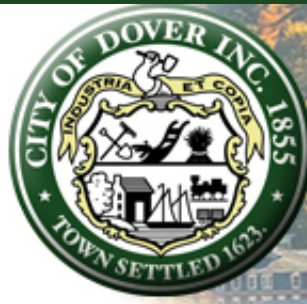


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

June 26, 2026



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DOVER, NH**

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Avenue
Dover, NH 03820
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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:**



Members of the Dover City Council, Friends of the Library, and other elected officials join Library Director Denise LaFrance to cut the ribbon for the newly renovated Library this morning, Friday, June 26.

Renovated Public Library now open

Regular operating hours resume

A crowd gathered this morning, Friday, June 26, outside the new main entrance of the Dover Public Library to celebrate

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

the long-awaited reopening of the Dover Public Library following an extensive renovation and restoration.

Library Director Denise LaFrance cut the ribbon just before its 9 a.m. opening, then held the door and welcomed eager patrons through the library's new main entrance by the parking lot, providing them with their first opportunity to be inside since the library closed in January 2025 and moved its operations to the McConnell Center for the duration of the \$7.1 million renovation.

The new main entrance provides an accessible entrance to the library's three floors with an elevator and stairs. The Children's Library remains on the ground floor, but its space has expanded significantly that now includes imaginative play areas, an extensive book collection, cozy reading nooks, and programming space for crafts and story time.

The second floor now has a dedicated teen area with community and programming space, along with extensive adult book and media collections, with areas for reading and computer work. The former reference room is now where the general circulation desk is located, serving both book checkout and reference information. The former Lecture Hall on the third floor has been transformed into the Community Room that has a connected meeting room/kitchen area, as well as separate meeting spaces. The Historical and Trustee rooms remain in their same spots but are refreshed with the carpet removed, exposing the restored hardwood floors underneath.

"We have more space for everything," Director LaFrance said during a [recent video tour](#) of the renovated library space.

The renovation of the 1905 Carnegie Library also improved electrical and life-safety elements of the building and added new restrooms on the second and third floors.

The Library's regular summer operating hours have resumed: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the library's website for more information: library.dover.nh.gov.



Patrons were eager to see and enjoy the newly renovated Public Library this morning.

Holiday hours for city offices and facilities

Curbside trash and recycling pickup not affected by holiday

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026, for the Independence Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

The Public Library will be closed on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4.

The McConnell Center, including the Recreation Fitness Center, will close at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 2. The Dover Arena is closed Friday, July 3, Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5. The [Indoor Pool](#) and [Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool](#) will be operating under regular summer hours, which are available online.

Inspection Services on Mast Road will be closed on Friday, July 3. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

The Recycling Center on Mast Road is closed on Saturday, July 4.

Curbside trash and recycling pick-up is not affected by the holiday and will follow a regular schedule.

Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, is a parking holiday. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays in most locations, except for the Parking Garage and Transportation Center Lot, which are metered parking at all times.

City of Dover fireworks are Thursday, July 2

The City of Dover will launch its annual fireworks display from Garrison Hill on Thursday, July 2, at dusk, around 9:15 p.m. The rain date is Friday, July 10.

The best fireworks viewing will be at locations with a direct line of sight to Garrison Hill and Garrison Hill Tower. Some areas, such as Henry Law Park, have blocked sightlines.

Before the fireworks, the 39th Army Band will play at Henry Law Park at the Rotary Arts Pavilion from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Annual Declaration of Independence reading returns to City Hall steps July 4

Dover will begin Independence Day with a familiar tradition on Saturday, July 4, 2026, as the Declaration of Independence is read aloud from the steps of City Hall.

The annual reading begins at 9 a.m. at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave. Mayor Dennis Shanahan will speak as part of the program.

This year's reading takes on added significance as communities across the country mark the 250th anniversary of American independence. The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain and setting out the principles that continue to shape the nation's civic life.

