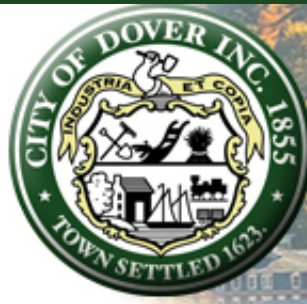


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



June 5, 2026



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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

### Public hearing on middle school HVAC upgrades on City Council agenda

**Guppy Trust funds for county warming center, ratifying waterfront improvements bond sale also up for consideration**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on a resolution that would authorize bonding \$2,433,068 for the Dover Middle School geothermal HVAC upgrades and parking lot repairs as part of a fiscal year 2027 Capital Improvements Program project.

The project would install geothermal well technology, a rooftop solar installation, and flat roof restoration work, as detailed in the School Department's energy infrastructure modernization plan. It would also repair the parking lot after the geothermal well installation is complete. The City Council

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

has authorized \$7,854,980 for the project in previous resolutions. According to background materials, the project is estimated to be eligible for \$3,442,279 in rebate and incentive revenues. The School Board [received a presentation](#) on the proposed project at its May 11 meeting. The City Council will vote on the resolution at its Wednesday, June 24 meeting.

Also on the agenda is a resolution that would authorize the city to seek the use of \$510,000 from the Jeremy Belknap Guppy Trust to help fund Dover's portion for the building of the Strafford County warming center. The charitable trust was created in 1917 by the will of Jeremy Belknap Guppy. It included property in Rollinsford for the City of Dover, which the city sold last year for \$510,000. The city would need to enter into a nonjudicial settlement agreement with the New Hampshire Director of Charitable Trusts and obtain judicial approval for the use of the funds. Dover's portion of the warming center is \$1,698,878. The building is being constructed on the Strafford County land near the county jail.

The City Council will also vote on a resolution that reconfirms the City Council's authorization to sell bonds for the waterfront project that was [previously authorized](#) by the City Council in April 2023. The need to reauthorize the 2023 resolution will correct a procedural error regarding the sale of bonds, which requires that a public hearing notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation, but was never published. The city recently discovered the error while preparing for the sale of bonds scheduled later this month. The resolution will validate, ratify, and adopt the resolution to sell \$6 million in bonds, retroactive to April 26, 2023. The repayment of the debt will be funded through the Waterfront Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District. A public hearing was held at the City Council's June 3 special meeting this week.

Find the [full agenda posted online](#).

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. It will be televised on DoverTV and online, where it will be available on demand.



Dover High School Senior Class President Giana Leonardi addresses fellow graduates at the 2026 graduation ceremony, held at the Whittemore Center in Durham on Thursday, June 4.

## Dover High School celebrates Class of 2026

Dover High School celebrated the Class of 2026 on Thursday, June 4, during commencement exercises at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore Center.

The ceremony included performances of the national anthem and Dover High School alma mater by senior members of the chorus, recognition of graduates entering military service, student speeches and the awarding of diplomas.

Dover High School Principal Peter Driscoll congratulated the class and praised its energy and sense of connection.

"This class has many characteristics that have helped define them and contribute to their success, the most basic being strength in numbers," Driscoll said. "This class will best be remembered for their energy and their social connectedness."

Driscoll encouraged graduates to carry that spirit of collaboration with them beyond high school.

"As you move forward, please remember that all aspects of your life — family, friends, school, work and fun — are better when we are working together," he said. "Congratulations, Class of 2026. I truly hope the best for each of you."

Class President Giana Leonardi reflected on choosing Dover High School as a student from Nottingham, describing the transition from a smaller school community to a much larger class as intimidating at first.

"But as I look out into my classmates' faces now, I see a sea of people that I'm so glad I've had the privilege to meet," Leonardi said.

Leonardi urged classmates to embrace uncertainty as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

"No matter where life takes you next, get comfortable being uncomfortable," she said. "Go apply for the job you think you're underqualified for. Introduce yourself first. Move somewhere new. Try something that you might fail at. Above all, don't be afraid to aim high."

Class Vice President Connor Lazarz thanked faculty, staff, families, coaches and classmates, saying the class would be remembered for the way its members supported one another.

"I think what makes us different isn't just what we've accomplished," Lazarz said. "It's how we show up for each other and the relationships we've created along the way."

Salutatorian Reese Sanders encouraged classmates to remember the importance of kindness, while valedictorian James Hóng Chang Malone urged graduates to keep moving forward when faced with challenges.

"Don't let the hardship pull you down," Malone said. "And remember that you have agency over your own life."

Diplomas were presented with the assistance of Dover School Board Chair Robin Trefethen, Superintendent Christine Boston and Mayor Dennis Shanahan.

the ceremony will be broadcast live. It is available [online here](#), and is currently airing on DoverTV, on Comcast Channel 22 and Breezeline Channel 9010.

