?

**Tuesday, July 22, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Colorful Chemistry**  
**Front Lawn**

How do we tell whether materials in our households are acidic or not? Can we separate the mixed pigments that make up marker colors? And can we make magical slime? Aspiring scientists ages 8-11 are invited to come answer these questions with colorful, hands-on chemistry fun!

*Registration required.*

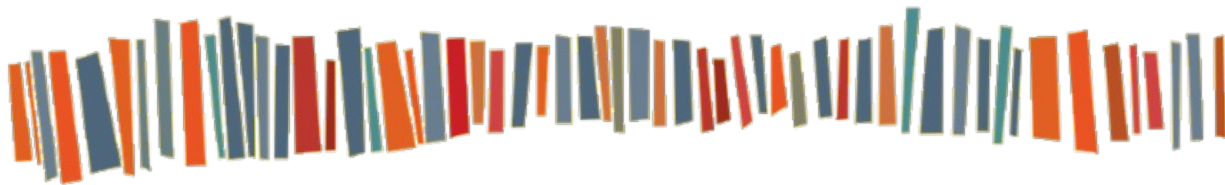
**Wednesday, July 23, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**All Abilities Music Club**  
**Great Bay Services, Dover**

Join us for a lively sing-along to your favorite tunes.

fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

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**Dover High School Auditorium**

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**Grown-Up Art Workshop: Designing  
Animal Characters**

*Saturday, July 19, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.*



Join illustrator and art educator Sean Bixby for a fast-paced, two-hour workshop at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover. Adults will learn how to design original animal characters—from realistic to imaginative. Through guided drawing exercises, participants will explore animal anatomy, exaggeration, and shape language to create expressive, story-driven characters. Ideal for fans of comics, animation, or anyone who loves to draw animals. All skill levels are welcome, and materials are provided.



Cost: \$45 per adult; \$42 for museum members. Pre-registration is required.

Bixby's work is currently featured in the museum's Gallery 6 exhibition, Curious Creatures, on view through September 2025.



## **Teddy Bear Clinic**

*Friday, Aug. 8, 9 to 11 a.m.*

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover invites children to bring their favorite stuffed animals for a special checkup during the annual Teddy Bear Clinic. Each stuffed friend will receive an ID bracelet and a full checkup from a volunteer doctor or nurse. If needed, animals can be treated at the "surgical table" with stitches, bandages, ribbons, and more. Every patient receives a certificate of good health.

Children can enjoy snacks-to-go after the visit, perfect for the ride home or a picnic in the park.

Free with museum admission. Online reservations are required; reserve for the morning play session (9 a.m. to noon) at [childrens-museum.org](https://childrens-museum.org).

Sponsored by Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

## **New Exhibit: The Floor Is Lava!**

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire has unveiled a new theme for its Play Loft exhibit: The Floor Is Lava! This exciting, movement-focused installation features a climbable volcano that children can reach by hopping across "safe" spots to avoid the lava below.

The Floor Is Lava is the second theme featured in the Play Loft, a flexible and interactive space dedicated to gross motor development. The first theme, Bounce, featured jumparoos and bouncy balls. The Play Loft opened in January 2025, alongside Little Farmers, another exhibit featuring a life-size cow and pig, a henhouse, a tractor, and even crops.

To learn more about this exhibit and other events at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, visit [childrens-museum.org](https://childrens-museum.org).

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## **Payne Street closure continues**

The weekday closure of Payne Street (formerly River Street) remains in place to accommodate work on the waterfront project. The street will be closed between Henry Law Avenue and Washington Street on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The closure allows workers to safely complete the installation of the stormwater treatment area, street curbing, and sidewalks, along with other related road work.

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

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## **Dover High School announces freshman orientation and summer tours**

Dover High School will welcome incoming freshmen with a series of summer building tours and a formal orientation ahead of the 2025-26 school year.

To assist students and their families with the transition to high school, summer tours of the building will be offered on Thursday, July 31, at 1 p.m., and again on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 10 a.m. The tours provide an early opportunity for students to walk the halls, review their schedules, and become more familiar with the layout of the school.

Freshman Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 28, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bus transportation will be provided, with pickup in the morning and return service in the afternoon. During orientation, students will meet their teachers, follow their Green and White schedule rotations, and receive their Chromebooks.

Families are asked to complete a short online form to help the school plan for the number of attendees. The form is available at: <https://forms.gle/8f4L3bG8mmVXE6Y96>.

For more information, visit [dhs.dover.k12.nh.us](https://dhs.dover.k12.nh.us) or call Dover High School at 603-516-6900.

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## **Community groups invited to apply for Cinco's October fundraiser**

Cinco's Cantina is inviting the public to nominate a local nonprofit or community group for its monthlong fundraiser in October.

One selected organization will receive a portion of sales proceeds from special menu items and be honored with a daylong celebration at the restaurant.

Nominations are open now through Aug. 11, 2025.

Community members can submit nominations through an [online form available 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 School Psychologist**
- **EMT Instructor**
- **Freshman Boys Soccer Coach**
- **Interventionist**
- **Long Term Substitute 7th Grade Math Teacher**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 4**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Second Grade Long Term Substitute (half year)**
- **Ski Coach**
- **Substitute Nurses**
- **Substitute Teachers**

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

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