Garrison Players Arts Center performers will portray John Adams and Thomas Jefferson for the reading. This year, they will be joined by Josiah Bartlett, adding a New Hampshire voice to the annual program. Bartlett, a physician and statesman from New Hampshire, served as a delegate to the Continental Congress and was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.



Waterfront Development site to be paved Monday

Payne Street, section of River Street to be closed to traffic

Weather and other conditions permitting, a city contractor will conduct paving operations on Payne Street and in the waterfront development area on Monday, June 29, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

During paving, the following closures will be in effect:

- Payne Street
- River Street from its western Seaport Way entrance to near Building F
- Seaport Way will maintain one lane of traffic, alternated by flaggers
- Parking will be prohibited on Payne Street and Seaport Way

Access to waterfront businesses and residences be maintained on Seaport Way via Washington Street and Towne Drive during paving operations.

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



Elected and public safety officials attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 25, for the new Strafford County and City of Dover Public Safety Training Facility, located on county land in Dover. Assembled around the building's plaque are, from left, Dover Police Sgt. Chris Plummer, Rollinsford Police Lt. William Hancock, Dover Mayor Dennis Shanahan, former Dover Fire Chief Perry Plummer, Strafford County Commissioner Sean Leavitt, Strafford County Commissioner Leslie Felciano, Strafford County Commission Chair George Maglaras, former Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, and Dover Fire Chief Brendan Driscoll.

New public safety training facility opens in Dover

Dover and Strafford County officials cut the ribbon on Thursday, June 25, 2026, for a new joint public safety training facility that will allow firefighters, police officers and regional tactical team members to train together in realistic conditions.

The Strafford County and City of Dover Public Safety Training Facility, built on county-owned land in Dover, will be used by Dover Fire and Rescue, the Dover Police Department and the Strafford County Regional Tactical Operations Unit. Officials said the project was made possible through intergovernmental cooperation, volunteer labor, donated work and donated or discounted materials.

Fire Chief Brendan Driscoll said the facility brings fire and law enforcement training together in one location.

"This is a shared facility between the Strafford County Regional Tactical Response Unit and the City of Dover Fire and Rescue," Driscoll said. "It's a building where, under one roof, members from both disciplines of public safety can train their employees to create a safer community."

Driscoll said the project reflects "cooperation, collaboration and interoperability," beginning with the site itself: a City of Dover building on Strafford County land.

"The building behind me will save lives," Driscoll said. "It will save the lives of our citizens. It will save the lives of our first responders."

The training structure was designed as a container-style facility that can replicate the kinds of high-risk, low-frequency emergencies first responders may encounter in the field. Firefighters will be able to train in search and rescue, hose line deployment, fire attack and ventilation, command organization, pump operations, rope rescue, and firefighter safety and survival techniques.

“Anything that our members will be tasked with out in the streets can be reproduced here in a controlled environment where they can learn and practice and ready themselves in a profession where seconds matter,” Driscoll said.

The facility also gives Dover Fire and Rescue a local, multi-story training environment after years without a dedicated, purpose-built training site in the city. Driscoll noted that the need was identified nearly 20 years ago in the department's 2006 strategic plan, which called for a containerized training center with space to simulate emergency scenarios, including live fire, residential rooms, commercial spaces, garages, multi-story buildings, rope rescue and other conditions.

The facility was built using shipping containers, including 12 40-foot high containers and two 20-foot high containers purchased through the city's bid process. The awarded bid totaled \$40,550 after a bulk discount.

Police Sgt. Chris Plummer, a Dover police officer and one of the commanders of the Strafford County Regional Tactical Operations Unit, said the project began in part from conversations about how difficult it was to find suitable places for tactical training.

“For years, we've traveled throughout the county, the state and even New England to find suitable training locations,” Plummer said. “Most of the time this meant using vacant homes and commercial buildings.”

Those spaces, he said, often came with limitations involving location, condition, availability or layout.