The Dover High School Class of 2026 graduates are:

Zaiden Christopher Akerman, JP Alander, Andrés Alcapia, Josiah Alexander Allen, Cooper West Amsler, Rose Ashey, Timothy James Atilano, Harper Bairstow, Aldiyar Baizhumanov, Kiemoni Barron, Charlie Janine Bartle, Jeanette Beach, Gavin Beauregard, Delillah Bedell, Jack Beer, Madelyn Hart Bell, John Charles Bellerose, Sadie Alice Bellerose, Ryan Bennett, Carmelo Berdecia, Eric Berg, Tyrus Berggren, Reagan Noel Bernard, Erika Best, Javian Betz, Magnus Cianci Boucher, Ezra Bourgeois, Cameron T. Bourque, James D. Bowden, Daniel Matthew Bretz, Ronal Brito Rosario, Jackson Brock, Grace Elizabeth Bronson, Trevor Brooks, Alex Brown, Gage Brown, Makayla Rose Brown, Cam Burke, Violet Burt, Hunter Buskirk, Harmony Campbell, Nicole Cancilla, Fable Caplette, Quinn Carberry, Alessandra Carrier, Nicholas Carrier, Mary A. Carroll, Marylou Carroll, Logan Carter, Benjamin Castles, Grady Cedrone, Chloe Cervantes, Jack Chambers, Bryan Chanthavong, Jayden Ciriello, Lilly Marie Clark, John Claxton, Haden Olivia Clickman, Dahlia Clough, Anthony Coelho, Ryleigh Comerford, Cale Connick, Daniel R. Conrad, Kaden Cook, Jackson Copeland, Owen Corringham, Elizabeth Costello, Liam Elias Cox, Maxwell Crego, Benjamin Riley Cronin, Rylan R. Crosby, Emilie Crutchfield, Aidan Culcasi, Mackenzie Curry, Siena D'Ambrosio, Antonio R. D'Andrea, Brody M. Daggett, Leeauna Daleus-Barros, Quilette De Fretes, Adam Deluca, Ariana R. Deluca, Keegan John DeMeritt, Hajar Dardari, Hannah Mae DeRoy, Sophie Desilets, Archie Desrosiers, Gabriel C. Devoe, Tre' Devoe, Marilyn Lhamo Dhargye, Lucia DiBello, Bronwyn Dilkes, Molly Elaine Donahue, Hannah Noelle Dorais, Danica Jeanne Dube, Jonathan Dubois, Carrigan Rose Duffel, Alaric Dukette, Ella Dunbar, Dante L. Dyson, Sophia Edgecomb, Greta Pearl Erdmann, Rory Fairbairn, Alexander Charles Farr, Dylan Ferreira, Beckett Ferrell, Ella Angeline Froton, Cooper Gagne, Giulia Gal, Ella Marie Gallagher, Maya Gallant, Morgan Garbin, Lily Garman, Cadence S. Gervais, Nathan Girard, Bryson Alexander Glidden, Caleb Anthony Godette, Julia Godfrey, Sofia Gonzalez Ramirez, Faith Gooch, Addison Goodman, Graham Goodwin, William Gordon, Samuel Gorman, Hannah Gough, Conor Gould, Maddox Gray, Porter D Gray, Riley Gregorakos, Rylee Marie Gregory, Dylan Griffin, Gavin Parker Grondahl, Thomas Gunter, Parker Owen Hadd, Carissa Haddad, Isadora Edith Hadley, Mohamed Alexander Hamcha, Vivian Elizabeth Hamer, Nathanael Hamilton, Anna C. Hand, Colby Hanscom, Chloe E. Hanson, Justin Daniel Hardy, Samuel Evangelio Harmoko, Braelyn Harper, Eva Harris, Cole Harvey, Paige Elizabeth Hebert, Keagan Hennedy, Emma Grace Hennessey, Livi Holder, Andrew Houghton, Caiden Howard, Connor Hoyt, Lily Hughes, David Hurlburt, Jerry Hussey, Jake Michael Jabre, Noah Jaime, Cassidy Anne Jennings, Graeson Bruun Jepsen, Bea Odelia Joe, Briniella Rose Johns Foreshaw, Sophia Johnston, Brooke Jolicoeur, Kayden Joy, Morgen Keeler, Maya Keilty, Harry Kessler, Cooper Ketcham, Rizwan Khan, Naima D Kibuchi, Lily O'Neil Krans, Spenser Labrie, Aaliyah Lafleur, Asher Elise Lancot, Sydney Catherine Lane, Evan LaVasseur, Connor Lazarz, Jack Le, Andrew LeBlanc, Zella Lee, Gus Leifer, Jadeyn Leighton, Ayden Pierre Lemay, Giana Leonardi, Joseph Leonardi, Kelsey Lessard, Diego Lopez, Djérika Djamala Doudlie Louis, Kyle Ludwick, Beverly Lumangkun, Tristan Machado, Avey Malo, James Hóng Chang Malone, Joshua Maravich, Capri Marchione, Robert Marcotte, Austin Marcouillier, Haley Ruth Marden, Logan Martindale, Ava McAllister, Patrick McCormick, Quintin J. McCormick, Maxwell McGuane, Addysen McKinney, Ava Marie McNally, Liam Joseph McNeal, Tayleigh Mae Melaugh, Leah A. Meneely, Mark Mgrdichian, Jackson Mollieur, Madelyn Emery Moore, Peyton Moore, Xyla Rayne Moreau, Dominick Morin, Giovanni Morrison-Santiago, Brayden Stephen Morton, Logan Mosher, Raylin Mowers, Olivia Muchemore, Angelica Mulholland, Jaden Isiah Aterondor Mundung, Noah Murdough, Kai Musick, Amira Myassar, Abigail Nelson, Jackson Nelson, Justin Nguyen, Tom Nguyen, Aidan Antonio Niro, Anna Eileen Josephine Noone, Emily Nute, Charlotte Jane O'Donnell, Alex O'Halloran, Helen Okon, Maitsaa Adzra Okteva, Brendan O'Malley, Casey Oso, Benjamin Packard, Rachel Christel Pamantung, Naomi Christie Panjaitan, Aiden G. Pantelakos, Belle Therese Paradise, Abygail Parent, Myles Parham, Aidan Paterno, Dillon Patrick, Holly Kay Patrick, Kyla M. Payne, Tyrel Joshua Peer, Marcus Finn Pellerin, Hannah Pellman, Dominic Peloquin, Samantha Pierce, Milei Pinheiro, Theo Massaro Pistey, Ava Pohopek, Robert Ragazzo, Rylin Ramirez, Angelina Rand, Thomas Rand, Michael Ranti, Violet R. Ready, Alexis Reed, Chase Reyna, Jade Reynolds, Harrison Richardson, Derick Anthony Rivera, Ava Christine Roach, John Robbins, Caden Anthony Roberts, Caramia Robinson-Wheeler, Max Adrian Rohrbacher, Joyce Marie Rohrer, Liam Ronchi, Adayelisse Jeannette Rosas Lopez, Mya Rouleau, Nolan Royer, Reese Sanders, Cadence Emma Lou Sanger, Randy J. Santana, Theo Sawyer, Tyler Kenneth Schuttinger, Payton Lynn Scully, Owen Woods Sessler, Jacob A. Shanholtz, Kyla Sharkey, Chloe Jayne Shaw, Aiden Shea, Cady Sidmore, Aidan Andre Sihotang, Carter Silva, Alyson Sinkewich, Chloe Skinner, Avery Elizabeth Smallman, Madison Smith, Mollie Ryan Smith, Shelby Smith, Mark Somsaart, Tember Rae Sorli, Brooke Summers Sostak, Taylor Sprague, Blake St. Laurent, Paul Staton, Victoria Emerson Stevens, Christopher Copeland Stewart, Kaelyn Stewart, James Sullivan, Matthew Sylvia, Eric Taylor, Millicent Taylor-Nici, Syd

