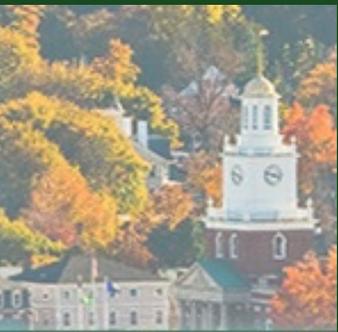
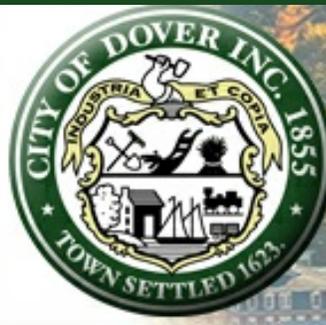


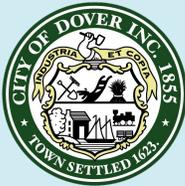
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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 10, 2023



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City Hall  
hours:

Monday-Thursday:  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30  
p.m.  
Friday:  
8:30 a.m. to 4  
p.m.

Recycling



Superintendent of Schools William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni discuss the School Department's proposed budget during a City Council workshop on March 8.

## School Department presents budget plan

## Center hours:

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

## Proposal discussed during ongoing City Council budget workshops; public hearing on education portion of budget is next week

The City Council held a budget workshop on Wednesday, March 8, where it reviewed the School Department's budget proposal for fiscal year 2024. The proposed budget, budget presentation, and accompanying slides can be viewed on the [FY2024 Budget Revealed](#) webpage.

The next workshop is Wednesday, March 15, with budget presentations from the Police, Fire, and Planning departments. A special meeting will be held that same evening at 7 p.m., prior to the workshop. The topic of the special meeting is the public hearing on the proposed school budget.

The complete line-item proposed budget is available on the [FY2024 Budget Revealed page](#). Videos of the budget workshops and the documents presented are also posted here, including the School Board's previous budget meetings and workshops.

### City Council budget meetings and workshops

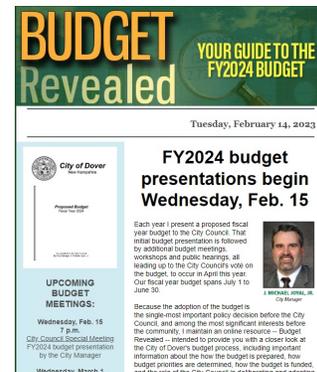
- **March 15:** Special meeting, including a public hearing on the School Department's budget
- **March 15:** Following the special meeting, budget workshop on the Police, Fire and Rescue, and Planning budgets
- **March 22:** Regular meeting, including a public hearing on the City portion of the proposed budget
- **March 29:** Budget workshop on the Community Services budget
- **April 5:** Budget workshop, followed by a special meeting for the adoption of the budget
- **April 12:** Regular meeting, which is also reserved as a fallback date for budget adoption, if necessary

All the above meetings and workshops will be held on Wednesdays in City Hall's Council Chambers.

### Sign up for the Budget Revealed newsletter

The Budget Revealed newsletter is a weekly update on the City Council's budget process. It contains brief highlights of the week's budget presentations, the upcoming schedule and other budget tidbits. To sign up for these emails,

visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Budget Revealed" to your current email subscription list.





## Petition before EPA seeks strict regulation of stormwater discharge into Great Bay

The Conservation Law Foundation recently submitted a petition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the agency to exercise its residual designation authority to regulate stormwater discharges into the Great Bay Estuary. The CLF alleges that non-point stormwater discharges are contributing to the violations of water quality standards in the Great Bay Estuary watershed.

The CLF's petition and statements of fact, filed on Feb. 15, 2023, is [available here](#). By law, the EPA is required to respond to the petition within 90 days. The City of Dover is currently studying the petition and has not taken a position.

The EPA's "residual designation" authority stems from the federal Clean Water Act. It allows the agency to regulate stormwater discharges on a case-by-case basis if it determines the discharges contribute to a violation of water quality standards, is a significant contributor of pollutants to federally protected surface waters, or controls are needed for the discharge based on the waste load allocations that are part of "total maximum daily loads" that address the pollutant(s) of concern.

"Exercising its residual designation authority will allow EPA to regulate currently unregulated discharges of nitrogen that are harming the estuary," the CLF states. "Existing mechanisms, including the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit and New Hampshire Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit, control for some nitrogen in the estuary, but are limited in scope and application and do not address most of the nitrogen affecting the estuary."