Plummer said the new facility will significantly elevate the training available to the regional team and allow specialized training in Dover that previously required travel and additional expense.

Much of the ceremony focused on the volunteer work that went into the building's construction. Driscoll credited Dover firefighters, members of the regional tactical team, contractors and others who donated time and labor. He also recognized Police Sgt. Chris Plummer and Will Hancock of the Rollinsford Police Department as assistant project managers who helped develop the design and layout.

Driscoll gave special recognition to former Fire Chief Perry Plummer, who served as project manager and was credited throughout the ceremony as the driving force behind the project.

“No one from the PD side or the fire side has put more thought, time and sweat into this building,” Driscoll said. “This would not be possible without him.”

Driscoll said Perry Plummer was first to recognize the need for a training building and used “innovation and funding, sourcing of donated and discounted materials” to help build the facility at a significant savings to taxpayers.

A plaque will be affixed to the building dedicating the facility to Perry Plummer “for his devotion to the advancement, education and safety of police and fire personnel.”

“There is no one more fitting for this dedication,” Driscoll said.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr. also thanked those who contributed to the project, including city staff, contractors who volunteered their time, the county commission and others.

"This project would not have been possible without the cooperation of many folks," Joyal said.

Joyal said Perry Plummer's role deserved special recognition, not only for the training facility, but for more than four decades of public service.

"Chief Plummer has dedicated his time in public service over 40 years of service to protecting the citizens not only of Dover, but of the entire state of New Hampshire," Joyal said.

Joyal also presented Perry Plummer with a chair in recognition of his retirement, which is effective next week. Joyal noted that Plummer has a history of retiring from public safety, returning when called upon, and continuing to serve.

"Chief, please retire," Joyal said, drawing laughter from those in attendance. "Sit down and relax."

Strafford County Commission Chair George Maglaras said county officials quickly supported the idea when Perry Plummer first approached them about placing the facility on county land.

"It was a great opportunity for us to have training for not only the tactical squad, but for firefighters throughout the county," Maglaras said.

Maglaras said the project shows what can happen when communities work together on needs that may be difficult for one community to address alone.

"Whenever we can do things together, it always is a win for the people that we serve," Maglaras said.

The facility will also support mutual aid training and Dover High School students in the fire science program through the Dover Regional Career Technical Center.

Driscoll said the building will help prepare both current and future first responders.

"This building will help shape the skills of firefighters for years to come," he said.



Dover Fire Chief Brendan Driscoll, left, and Dover Police Sgt. Chris Plummer unveil the plaque that will be affixed to the new Strafford County and City of Dover Public Safety Training Facility, located on county land in Dover.



Former Dover Fire Chief Perry Plummer, left, is applauded by Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., for the chief's four decades of public service, and his role in spearheading the new training facility. In the photo below is a view of the entire facility.



Paving of Durham, Bellamy roads to begin June 29

Weather and other conditions permitting, the city's paving contractor will begin paving operations on Durham Road (Route 108) and Bellamy Road, starting Monday, June 29.

Durham Road will be paved from Mast Road to the Bellamy River, by the Back River Road intersection. Bellamy Road will be paved from Durham Road to Alumni Drive. The work will include milling the current pavement, raising street structures like maintenance hole covers and catch basins and trimming driveway aprons, followed by the laying of new pavement.

When paving operations are in effect, motorists should anticipate delays through the work area. Lanes will be closed in the work area, with traffic alternated by flaggers.

The City Council awarded this year's paving contract at its April 9, 2026 meeting to Continental Paving, Inc. for \$2,484,600 following a competitive bid process. The complete list of streets targeted for paving this year is posted on the city's [Street Paving webpage](#).

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



Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool to reopen July 1 following major rehabilitation

The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool will reopen to the public Tuesday, July 1, following a major rehabilitation project that included structural repairs, a new pool deck, upgraded pool systems and other site improvements.