Therrien, Aundrea Nacole Thomas, Elliot M. Tibbs, Harley Tobin, Meredith Toland, Kitana K Touch, John Tran, Aubrey Trembley-Armstrong, Ethan Trufant, Destanie Gail Turcotte, Brynn Urdahl, Brendan Van Hise, Cameron Washington, Erin Waterhouse, Taylor Waterman, Kaylie Weed, Evan Michael Weete, Parker Weik, Jacob Wheeler, Rhyleigh Wilcox, Jennifer Wilk, Sebastian Williams, Sophie Wilson, Arianna Witham, Colby Wojtkowski, Nathaniel Wood, Dylan Woodman, Gavin Wuisan, Kaitlynn Yake, Faris Younsi, Gracie Yu, Benjamin Zbikowski, Molly Zielfelder, Anis Zouak.



**New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Commissioner Bob Scott, left, presents the 2026 Source Water Sustainability Award to Dover Community Services Director John Storer, center, and Seth Thompson, chief operator, on Wednesday, June 3, during the 2026 Drinking Water Source Protection Conference at the Edward Cross Training Complex in Pembroke. The award recognizes work that conserves and preserves the availability of source water in New Hampshire.**

## **Dover receives state award for source water sustainability**

The City of Dover received the 2026 Source Water Sustainability Award on Wednesday, June 3, during the 2026 Drinking Water Source Protection Conference in Pembroke.

The award, presented by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, recognizes work that conserves and preserves the availability of source water in New Hampshire.

Dover was recognized for several recent and ongoing initiatives, including bringing the Aquifer Storage and Recovery system online at the Pudding Hill Aquifer, reactivating the former Willand Pond well to help manage high pond levels during flooding and intense rainfall, and upgrading the Smith and Cummings well site with a new tank and improvements to the well pumphouse. Those upgrades significantly improved the energy efficiency of the well field.

The city was also recognized for more than 15 years of aggressive leak detection and repair, as well as its Groundwater Management Plan, which provides a roadmap for determining which wells to use based on factors such as energy efficiency, chemical costs, groundwater levels and contamination.