Non-point sources would include stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. CLF, in its statement of facts, states, "the average annual nitrogen loading from impervious surfaces ranges from 10.5 to 17 pounds per acre per year, depending on land use type." Impervious surfaces can also absorb and emit heat and increase the stormwater runoff temperature, thereby "heating the water in the estuary," the CLF states.

If the EPA agrees to exercise its residual designation authority, the regulation is not expected to affect the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit ("GBTNP") the EPA issued in January 2021. The City of Dover agreed to be covered by the permit, which measures point sources of nitrogen, specifically from the city's wastewater treatment plant on Middle Road. With the cities of Portsmouth and Rochester and the towns of Exeter, Rollinsford, and Milton, and in collaboration with CLF, Dover is participating in the development and execution of an adaptive water quality management plan based on science-based protocols to improve the health of Great Bay.

As it has for years, the City of Dover continues to invest in its wastewater infrastructure to improve the water quality discharging from the wastewater treatment plant. In addition to wastewater plant upgrades, the city continues to seek and fix the inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the sanitary sewer system. The city also regularly evaluates and implements innovative best management practices with stormwater to filter and treat stormwater where it

occurs. These ongoing efforts have significantly reduced the amount of nitrogen and other pollutants entering Great Bay.

As part of being covered by the GBTNP, the cities of Dover, Portsmouth, and Rochester committed to the CLF through a settlement agreement to improve water quality in Great Bay, specifically through increased investment in stormwater treatment. At the direction of the City Council, city staff is creating a framework for a stormwater utility to generate a stable source of revenue to improve stormwater infrastructure through user fees and incentivize prudent on-premise stormwater management to reduce pollutants entering Great Bay. As currently envisioned, revenue would be collected through user fees based on a property's stormwater management practices that could only be spent on stormwater and flood resilience-related activities. A draft ordinance of a stormwater utility is anticipated later this year.

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## ***City Council sees water treatment plant progress***



The City Council received a tour of the Pudding Hill Water Treatment Plant under construction off Stonewall Drive on March 9. The city's Environmental Projects Manager, Gretchen Young, led the tour with Director John Storer and Utilities Superintendent Mike Nadeau, and engineers Keith Pruitt, Anna Alegria, and Joel Moulton of Underwood Engineers. They explained the construction process and the three-tier filtration system that will remove PFAS, 1,4 dioxane, MTBE, iron, manganese, and other compounds from the Pudding Hill aquifer. Once online, expected by the summer of 2024, the aquifer will be capable of providing 40% of the city's drinking water needs. The city elected to voluntarily take the aquifer offline three years ago to not further draw contaminants into the aquifer before the treatment plant is completed. The city contracted with Underwood Engineers to design the treatment plant and oversee construction.



## Daylight Saving Time a reminder for fire safety and prevention

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2 a.m. It's a good time to change and test the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Dover Fire and Rescue reminds residents that one simple step can help save their lives and the lives of those around them. Everyone is encouraged to use Daylight Saving Time as a reminder to change the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, test alarms, and remind friends, family, neighbors, and fellow community members to do the same.

"Eighty percent of child fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms," said Dover Fire Chief Michael McShane. "It's a tragic statistic that could be reduced by ensuring you have an appropriate number of smoke detectors where you live and adopting the simple habit of changing your batteries when you change your clocks. If you have hardwired detectors, replacing the batteries at these intervals helps to ensure they can withstand the duration of a potential power outage at any time during the year."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 71 percent of smoke alarms that failed to operate had missing, disconnected, or dead batteries. Changing smoke alarm batteries at least

twice a year, testing those alarms, and reminding others to do the same are some of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries.

"The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most families are sleeping," McShane said. "Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. Children and senior citizens are most at risk, and a working smoke alarm can give them the extra seconds they need to get out safely."

A working smoke detector doubles your chance of surviving a home fire.

For more information about fire safety, call Dover Fire and Rescue at 603-516-6148.



**Dover Police Department**

# Breaking Barriers:

Strengthening Police-Community Relationships

A monthly series fostering transparency, community, and connection.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

Dover Police Department  
46 Chestnut Street  
10:00am - 12:00pm

**March Topic:**  
**"Youth Engagement"**

**Speakers:**  
KAITLIN JONES *Dover Police Social Worker*  
VICKI HARRIS *Police Prevention Coordinator*  
STEVE PAPPAJOHN *Dover Teen Center*  
LUIS BERDECIA *School Resource Officer*

**To register:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/5fztx6st>  
a.mitrushia@dover.nh.gov  
603-516-6122

## Dover schools seek community input

The Dover School District is reviewing and developing a strategic plan and wants to know how the community perceives the district's current performance in a variety of areas and what they think the district should prioritize moving forward. Responses to the survey will help the Dover School District better understand the community's needs.