Recreation Director Kevin Hebert and Facilities Project Manager Eric Sanderson led members of the City Council and Recreation Advisory Board on a tour of the facility on Wednesday, June 24, providing an update on the project and highlighting the work completed ahead of the reopening.

“Pretty much everything that you are looking at from the pool side of things is completely brand new,” Hebert said during the tour, noting that the new perimeter fence will make the facility “a lot more inviting to the community.”

The outdoor pool, named for decorated Olympian Jenny Thompson, who trained there in her youth, has been closed since Aug. 10, 2025, to allow the rehabilitation work to proceed.

The project included repairs to the foundation of the 47-year-old pool, which had significant cracks that contributed to excessive water loss. Work also included resurfacing the pool deck, upgrading the pumping, filtration and operational control equipment, and making electrical modifications to meet current life-safety code requirements.

Sanderson said during the tour that planning for the project began with a feasibility study in 2022, after the city evaluated whether to renovate the existing pool or pursue a larger replacement project. Ultimately, he said, the city determined the facility had “a great foundation” and could be renovated and brought back up to speed.

The project also includes new fencing, two new one-meter diving boards, new starting blocks, lifeguard chairs, ADA-accessible pool lifts, updated bathhouse areas, a larger shade structure, a new storage and maintenance building, ADA-accessible parking accommodations and walkways, drainage improvements and restorative landscaping. Some newly sodded areas will remain fenced off for several weeks after the pool reopens to allow the grass to establish.

The City Council previously authorized a \$3,585,124 contract with Northeast Earth Mechanics LLC for the rehabilitation, following a competitive bid process. The project cost

is partially offset by a \$500,000 federal grant. Weston & Sampson provided engineering services for the project.

A video of the June 24 tour and project update is available through the city's online video archive at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=xja1Px6tLSIAZuce> and on the city's [YouTube channel](#).

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

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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, June 27, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the city's Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries facility at 145 Court St. 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://www.facebook.com/events/s/dont-trash-dover-litter-collec/25648836538084549/>.

Upcoming Meetings:

Dover Housing Authority, June 30, 12 p.m.

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, July 2, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2026, 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

Brush clearing at city parks begins next month

A city contractor will be working at multiple city parks this summer to re-establish tree and brush line perimeters.

Sav-A-Tree, the contractor, will start at the tennis courts at Long Hill Memorial Park during the second week of July. They will also be working at the Sullivan Field and Playground, Woodman Park, and the park at the Francis J. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street from July into August.

The goal is to keep as much buffer as possible between the parks and surrounding neighbors while improving sightlines to the fields and courts.

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

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

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

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

To apply, [complete an application](#), and return it to the City Clerk's Office, or [email it to](#) City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

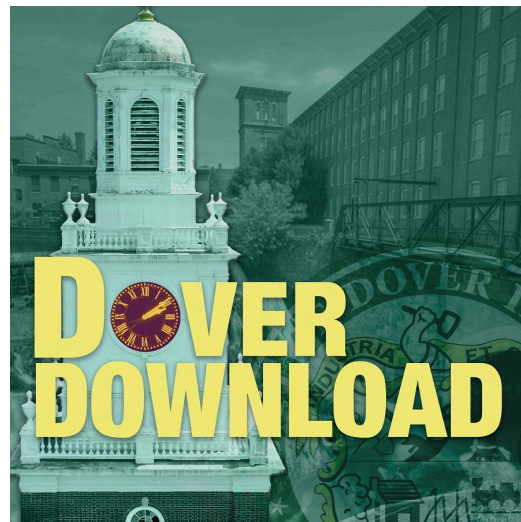
The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

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

- [Consulting Services for Comprehensive Plan to Replace Diseased Ash Trees Downtown Central Avenue](#)
- [Littleworth Road Water and Sewer Improvement Project](#)
- [Tree Removal and Other Related Tree Work](#)
- [Bituminous Concrete \(Asphalt\) Picked Up](#)
- [Website Redesign and Content Management Systems Implementation](#)
- [Barrier Removal ADA Door Installation](#)

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.