The award was presented during the conference at the New Hampshire National Guard's Edward Cross Training Complex in Pembroke. The annual conference focused on protecting local drinking water resources, including PFAS, land conservation, salt reduction, cyanobacteria monitoring and updates on funding and rules for public water systems.

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## Mayor's next office hours is Tuesday

Each month, Mayor Dennis Shanahan holds office hours at City Hall, offering the public an opportunity to stop by and speak directly with the mayor.

The next office-hours session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, at 9 a.m.. A second session in June is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, at 5:30 p.m.

Office hours are held in the Council Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall and last approximately 90 minutes. Residents are welcome to attend during the scheduled time. City Hall is located at 288 Central Ave.



For more information, contact Mayor Shanahan at 603-534-3750 or [d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov).

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## Property owners must keep vegetation from obstructing streets, sidewalks

With the spring bloom in full effect, the city reminds property owners to trim vegetation on their land that extend into public roads and sidewalks. Failure to do so may result in city

enforcement, as it's against city code for vegetation to encroach into the public way.

Trees and plants on private property must not obstruct traffic sight lines or sidewalks. They must also not block streetlights or create any public hazard. The minimum vegetation clearance is 10 feet above sidewalks, 12 feet above most public streets, and 16 feet above truck thoroughfare routes. See chapters [125-17](#) and [133-6](#) for complete requirements.

If a property owner fails to maintain their trees or shrubs, the city will issue a written notice requiring them to prune or remove the plants. If the vegetation is still not pruned, it is lawful for the city to complete the work and charge the property owner for the cost.

The public may report vegetation obstructions using the online [Service Request Portal](#). It allows the user to enter an issue category, location, and description of the issue, which then creates a digital work order.

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

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## **Seasonal road striping starts Sunday night**

### **City requests residents not to park overnight on streets with white lines until painted**

Weather permitting, a city contractor will begin overnight pavement line striping on Sunday, June 7. Crews will work from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday night through Friday morning. Work may continue the week of June 14, depending on any weather delays next week.

To ensure adequate space for the painting truck, the city requests residents not to park overnight on streets with white fog lines until after they are painted.

Many city streets have new striping painted annually, as street markings often become dull and harder to see following winter.

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

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## **Curbside weed control begins week of June 8**

### **Organic treatments to be used at all locations**

The city's contracted and licensed weed control applicator is expected to begin operations the week of June 8 at targeted locations throughout Dover.

This year, the city will use organic weed treatments at all locations. The city's curbside weed control vendor is Northeast Vegetation & Mosquito Control Inc., of Raymond.

The city opted for a combination of organic post-emergent weed control and mechanical control, including weed whacking, for the 2026-27 season. The treatment program is limited to targeted areas, including pavement and curbside locations where weeds can damage streets, sidewalks, curbing and drainage systems.

### **Curbside weed control and its need**

The City of Dover spends thousands of dollars annually building and maintaining streets, sidewalks and drainage systems. When left unchecked, weeds and other plants can

significantly damage this infrastructure. Responsible weed control protects and extends the life of the city's essential investments. Weed control along roads and curbs also helps maintain the aesthetic appeal of a community.

The goal is to promote safety while achieving quality results. Typical areas where vegetation management techniques and weed control may be employed include sidewalks, curb and gutter lines, and catch basin perimeters. Other areas that may be included periodically are rights of way, roadside shoulders, guardrails and areas around signage.

The city treats along curb lines where pavement meets curbing and where curbing meets sidewalks, specifically targeting growing weeds. Spraying is part of the city's vegetation maintenance program, which also includes mowing and trimming.

The City of Dover is committed to eliminating exposure to chemicals that are known or suspected toxins or carcinogens while striving to lead the community by example and promoting policies, regulations and practices that eliminate exposure to toxic compounds.

Through resolution R-2018.02.28-015, the City Council adopted its commitment to organic land management practices, making it city policy "to utilize sound land management practices, and the use of least toxic compounds only when necessary, in the maintenance and protection of city property."

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

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Conservation Commission, June 8, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### Recreation Advisory Board, June 8, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., at the McConnell Center, Room 224.

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

### School Board, June 8, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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



# ParkMobile®

## Use ParkMobile phone app for Dover street, lot parking

### Flowbird app to be phased out at month's end

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](#) and the [Apple App Store](#).

## Planning Board, June 9, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

## Joint Building Committee, Athletic Complex, June 10, 5 p.m.

The Joint Building Committee for the High School Athletic Complex will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, beginning at 5 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

## City Council, June 10, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

## Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, June 11, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee, June 11, 6 p.m.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., at the public works facility, 271 Mast Road.

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



## On the Agenda: Planning Board, 6/9/2026

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, June 9, 2026. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=06MoUceb9qLErdlb>.

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.

## Recycling Center to open late June 9

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will open at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, due to mandatory staff training.

Hours that day will be 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Regular hours will resume afterward.

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

## Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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:

- 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/](http://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.

