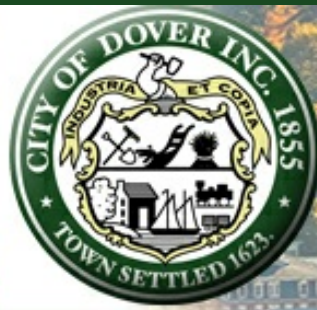


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



July 25, 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:**



Garrison Hill water tank back in service

Voluntary water restrictions removed

The City of Dover's 4-million-gallon water tank on Garrison Hill is back online as of Thursday afternoon, improving Dover's water storage capacity to 5 million gallons. The city is no longer requesting residents to conserve water by reducing or eliminating outdoor irrigation, though mindful water use is always encouraged.

The \$2.88 million rehabilitation of the Garrison Hill water

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

tank project began in March, the first time the critical infrastructure workhorse had been drained, inspected and repaired since it was built in 1968. The tank was originally projected to be online in June before the start of the high-demand summer season; however, higher-than-normal spring precipitation created additional moisture and condensation within the tank, delaying aspects of the project.

The rehabilitation began with a structural analysis. Crews then repaired the tank's walls, dome, and floor, and applied specialized coatings and sealants. In addition to structural repairs, the city has replaced piping and installed a new mixing unit to improve water quality. The project contractor will continue to complete the remaining project work in the coming weeks.

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



A city contractor is installing a new water main on Oak Street as part of a project to install a new main on Broadway and Oak streets.

New Broadway main to be filled, tested and put into service in early August

Connections expedited due to recent water main breaks

The installation of a new water main on Broadway has been completed. The main will be filled and tested, with connections to water customers starting the week of Aug. 4. The older main currently in use has been the site of three significant water main breaks this week, and numerous ones in recent years. It is expected to be permanently removed from service within the next few weeks.

Next week, the project contractor, S.U.R. Construction, will complete installing the new water main on Oak Street to Highland Avenue, anticipated to finish by Friday, Aug. 1.

Once that is complete, the contractor will start connecting water customers on Broadway to the new main, anticipated to start by Monday, Aug. 4.

The vintage 1888 water main on Broadway dates the establishment of the city's current water system. It's believed vibrations from ongoing construction may have contributed to the initial break on Monday night. The changes in pressure in the main during the initial repair are suspected of further exacerbating the aging, brittle iron pipe, turning hairline fractures into full-blown water main breaks on Tuesday night and early Thursday morning. Air in the system, once pressurized, will seek to escape, creating havoc along weak points in the main.

Crews plan to fix another leak this afternoon

City crews are preparing to fix another leak in the area of 122 Broadway today, Friday, July 25, near a main gate. Work is anticipated to begin around 3:30 p.m. today. Water will be shut off from 110 Broadway to Oak Street once crews begin repairing the main.

Once work begins, traffic delays and restrictions in the area are expected.



New Norde and Donaher take stage tonight for Cochecho Arts Festival

The 39th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. with New Norde and Donaher—two power pop bands known for their high-energy performances and nonstop feel-good vibes. Tonight's concert is sponsored by D.F. Richard.



The festival lineup for this week includes:

- **Saturday, July 26, 5 to 9 p.m.:** Soggy Po' Boys - An Evening on the Bayou, Woodman Museum. A night of live music, cocktails, local bites, and New Orleans flair. Tickets for this event, which begin at \$27.38, can be purchased at <https://www.simpletix.com/e/soggy-po-boys-an-evening-on-the-bayou-tickets-221806>.
- **Tuesday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.:** Steve Blunt Children's Music & More, Rotary Arts Pavilion. Steve Blunt is a New Hampshire singer/storyteller whose fun, upbeat performances delight audiences. Sponsored by: Formax
- **Wednesday, July 30, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.:** Farmers Market Acoustic Music Series, 110 Portland Ave., Ice Arena Back Lot. Sponsored by: Seacoast Eat Local

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 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.

Dover housing committee presents final report, findings to City Council

The Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs presented its final report to the City Council on July 23 during the mayor's report portion of the regular meeting.

Krysta Gingue, a member of the committee, led the presentation, which outlined short- and long-term recommendations for addressing Dover's housing challenges through 2035. The report emphasizes increasing affordable and workforce housing, revising zoning policies, investing in vulnerable populations, and establishing a permanent housing commission.

The committee was formed in 2023 and tasked with gathering community feedback and analyzing housing data. Its work included resident surveys, visual preference studies, and outreach about accessory dwelling units and financial programs.