Digging In: An Update on Dover's Infrastructure Projects

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Deputy Community Services Director Ken Mavrogeorge and City Engineer Jillian Semprini about the construction projects underway across Dover. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4vr0Iji>

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.

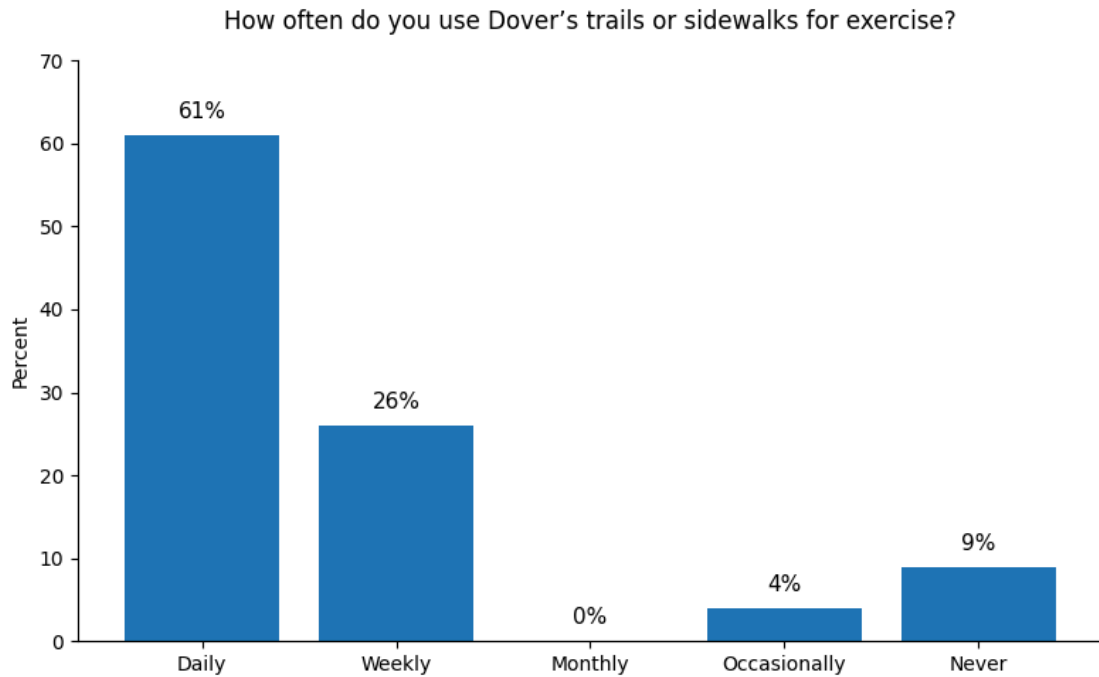
This week's question:

"Have you ever used the city's online motor vehicle registration renewal service?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mhzaf8>

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 often do you use Dover's trails or sidewalks for exercise?"**



As the nation prepares to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, This Week in Dover History will spend the next month looking back at Dover's role during the American Revolution and the year 1776.

While the Declaration was signed in Philadelphia, its meaning was felt in communities across the colonies, including Dover. Local residents were called upon to support the

cause of independence, serve in the militia, provide supplies, and help shape the new civic life of a nation being born.

Over the next several weeks, we'll explore moments from Dover's Revolutionary past and consider how events here connected to the larger story of American independence.