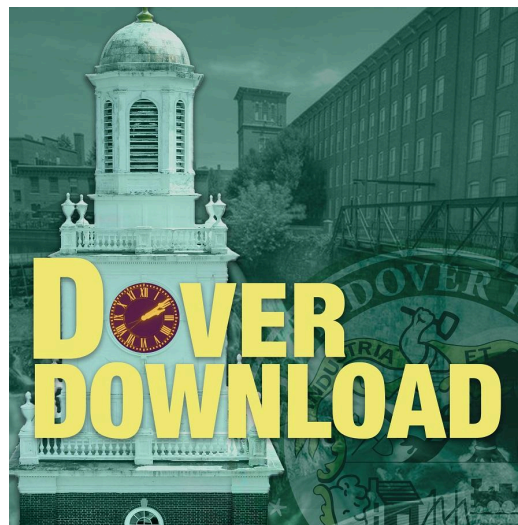
The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

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

- [Downtown Decorative Lighting Improvements - Installation Services](#)
- [Consulting Services for Comprehensive Plan to Replace Diseased Ash Trees Downtown Central Avenue](#)
- [Dover Parks Barrier Removal](#)
- [Medical Supplies as Needed](#)

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.



## May in Review: Housing, the Waterfront, and Riverbend Recognition

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Director of Media Services Mike Gillis fills in for Deputy City Manager Chris Parker to discuss the major items from Dover's May public meetings. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4ehUKj>

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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.

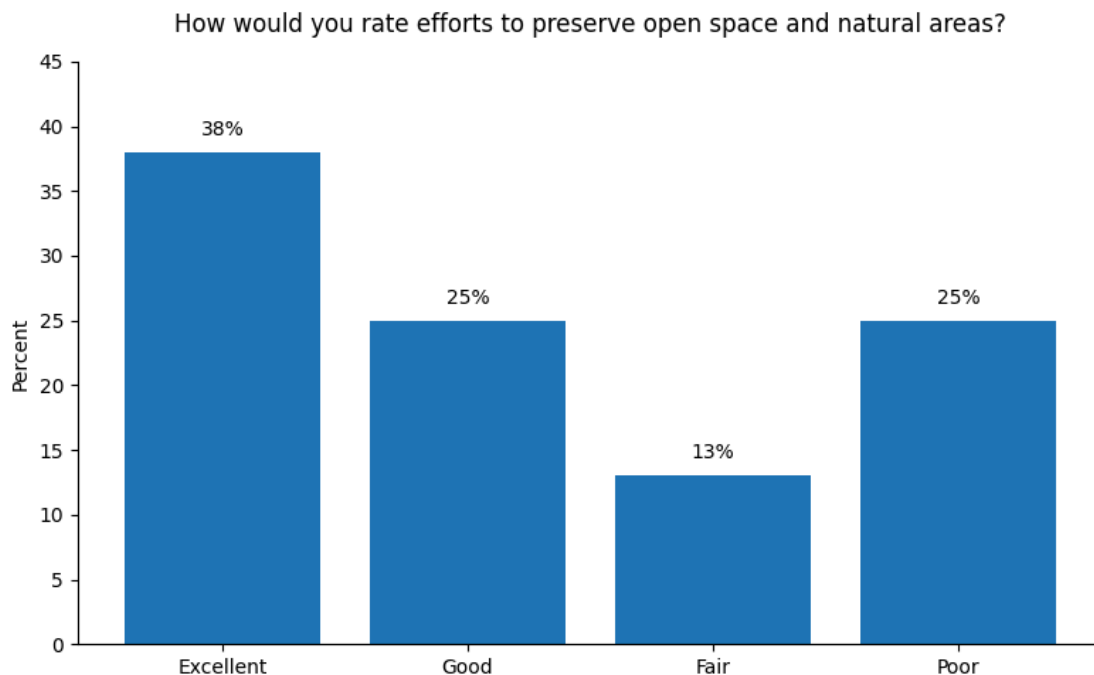
This week's question:

## "How satisfied are you with trash and recycling services in Dover?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mgz574>

*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 would you rate efforts to preserve open space and natural areas?"



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](#).

**June, 1812** — The “Dover Cotton Factory” is incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000, the first attempt at manufacturing on an extensive scale in Dover. As the lower falls were owned and occupied by the Waldron family, who would not sell their saw and grist mills, the Dover Cotton Factory had to erect its first mill at the falls, two miles up the river, at a point ever since called the Upper Factory. The first mill was built under the direction of John Williams. The first yard of cloth was woven there in 1814. It was kept in operation until about 1840.