The committee's recommendations include adopting inclusionary zoning, reducing lot size requirements, expanding shelter options, encouraging employer-assisted housing, and promoting adaptive reuse and mixed-income developments. The group also recommends launching citywide education campaigns and creating partnerships with local organizations and businesses to expand access to housing.

"Our vision is that all members of our community have access to stable and affordable housing, supporting economic growth and social well-being," the report states.

The full report, summary of recommendations, and presentation are available at: www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/city-council/community-housing-needs-committee.



Shane Morin named Dover's Literary Laureate

During the July 23 City Council meeting, Mayor Robert Carrier announced the appointment of Shane Morin as the city's next Literary Laureate.

With the council's acceptance of the mayor's report, the appointment, recommended by the Dover Arts Commission, became official. Morin will serve a two-year term through June 30, 2027, as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Arts Commission, leading community involvement in literary arts.

"Shane brings tremendous energy and experience to this role," Mayor Carrier said. "His commitment to poetry, teaching, and civic engagement makes him an ideal representative for Dover's literary community."

Morin holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of New Hampshire and is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in poetry and pedagogy from Lasell University. He is a co-founder of the Music and Poetry Open Mic at Auspicious Brew and leads The Poet's Corner workshop series at Milk Street Studios.

A published poet and essayist, Morin has long participated in Seacoast literary events, including Beat Night at the Press Room and the Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program, where he served as co-chair.

In his new role, Morin will develop and lead projects that promote literacy and creative expression in Dover. These may include performances, workshops, poetry readings, and writing programs for youth and adults.

A Dover resident, Morin also works for the Strafford County Registry of Deeds.



Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, July 26, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at Beckwith Park, 11 Hillside Dr. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers and safety vests available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/455Xyyz>.



Paving operations impact Chestnut Street intersection starting July 30

Weather permitting, Chestnut Street in the area of Fifth Street will be reduced intermittently to one lane of alternating traffic starting on Wednesday, July 30 for paving operations. The traffic pattern is expected to continue on Monday, Aug. 4 and Tuesday, Aug. 5. 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.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Dover Housing Authority,
July 29, 12 p.m.**

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m. at 62 Whittier St., Dover.

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

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, July 31, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 31, 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/>.

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

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

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

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

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.

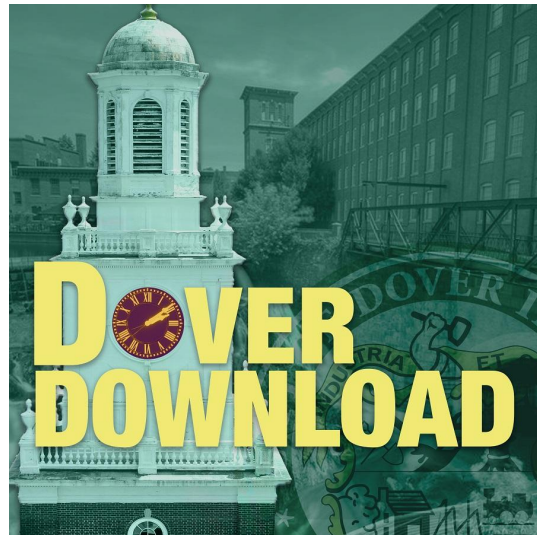
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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](#)
- [Replacement of AC units at City Hall](#)

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.



From Sewer to Scenic: The Cochecho River's Remarkable Recovery

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

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with former Mayor George Maglaras, owner of George's Marina, about the dramatic transformation of the Cochecho River from one of the most polluted waterways in America to the recreational resource Dover residents enjoy today. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/44JA9UQ>.



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 dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

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

This week's question:

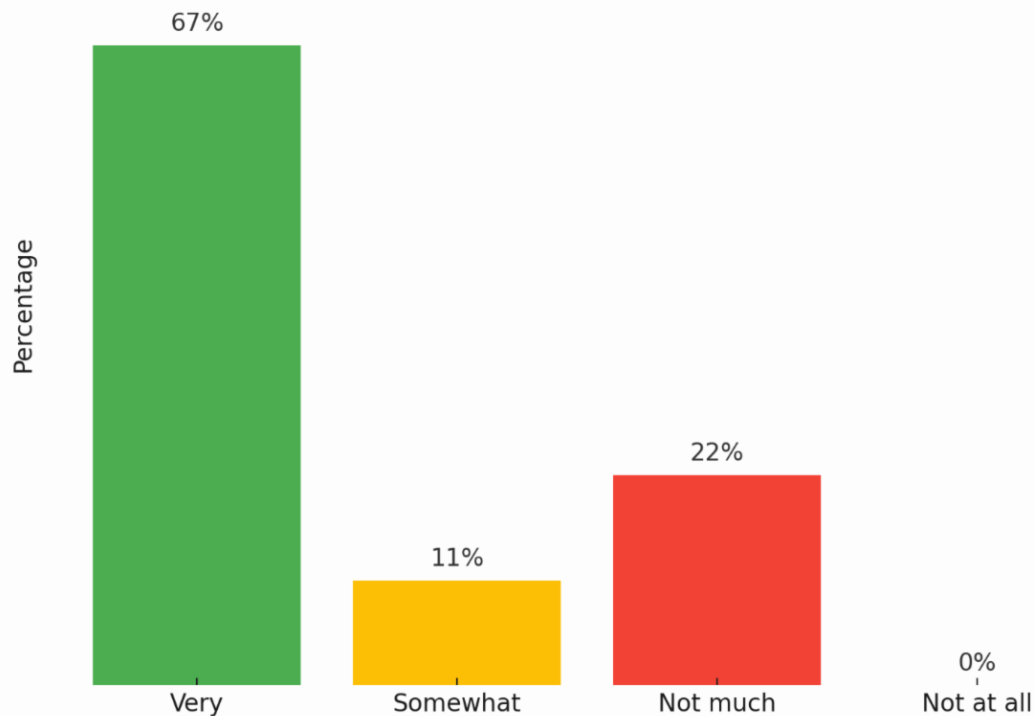
"Do you participate in any sports leagues in Dover?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m8aecy>.

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

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"How interested are you in Dover's history?"**

How interested are you in Dover's history?



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 28, 1665 — On this day, the town treasurer was ordered to pay a 5-pound reward for the killing of a wolf that had taken place in 1663. The record noted that the claim was certified by the constable and approved by the selectmen, with the supporting documentation held by Deacon John Hall. The money was to be divided equally among Hall and 15 others who had participated in the hunt, meaning each received only a small portion of the bounty. In 17th-century New England, towns routinely offered financial rewards to encourage residents to kill wolves, which were seen as a threat to livestock, livelihoods, and safety. These bounties were part of a broader effort by colonial governments to eradicate wolves from the region. Towns kept detailed records of payments and, in some cases, even required proof, such as a wolf's head or pelt, for a claim to be accepted. Over the following centuries, this aggressive campaign of extermination, coupled with deforestation and settlement expansion, led to the near-total elimination of gray wolves from most of New England by the early 19th century.

July 31, 1848 — Alfred I. Sawyer, a prominent and industrious citizen of Dover, died on this day in 1848 at the age of 49. Sawyer was the founder of the Sawyer Woolen Mills, a major textile operation that would go on to shape Dover's economic and industrial identity for generations. At a time when New England was rapidly industrializing, Sawyer was among the entrepreneurs who helped transform the region from a collection of small farming towns into a hub of manufacturing. His woolen mill contributed to Dover's rise as one of New Hampshire's leading mill towns in the 19th century, bringing jobs, economic

growth, and a growing population of mill workers, including many immigrants, to the city. Sawyer's legacy lived on long after his death. The Sawyer Woolen Mills would expand and continue operation well into the 20th century, and the name "Sawyer" remains an enduring part of Dover's industrial and civic history.

July 27, 1927 – On this day, funeral services were held in Dover for Isaac H. Porter, an 85-year-old seaman who had spent much of his life at sea and died days earlier at the Sailors' Snug Harbor in Staten Island, New York. Though he had left Dover as a young man, Porter was born in the city and wished to return in death. He was buried in the family lot at Pine Hill Cemetery. Few in Dover still remembered Porter personally, but his legacy would be felt by future generations. In his will, he left a portion of his estate to the Dover Children's Home. The donation helped support the home's mission of providing shelter, care, and stability for children facing neglect, abuse, or family crisis. Porter's will also included details about his property in Dover and granted his final tenant, Dr. Charles E. Gowen, first rights to purchase the home.

July 28, 1998 — Fundraising for Dover's in-line skating and skateboarding park at Henry Law Park was nearly complete, with hopes of opening by fall. Recreation Superintendent Gary Bannon reported that the \$60,000 project, funded in part by a \$30,000 donation from the Dover Rotary and a "Rock Night" fundraiser, would feature areas for in-line hockey, skating, and skateboarding, including a half-pipe. The River Street (now Payne Street) skate park eventually closed as part of the city's waterfront redevelopment plan, which included mixed-use commercial and residential development along the Cochecho River. After years of advocacy and planning, a new, modern skate park opened at Guppy Park in 2023. The 9,000-square-foot facility, designed with input from local skaters, restored a dedicated space for skateboarding in Dover.