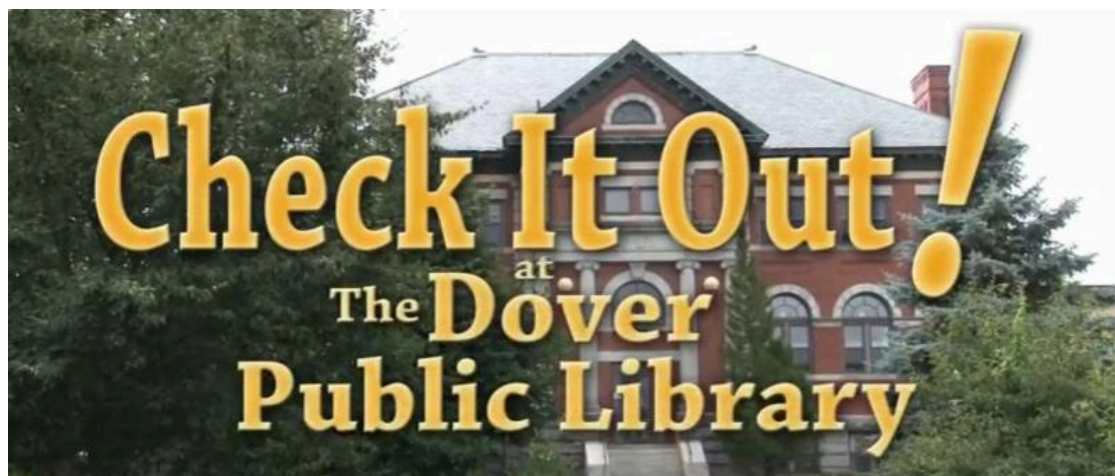
The Celebration of the Declaration of Independence

Reverend Jeremy Belknap (1744–1798) was far more than just the minister of Dover's First Parish Congregational Church from 1767 to 1786. A Harvard-educated intellectual and ardent patriot, Belknap had served as a chaplain to New Hampshire's militia troops during the Siege of Boston, and he boldly preached against the hypocrisy of slavery from his pulpit before the war even began. He was a frequent correspondent of George Washington and a close friend to Benjamin Franklin, with Franklin once noting that few men had done more to further the cause of the American Revolution. Beyond his wartime service, Belknap would later cement his legacy as the author of the landmark History of New Hampshire, the nation's first rigorously annotated history.

When the news of the Declaration of Independence finally reached Dover in the summer of 1776, the momentous tidings were delivered directly to Belknap. Filled with patriotic fervor, the minister immediately hurried to the local schoolhouse at Pine Hill. Interrupting the day's lessons, he delivered a stirring address to the scholars, triumphantly declaring to them, "America is now a nation!". Belknap promptly granted the students a holiday and organized them into a marching column of twos. With Belknap and the schoolmaster, Master Wigglesworth, leading the way, the procession set off. Preceded by the lively music of a fife and drum, the impromptu parade marched proudly through the town, crossing the lower bridge and heading up Main Street. They paraded past Garrison Hill until they reached the residence of Col. John Waldron, a prominent local military leader.

After reaching the Colonel's home, the column countermarched all the way back to the Pine Hill schoolhouse. There, the fervent patriot dismissed the jubilant scholars with three rousing cheers, giving Dover's youth an unforgettable celebration of American independence. In a profound moment of historical synchronicity, on the exact day the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration — July 4, 1776 — Belknap also signed a document admitting a local resident to the Dover Social Library, perfectly demonstrating his dual dedication to a free republic and an educated, enlightened citizenry.

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](#).



This Week at the Library

**Monday, June 29, 4 to 6 p.m.
Summer Reading Kick Off Event!**

Dino Dance Party

McConnell Center Front Lawn

Join the kick off to Summer Reading 2026, "Unearth a Story"! Gather on the McConnell Center Front Lawn for fun, food, games, and dancing. Lee Sims will be the DJ, Reds Good Vibes will be providing food, and the Kona Ice Truck will be there so you can buy a sweet treat to finish off the night. Stop by, sign up for summer reading, and check out the renovated library while you're there!

Wednesday, July 1, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**All Abilities Club: Bingo
Community Room**

Join us for a fun hour of Bingo! Small prizes will be awarded.

Wednesday, July 1, 3 to 4 pm

**Drop-In Art Lab for Kids
Program Room (Mullen)**

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

Thursday, July 2, 10 to 11 a.m.