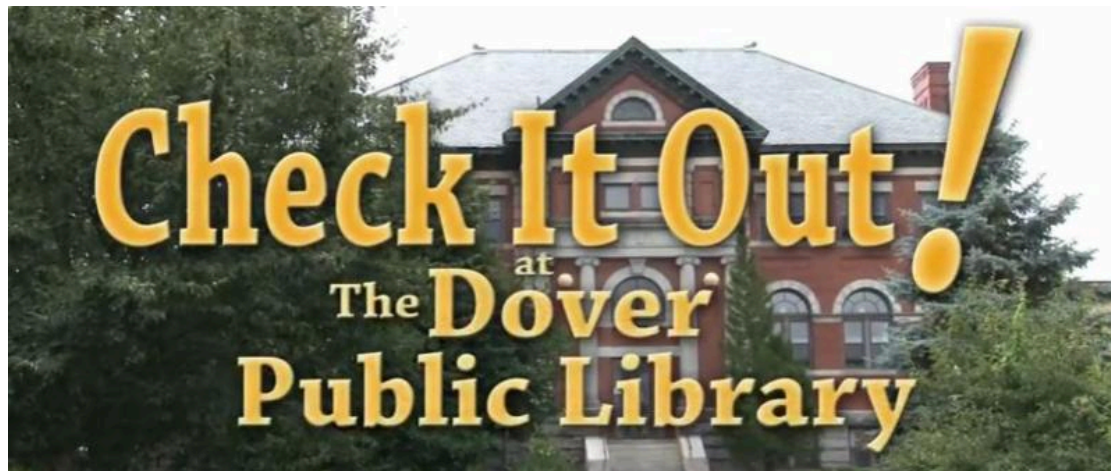
**June 8, 1828** — A Sunday outing on the Piscataqua River turned tragic when a boat carrying seven men and boys overturned near Dover Point. Two passengers drowned: 25-

year-old Henry Demeritt and 14-year-old Ebenezer Paul. According to contemporary accounts, Demeritt was a strong swimmer and might have survived. Instead, he lost his life while trying to save Paul, who could not swim.

**June 6, 1927** — A crew of 30 men was finishing work on a major annex to Dover High School on Locust Street, the building now known as the McConnell Center. The new addition was designed to meet the needs of a growing and changing school. It included modern classrooms, a gymnasium and auditorium, along with basement space for manual arts programs, including woodworking, machine shop and electrical instruction. The original Locust Street High School opened in 1905 as Dover's second high school. By the mid-1920s, the building was overcrowded, and school officials needed more room for classrooms, physical education, and hands-on vocational training. The annex, designed by local architect J. Edward Richardson, was built at a cost of \$235,000 and expanded the school's capacity to 650 students. The building remained Dover High School until 1967, when high school students moved to the new campus on Durham Road. The Locust Street building then became Dover Junior High School, later Dover Middle School, until students moved to the current middle school in 2000. By 2002, the building had become the McConnell Center, named for Dover resident and Korean War flying ace Joseph McConnell. Today, it continues to serve the community as home to city and school departments, and several nonprofit agencies.

**June 10, 1968** — The family of 20-year-old Army Pvt. Gerald Frost learned that the young man was killed in action during the Vietnam War two days earlier. Frost was the second member of the Dover High School Class of 1966 to be killed in Vietnam at that time, and one of 11 casualties from Dover during the war.

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## Dover Public Library reopens June 26

The Dover Public Library will reopen on Friday, June 26, 2026.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. that day. The public is invited to attend and explore the renovated library during an open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 26, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

The Dover Public Library will continue to operate temporarily in Room 306 of the McConnell Center through Monday, June 22. The temporary location is open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Services available at the McConnell Center include:

- A browse collection of books for all ages, featuring items purchased within the past six months.
- Pickup of books on hold. Patrons may place holds only on browse books while the temporary location is in operation.
- Four computers for public use, with printing capabilities.

- Magazines and newspapers.
- Museum passes.
- Homebound delivery and the off-site All Abilities Club.
- Interlibrary loan services to borrow books from other libraries.

The Public Library thanks its patrons for their patience.

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## This Week at the Library

**Tuesday, June 9, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**  
**Friends of the Dover Public Library**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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

**Wednesday, June 10, 11 am to 12 pm**  
**All Abilities Club: Art for All**  
**Great Bay Services**

This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with disabilities as we create art and craft projects. Each session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

**Wednesday, June 10, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club**  
**McConnell Center, Room 305**

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book is *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

**Wednesday, June 10, 7 to 8 p.m.**  
**Virtual: The Intoxicating History of the American Revolution**

**Register:** <https://ow.ly/k14U50Z6U50>

Join historian Brooke Barbier, author of *Cocked and Boozy: An Intoxicated History of the American Revolution*, for a lively talk about the influence of tavern and drinking culture on the American Revolution. You'll hear about the way alcohol influenced colonial resistance, soldiers on both sides of the war, and the creation of a new nation. You'll see famous founders and lesser-known Patriots drink their way from British subjects into Americans.