Cathy Beaudoin named president of Dover Rotary Club for 2025-26

The Rotary Club of Dover has named Cathy Beaudoin as president for the 2025-26 year. Beaudoin, a longtime Dover resident, was formally welcomed at the club's first meeting in July.

Beaudoin served as director of the Dover Public Library for 21 years before retiring. She is widely recognized for her knowledge of Dover's history and has contributed to local publications, historical reenactments, and city tours. She was named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce in 2019 and currently serves on the City's Cemetery Board and as a docent at the Woodman Museum.

A graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, the University of New Hampshire, and Simmons College, Beaudoin has been a Rotarian for four years.



"I'm very excited to serve along with very knowledgeable Board members to support the Dover community through service and donation projects that benefit us all," she said. At her inaugural meeting, Beaudoin thanked outgoing president Harry Cheney, calling him "a shining example of joy." She outlined her goals for the year, which include increasing membership, organizing a summit of local nonprofits to encourage collaboration, and promoting the Rotary International theme "Unite for Good," set by Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo.

For more than 100 years, the Rotary Club of Dover has partnered with local businesses, nonprofits, the City of Dover, and community volunteers to make a lasting impact. The club has supported projects such as the Rotary Garden at Henry Law Park, the Rotary

Arts Pavilion, Dover Adventure Playground, Park Street Park, and the new skate park. Other initiatives include improving the River Walk, supporting the Dover Teen Center and Veterans Park, and contributing to the renovation of the Dover Children's Room at the library. The club also focuses on education and supporting families through back-to-school programs, literacy efforts, dictionary distribution to elementary students, and services for the homeless and food-insecure.

To learn more, visit doverrotary.com.

St. Thomas athletes recognized for title wins



Mayor Robert Carrier, joined by members of the City Council, presented proclamations on July 23 recognizing outstanding student-athletes from St. Thomas Aquinas High School for their recent state championships. The 2025 girls lacrosse team, top photo, was honored for capturing its second consecutive NHIAA Division III title with a 15-11 win over Gilford, marking the first two state championships in program history. The team finished the season with a 17-1 record and a two-year combined record of 34-1. The girls softball team, middle photo, was recognized for completing a perfect 19-0 season and winning the Division III championship in dramatic fashion, rallying from a 4-1 deficit to defeat Prospect Mountain with a walk-off sacrifice fly. It was the

program's first state title since 2007. Also honored was junior Alex Molda, bottom photo, who became the NHIAA Boys State Singles Tennis Champion, the third such title in school history and the first since 2000. Molda entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed and dominated throughout, including a 6-0, 6-1 victory in the finals. Each proclamation commended the student-athletes and coaches for their achievements, sportsmanship and commitment to excellence. The proclamations can be [viewed here](#).

City of Dover, surrounding towns, to hold Household Hazardous Waste Day Aug. 23

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the City's Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road.

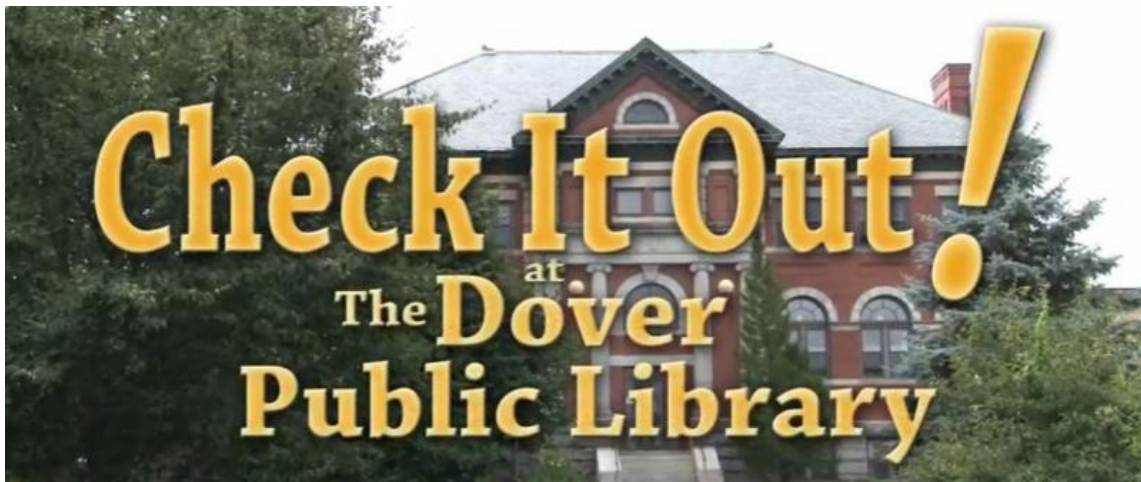
The goal of Hazardous Waste Collection Day is to allow for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. Residents of the four communities can bring household hazardous waste to Community Services for safe disposal.