Cover 2 Cover Book Group

Trustees Room

Held the first Thursday of the month, July's selection is *The Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are welcome.

Thursday, July 2, 10 to 11 a.m.

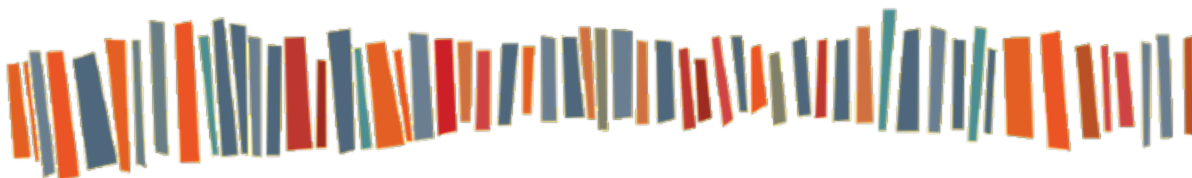
Lego Club

Community Room

Come follow the "Challenge-of-the-day" or build from your imagination. 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.

Friday, July 3 through Saturday, July 4

Library closed for Fourth of July



Public invited to charrette for former Liberty Mutual site on Saturday

Members of the public are invited to participate in a community charrette later this month to help shape the future of the former Liberty Mutual campus in Dover.

The interactive planning workshop will be held Saturday, June 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. at 100 Waumbec Drive. The site, which includes 50, 100 and 150 Waumbec Drive, is being redeveloped by Brady Sullivan Properties as a mixed-use project now known as The Village at River's Edge.

A charrette is a community planning process designed to gather input from residents, stakeholders and local organizations. Participants will be able to share ideas, priorities and feedback on what they would like to see as future phases of the property are planned.

The former Liberty Mutual campus is one of Dover's largest redevelopment projects. The first phase includes residential units and commercial space at 150 Waumbec Drive. Future phases are expected to require additional Planning Board review and approval.

City staff previously requested the public charrette to gather community input on later phases of the project, including potential residential, commercial, recreational and public-

access components. Feedback gathered during the workshop will help inform the project's overall vision while aligning with current zoning requirements.

Anyone interested in the future of the property is encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, visit <https://bradysullivan.com/the-village-at-rivers-edge/> or contact the City of Dover's Office of Business Development at 603-516-6045.

Downtown crosswalk upgrades underway

A city contractor is upgrading Central Avenue's pedestrian crossings at First and Second streets. The project is scheduled to be finished by Aug. 14, 2026, conditions permitting. The contractor is upgrading both crossings at the same time.

Work includes installing curb bump-outs and street lighting similar to Central Avenue crossing Waldron Court constructed earlier this year. These upgrades will reduce the pedestrian crossing distance on Central Avenue and improving pedestrian visibility in a high-traffic area. New drainage infrastructure will also be installed as part of the project.

During construction, motorists, pedestrians, property owners, and businesses should expect temporary impacts in the project area, including parking restrictions, lane closures, sidewalk adjustments, pedestrian detours, and short-term changes to access around the First Street and Second Street crossings.

The city and the contractor will ensure access to businesses, but there may be times when customers and visitors need to use alternate pedestrian routes or nearby parking. The goal is to complete this work safely and efficiently while improving pedestrian safety and visibility at these crossings.

In a [video released](#) recently by the City of Dover, the Waldron Court bump-out on Central Avenue is designed to improve pedestrian safety by shortening the crossing distance, increasing visibility between drivers and pedestrians, and supporting broader downtown streetscape improvements.

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

June 30 session to discuss future of Morningside Park

The City of Dover will host a community meeting on Tuesday, June 30, at 6 p.m. at Garrison Elementary School to help plan future improvements to Morningside Park.

At the meeting, city staff will discuss options being considered at Morningside Park and other city parks, as well as how the city budgets for park improvements. Staff will also discuss the former amenities at Morningside Park and why they were removed in 2024 for safety concerns.