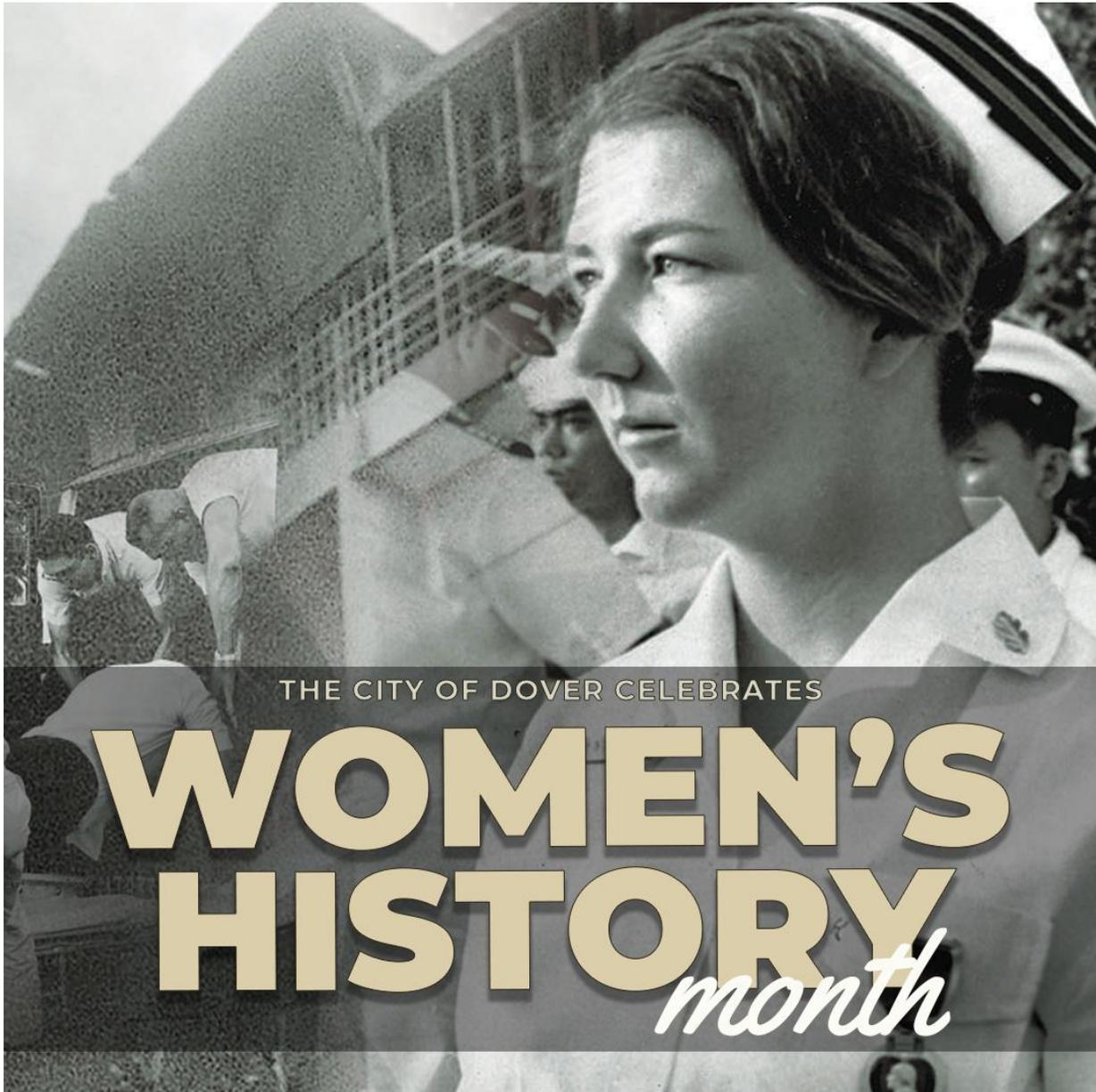
This survey link is for community members only. When accessing the survey, select "community member" from the list of options. Separate links have been provided to parents.

This study is for research purposes only. All information provided will be maintained confidentially by Hanover Research and no personal information will be shared with the Dover School District. Candid responses are sought.

The link will close on Friday, March 24. The Dover School District appreciates the community's participation.