The following household waste will be accepted: fertilizer with acids; bathroom cleaners; brush cleaner; pesticides; car waxes/polish; disinfectants; corrosives; fungicides; creosote; furniture polish paint/stain/finish; insect spray; driveway sealers/tar; metal polish (lead and oil-based); lighter fluid; flea powder; mothballs; rust preventatives; pest strips/traps; gasoline; oven cleaners; solvents; pesticides; radiator flush; photo chemicals; thinner/turpentine; poisons; roofing tar; rug cleaner; wood preservatives; pool chemicals; and wood strippers. Empty containers are not hazardous. Please dispose of them in your regular trash.

Explosives, asbestos, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, latex paint, waste oil and antifreeze will not be accepted.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day is for residents only. Proof of residency is required.

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



Meet Captain, the invasive species detection dog

One of the most environmentally damaging invasive species is the spotted lanternfly (SLF). Its impact on the environment has been described as looking like

“scorched earth without the fire,” and it’s already making its way through New England.

But could pet dogs help prevent its spreading destruction?

Dover Public Library welcomes Melissa McCue-McGrath to Room 306 of the McConnell Center on Monday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. as she shares information on how her dog Captain is learning to sniff out SLFs.

In April 2023, researchers at Texas Tech and Virginia Tech collaborated on a proof-of-concept study: could pet dogs in the U.S. be trained to detect SLFs? SLF is presently in 18 states, including New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. It’s predicted to be in Maine by 2026.

Six dogs enrolled in McCue-McGrath’s canine scent work classes at the Animal Welfare Society in Kennebunk were tapped to represent Maine in this multi-university study. These pet dogs, already trained to find a variety of oils on a Q-tip for fun, pivoted their focus to save the environment. They were shipped dead SLF eggs, packed them in a Pokémon lunchbox, and got to work. McCue-McGrath, joined by her dog Captain, will share the six teams’ journey helping researchers across the country, how they trained their dogs to find SLF, and the challenges they overcame training in a brutal Maine winter, as another environmental threat - climate change - threatened their plans.

McCue-McGrath, a local dog trainer, grew up in a sled dog family in Midcoast Maine. She spent most of her 20-plus-year career training dogs and working challenging behavior cases in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2015, she wrote “Considerations for the City Dog”, a book targeting the urban dogs and families who are left out of conventional training books, and has spoken internationally on the subject. She has since given up the conveniences of ride shares to come back home to Maine. McCue-McGrath’s family resides with an ancient cat, fifteen bougie chickens, and Captain Love, one of the dogs involved in a nationwide study on training pet dogs to detect invasive species.

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



This Week at the Library

Monday, July 28, 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 28, 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-

Wednesday, July 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Get Lit! Book Club
Strafford Farms

58 Rochester Road, Dover
Join the Library’s adult book group to discuss *Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!

Wednesday, July 30, 7 to 8 p.m.
History of New England Sweets:
Doughnuts, Bonbons & Whoopie Pies
Virtual: Sign up to receive link:
<https://ow.ly/HRzH50WtGsj>

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.

Tuesday, July 29, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Music Makers and Shakers!
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join us this summer for a musical kids' event that is sure to get your toes tapping and your kids dancing! Music Makers and Shakers is a celebratory kids program that combines music, instruments, dancing, clapping and stomping to children's songs. Keeping 'in time' with our Summer Reading Program, we will explore music that brings color to life this summer.