The meeting will be held in the gymnasium at Garrison Elementary School, 50 Garrison Road. Morningside Park is located at 29 Riverdale Ave.

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

Henry Law Avenue and Payne Street reconstruction to begin this summer

The reconstruction of Henry Law Avenue, Payne Street and Henry Law Park will begin this summer. Work is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2026 and continue for a couple of years. A neighborhood meeting will be scheduled before work begins. A date has not been set, but it is anticipated to be in mid to late July.

The section of Henry Law Avenue to be reconstructed runs from Washington Street to Payne Street. Work will also include some utility work in Lower Square at the intersection of Central Avenue, Washington Street, and Henry Law Avenue.

The project consists of constructing new storm drainage pipe, structures, and an underground stormwater management system; relocating above-ground utilities underground; sanitary sewer reconstruction and rehabilitation; sidewalk construction; curbing installation; and surface restoration of affected areas, including mill/overlay and full-width roadway.

The City of Dover has contracted with Northeast Earth Mechanics, LLC, following a competitive bid process, for a project cost of \$12,836,873. The project will utilize \$3,500,000 from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund and \$800,000 from Congressional Directed Spending.

To be included in email updates for this project, visit bit.ly/dovernewsletters and add "Project update: Henry Law / Payne Street Construction."

Use ParkMobile phone app for Dover street, lot parking

Flowbird app to be phased out at end of month

The Parking Bureau encourages those using smart phones to pay for parking on city streets and lots to utilize the ParkMobile app. The previous Flowbird app will stop working at end of June 2026.

ParkMobile is used in Portsmouth, Durham and many other municipalities nationwide and provides similar pay-by-phone and pay-by-text options as Flowbird.

The smartphone app is available in the [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.parkmobile) and the [Apple App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/parkmobile/id1444444444).

For more information, contact the Parking Bureau at 603-516-6132.

Trash/recycling pickup day changing for section of Watson Road

A section of Watson Road will have its trash and recycling pickup day change to Fridays, beginning Friday, July 10, 2026.

The Watson Road section is from Tolend Road to Cardinal Drive, affecting Watson Road addresses 5, 19, 21, 30, 33, 41, 42, 46, 47, 50, 53, 54, 58, 62, 63, 66, 67, 70, 78, 84, 87, 94, 96, and 102. The change also affects Cardinal Drive and Lennon Drive. The other section of Watson Road, from Cardinal Drive to County Farm Road will continue with its Wednesday pickup day.

The change is due to safety concerns at the current turnaround point, the Tolend Road and Watson Road intersection.

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

Critical need for blood donors

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



**American
Red Cross**

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

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

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Thursday, July 2, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Dover Point Road
- Monday, July 6, 12 to 4:30 p.m., [Riverside Rest Home](#), 276 County Farm Road
- Thursday, July 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [St. Thomas Aquinas High School](#), 197 Dover Point Road
- Tuesday, July 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [St. Mary Church](#), 25 Chestnut St.
- Thursday, July 16, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
- Tuesday, July 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.

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City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Engineering Intern**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Streets**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator-Streets/Stormwater**
- **Account Clerk II - City Clerk Tax Collection**
- **Police Accreditation Coordinator, Part-Time**
- **Laborer - Facilities, Grounds & Cemeteries**
- **Public Welfare Technician**
- **Maintenance Specialist - Facilities & Grounds**

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:

- **1:1 RN**
- **CTC Electrical Technology Teacher**
- **DALC Childcare Assistant**
- **Elementary Teacher**
- **Freshman Boys Soccer Coach**
- **Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Teacher**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Paraprofessionals- Special Education**
- **Special Education/Case Manager**
- **Special Educator/Case Manager - Social-Emotional/Behavioral**
- **Summer Programming Paraprofessionals**
- **Trained Diabetic Personnel (TDP)/Paraeducator**
- **Anticipated Elementary School Classroom Teacher**

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

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