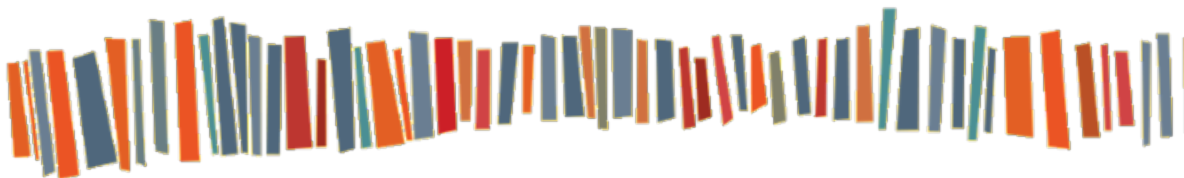
**Thursday, June 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Reading Rainbow Book Group**  
**McConnell Center, Room 305**

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *Check! Please* by Ngozi Ukazu. Copies of the book will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

**Friday, June 12, 10:30 to 11:30 am**  
**Virtual Presidential Series:**  
**John Quincy Adams**

**Register:** <https://ow.ly/SWfY50Z6Ugj>

A yearlong series with "America's Preeminent Presidential Doodler," Heather Rogers, sharing curious facts, surprising tidbits, and lively illustrations of U.S. presidents. This month we're all about John Quincy Adams: He was a skinnydipper, one of two presidents with a foreign-born wife, and adored the metric system.





# Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

## DON'T LET ENERGY ESCAPE THROUGH YOUR ATTIC

Your attic may be a great place to store holiday decorations, family keepsakes, and seasonal items, but it could also be letting heated or cooled air escape.

If your attic is unconditioned, an attic tent (an insulated attic access cover) can help reduce energy loss and improve comfort. In most climates, these covers can pay for themselves through energy savings in less than two years.

The next time you visit your attic, consider installing an attic tent. It's a small improvement that can deliver lasting savings.



## NH Maker Fest returns Saturday at Children's Museum of New Hampshire

The 14th annual New Hampshire Maker Fest will be held Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St.

The rain-or-shine event celebrates creativity and innovation, featuring makers ranging from engineers, artists and scientists to chefs, students and hobbyists. Activities will take place inside the museum, outside in the park and on stage, with demonstrations, workshops, performances, food trucks and hands-on activities for all ages.

Admission is by a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Because of the event, some regular museum exhibits will not be available. More information and advance tickets are available through the museum.

Visit <https://childrens-museum.org/programs/nh-maker-fest/> for more information.

# Rotary

Dover, NH

## Convening the Givers

Conversations & Resource Exchange  
for Service Providers



**Thursday, June 11, 2026**

**9:00–11:00 AM**

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church Hall  
5 Hale St., Dover, NH**

Join dozens of local nonprofit leaders for a morning of meaningful conversation, collaboration, and shared resources—focused on strengthening our collective impact and meeting our community's growing needs.

Registration deadline - June 7, 2026

Limit 2 persons per organization

**Free!**

<https://tinyurl.com/Rotary-Event>



**Doing Good in Dover ... and the World!**



# COMMUNITY TRAIL ART CONTEST



The Community Trail Advisory Committee is looking for young artists to submit their ideas for a new piece of public art on the Community Trail!

## ELIGIBILITY

Dover residents under 18.

## PROPOSALS

This will be a permanent painted installation, and proposals should be for a mural or similar design.

## DEADLINE

Proposals are due Friday, July 3, 2026.

## PRIZE

The selected artist will receive a prize of \$200 in Dover Dollars and funds towards purchasing art supplies!

For full contest details, submission information, and related forms, please go to:  
[bit.ly/DCTArtContest](https://bit.ly/DCTArtContest)

## Proposals sought for Dover Youth Community Trail Art Contest

### Winning design receives \$200 in Dover Dollars and \$150 for supplies

The Community Trail Advisory Committee (CTAC) seeks youth artists to help shape a new piece of public art on the Community Trail's rural section and make a lasting mark on the community. The art piece may be executed as a mural or other painting and will be a permanent feature along the Community Trail.

One winning design will be selected, with the artist receiving \$200 in Dover Dollars, plus up to \$150 for supplies to bring their vision to life. Dover Dollars can be used like regular money at participating local stores. Contact Dover Main Street for more information and a list of participating merchants.

Proposals are due by Friday July 3, 2026. Submit completed proposals to CTAC by [emailing City Planner Erin Bassegio](mailto:erin.bassegio@cityofdover.com), dropping them off at the Planning Department Office in City Hall during regular business hours, or mailing to City of Dover, c/o Erin Bassegio, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Find more information, including full contest details, submission and permissions forms on the [Community Trail webpage](#).

Questions? [Email](mailto:erin.bassegio@cityofdover.com) City Planner Erin Bassegio or call 603-516-6008.



## ChalkFest postponed to June 14 due to forecast

Due to forecasted rain this weekend, the second annual Community Trail ChalkFest has been rescheduled to its rain date, Sunday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come create your chalk art along the trail for a chance to win prizes from our amazing sponsors: Aldrnari Bakery, Aplomb Gallery, Breakaway Cafe, The Brunch Club, The Children's Museum of NH, Dover Main Street, Eight Legged Octopus, Hi-Fi Burrito, Garrison City Beerworks, La Festa Brick and Brew, Lickee's & Chewy's Candies & Creamery, Noggin Factory!, OTTO, Thirsty Moose Taphouse, and Wing-Itz.