Wednesday, July 30, 10:30 to 11:45 am
The Colorful World of Butterflies: With
Jerry Schneider, The Butterfly Guy
McConnell Center, Room 306

How can we attract more butterflies to our back yards? What are some ways we can conserve butterfly habitats? What does a good butterfly garden look like? When, how, and why do Monarch butterflies go to Mexico? Jerry Schneider will be bringing displays of butterflies and moths, cocoons, and maybe some caterpillars! Bring a T-shirt or buy one for \$5.00 to participate in a special butterfly craft at the end of the program. This is an all ages event. *Registration required.*

Wednesday, July 30, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids
McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Thursday, July 31, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Expressive Improv Workshop for
Teens on Front Lawn

Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a free improv workshop hosted by Circus Curious! Fun is the foundation of this workshop where participants will dive into theater games and improvisation exercises that build confidence and spark creative collaboration. Through laughter, spontaneity, and supportive group work, teens will explore new ways to express themselves and connect with peers—no performance experience needed, just a willingness to play! The rain location for this event will be the City Hall Auditorium.

Friday, August 1, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Bubble Extravaganza Featuring
Bubbles McGee on Front Lawn

Come celebrate the finale of Summer Reading 2025! Bubbles McGee will be putting on an amazing interactive bubble show on the front lawn of The McConnell Center. We'll have some celebratory treats, and a chance for you to get your final raffle tickets, and turn your reading logs in for summer reading. This is an all ages event, with a rain location of The City Hall Auditorium.

Saturday, August 2, All day
Summer Reading Program Ends
 Adults, Teens, and Kids, stop in for your final chance to win prizes as our annual Summer Reading Program concludes!





Dover Police to host National Night Out event Aug. 5

The Dover Police Department will host its annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at police headquarters, 46 Chestnut St. The event is free and open to the public.

National Night Out is a nationwide initiative that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood safety. The event offers residents an opportunity to meet officers, tour the station, and learn about public safety efforts in a casual, family-friendly setting.

Visitors can explore police vehicles and equipment, including a cruiser, motorcycle, crime scene vehicle, and tactical rescue vehicle. Officers, including the department's K-9 unit, will be on hand to interact with the public.

Other city departments and community organizations will provide information on health, wellness, drug prevention, recovery resources, violence prevention, and mental health services. The Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 443 will offer free burgers and hot dogs outside the station.

"National Night Out gives our officers and residents a chance to connect in a relaxed environment, building the trust and collaboration that help solve community problems," said Police Chief William M. Breault.

For more information, visit the Dover Police Department's Facebook page at facebook.com/DoverNHPolice, or contact Lt. Alex Mitrushi of the Community Outreach Bureau at (603) 516-6122 or a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov.

Dover School District online auction of surplus property underway through Aug. 6

The Dover School District is holding an online auction of surplus property, which includes a gas pizza oven and numerous woodworking machinery items. The auction is hosted by <https://www.govdeals.com>, where interested parties can search for Dover, NH, to find the available items. Bids for this online auction will close on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025.

Prospective bidders are encouraged to carefully read all information and guidelines before submitting a bid. The complete list of items, specifications, timelines, and terms and

conditions can be found on the GOVDEALS website.

Those interested in viewing the items in person may do so by appointment during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. by emailing s.stahl@sau11.nh.gov and l.sanborn@sau11.nh.gov with at least 24 hours' notice.

All items are sold in an "as-is" and "where-is" condition, with no warranties expressed or implied, and no refunds. Successful bidders must remove their purchased items within 10 business days after full payment and are responsible for picking up their items.

The Dover School District will not ship or deliver any items. Schedule pick-up appointments will occur between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by emailing s.stahl@sau11.nh.gov with at least a 24-hour notice. Buyers must present a signed copy of the Bill of Sale and a photo ID when collecting their items.

For more information on the auction and available items, please visit <https://www.govdeals.com> and search for Dover, NH.

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 rehabilitation work.

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

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.

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:

- Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time
- Parking Enforcement Officer, Per Diem or Part-Time
- Utility Systems IT Technician
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Police Officer
- Wastewater Pump Station Operator
- Swim Instructor, Part-Time
- Lifeguard I, Part-Time
- Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time
- Fire Fighter/AEMT
- Truck Driver - Streets
- Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater
- City Attorney
- Diesel Mechanic
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Utilities Laborer
- Truck Driver-Utilities
- Maintenance Specialist-Streets
- Arena Attendant, Seasonal Part-Time

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- Dean of Students
- Freshman Girls Soccer Coach
- 5th Grade Teacher
- Paraprofessionals
- Long Term Substitute Grade 4
- Substitute Nurses
- District School Psychologist
- Second Grade Long Term Substitute
- Long Term Substitute 7th Grade Math Teacher
- Substitute Teachers
- Noon Aide
- Ski Coach
- Interventionist
- Freshman Boys Soccer Coach

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