Coordinated by the Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee, and in partnership with the Dover Arts Commission, this growing community event invites you to transform the trail into a gallery. Whether you're a seasoned artist, a casual doodler, or simply looking for a fun way to spend time outdoors, come make your mark.

Each participant will receive a 5-foot by 5-foot square along the trail between the Fisher Street Trailhead and Central Avenue to create their own chalk art masterpiece. Chalk will be provided, though you're welcome to bring your favorite colors.

A suggested donation of \$5 per entry will help cover event costs, with any additional funds supporting the Community Trail.

Prizes will be awarded across multiple age categories and new this year is a family category. Snacks and water will be available for participants. [Registration is encouraged](#) for planning purposes.

Any event updates will be sent to registrants before the event date. Send questions through the registration form [or email](#) City Planner Erin Bassegio.

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## Panel discussion to explore older adult mental health, substance misuse and grief

Dover Literary Laureate Shane Morin will facilitate "Sowing the Seeds: 'The Green House' and Explorations of Older Adult Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Grief" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the McConnell Center cafeteria.

The program will feature a community conversation with panelists about themes explored in Dan Lawton's "The Green House," including older adult mental health, substance misuse and grief. The discussion is intended to bring community members together to focus on awareness, understanding and healing.

Panelists include Fred Poisson of Connections Peer Support; Rochelle Jewell of Yoga in Action; Katie Michaud of Cornerstone VNA; Meredith Kolodze of NAMI New Hampshire; and author Dan Lawton.

The event is free and open to all.

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## 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

- Wednesday, June 10, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Dover Point Road
- Thursday, June 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
- Saturday, June 13, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Human Action Foundation](#), 97 Piscataqua Road
- Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Brueckner Group USA](#), 50 Lighthouse Dr.
- Friday, June 19, 1 to 6 p.m., [St. Johns United Methodist Church](#), 28 Cataract Ave.
- Tuesday, June 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.

- Thursday, June 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Wentworth-Douglass Hospital](#), 789 Central Ave.

**DOVER MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE**  
**TRAINING WORKSHOP**  
*Exclusive*

Join the DMHA for an educational workshop on Community ACEs. This workshop will include a review of local data and will have a hands-on workshop component!

 **June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
10:30AM-12:30PM

 **Dover Police Dept.**  
EOC | 46 Chestnut Street Dover, NH 03820

 **Edward Jacobs**  
Training Facilitator



**COMPREHENSIVE LEARNING** | **EXPERT INSTRUCTION** | **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

 **\$25 Registration Fee**  
Fee includes light refreshments and certificate of completion

**Scan Here to Register!**   
<https://tinyurl.com/DMHAWorkshop>

## Dover Mental Health Alliance to host Community ACEs training June 10

The Dover Mental Health Alliance will host an educational training workshop on Community ACEs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Dover Police Department, 46 Chestnut St.

The workshop will include a review of local data and a hands-on training component focused on identifying Community ACEs in Dover and learning about evidence-based models to address them.

The training will be led by Ed Jacobs, a professor of practice at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. Jacobs has more than 44 years of experience in juvenile justice, forensic mental health and community education. His work has focused on improving the lives of at-risk youth, promoting trauma-informed practices and supporting community development. He previously served for 23 years in the Plymouth County district attorney's office as director of grants and sponsored projects, overseeing \$24.3 million in state, federal and foundation funding.

The registration fee is \$25 and includes light refreshments and a certificate of completion.

To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/DMHWorkshop>.

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## Stay connected with DoverTV

DoverTV is your front-row seat to local government and education in Dover, bringing public meetings, community events and original programming directly to residents.

Dover operates two local cable channels. The Government Channel features City Council, Planning Board, School Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and other municipal meetings, along with other government programming. The Education Channel features school-related programming.

- On **Xfinity**, the Government Channel is Channel 22 and the Education Channel is Channel 26.
- On **Breezeline**, the Government Channel is Channel 9010 and the Education Channel is Channel 9011.

Missed a meeting or want to watch it again? DoverTV makes it easy to catch up online. Visit [dovernh.viebit.com](https://dovernh.viebit.com) to watch meetings on demand, anytime. Archived meetings are conveniently organized by agenda item, so you can jump straight to the topics that matter most to you.

Whether you watch live or on demand, DoverTV keeps you informed, engaged and connected to your community.

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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**
- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Municipal Construction Project Administrator**
- **Engineering Intern**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Streets**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Water Treatment Plant Supervisor**
- **Facilities, Grounds & Cemetery Secretary, Part-Time**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator-Streets/Stormwater**
- **Maintenance Specialist - Facilities & Grounds**

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

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## Dover School District employment opportunities

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

- **Elementary Teacher**
- **Social Studies Teacher**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Summer Programming Paraprofessionals**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Paraprofessionals - Special Education**
- **Special Educator/Case Manager - Social-Emotional/Behavioral**
- **Special Education/Case Manager**
- **CTC Electrical Technology Teacher**
- **Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Teacher**
- **Culinary Teacher**
- **Anticipated - Individual RN**
- **Anticipated Elementary School Classroom Teacher**

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

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