The survey can be accessed here: [https://hanover-research.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0PtGj4TGQNrbt6C](https://hanover-research.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0PtGj4TGQNrbt6C)

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## **Dover native Ann Darby Reynolds was first woman to receive Purple Heart in Vietnam**

Ann Darby Reynolds, a native of Dover, holds the distinction of being the first nurse and woman to receive the Purple Heart in Vietnam. When she received her orders to be stationed in Saigon, Vietnam in 1963, she wasn't sure where Vietnam was. Nevertheless, Reynolds soon became familiar with the city of Saigon, where she was stationed less than a year after receiving her orders. Nurses were exposed to the same dangers as soldiers, and this was evident on Christmas Eve 1964 when the officer station where Reynolds resided was bombed. Despite being injured in the bombing, Reynolds collected herself and immediately started administering aid to her colleagues.

In January 1965, Reynolds and three other nurses received the Purple Heart for their actions that day. Capt. Archie Kuntze, the commanding officer of the headquarters for Naval Support Activity in Vietnam, pinned the medal on Reynolds first and then the three other nurses. He said: "These four will be recorded by historians as the first women members of the United

States Armed Forces to receive the Purple Heart in Vietnam. I should also like to make special note of the fact that although wounded in the Brink explosion these women disregarded their own wounds to care for the other casualties both at the scene and later at the station hospital. Their actions in this regard were beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Navy and the medical profession.”

Reynolds left Vietnam in March 1965 and was assigned to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth. From there, it was off to Navy Nurse Recruiting in Boston. She later served at Navy hospitals in California, Virginia, and Florida. Reynolds finished her 26-year Navy career as director of Nursing Services at Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune. She retired as a captain in 1988.

Reynolds is a true hero and a source of inspiration to many women who have followed in her footsteps. She currently lives in Exeter.

Sources: “*Silent Night: 26 Years in the Navy: A Nurse’s Memoir*,” by Ann Darby Reynolds, U.S. Naval archives, Woodman Museum

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## Dover Main Street's Run Before You Crawl 5K and Pub Crawl set for Saturday, March 18

Registration is open for Dover Main Street’s ninth annual Run Before You Crawl 5K Road Race on Saturday, March 18 at 9 a.m., starting and ending at the Dover Transportation Center.

The Run Before You Crawl 5k is the kick-off to the 2023 Dover Race Series and features a temporary course due to the construction on the Chestnut Street bridge. This year's route will go out Chestnut Street, to Fourth Street, up the infamous Whittier Street hill, down Sixth Street, and back to Chestnut Street.

The Restaurant & Pub Crawl returns this year for a Saint Patrick’s Day weekend event you don’t want to miss. Dover Main Street has teamed up with Sam Adams, Truly and the downtown restaurants and bars to be the first Dover 400th-year celebration event. Over 15 restaurants will offer crawlers food apps and drink specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Purchase crawl wristbands from any participating location for just \$20. Pick up a map with your wristband to track your progress and get a stamp at each restaurant and bar for entries into the Run Before You Crawl raffles. Be sure to seek out the Leprechaun and the Sam Adams crew for more prizes and fun.

Not a runner but looking to volunteer for the race or the pub crawl? Visit this link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA9AF28A7FFC07-runbefore>

Register online at: <https://www.runreg.com/run-before-you-crawl-5k>

For more information, email [info@dovermainstreet.org](mailto:info@dovermainstreet.org).

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A rendering of the new water tank that will soon begin construction.

## Construction of new water storage tank begins soon

Work to build a new water storage tank on city land near Smith Well Road is expected to begin as early as next week, with the contractor mobilizing equipment to the site.

Initial work will occur via the Webb Place entrance to the project. As the project develops in the coming weeks, work will also occur on Smith Well Road. Smith Well Road work includes installing a 16-inch water main and replacing an aging sanitary sewer pipe. Residents will receive advanced notice when work on Smith Well Road begins.

The project is to build a 110-foot water tower that will hold one million gallons of water, creating storage redundancy and allowing for the rehabilitation of the Garrison Hill water tank. After a competitive bid process, the City Council awarded the bid to Caldwell Tanks, Inc., of Louisville, Kentucky, for \$5,611,700 at its April 27, 2022 meeting. Before the project went out to bid, it was by the Technical Review Committee Planning Board and the Planning Board approved its site review plan.

After the new water tank project is online, Community Services plans to rehabilitate the Garrison Hill water storage tank, which stores up to four million gallons.

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

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**Conservation  
Commission, March 13,  
5:30 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

## Recreation Advisory Board, March 13, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

## School Board, March 13, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

## Planning Board, March 14, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

## Energy Commission, March 15, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

## City Council, March 15, 7 p.m.

DOVER PLANNING BOARD – AGENDA	
Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Location:	Council Chambers, City Hall, 208 General Avenue, Dover, DE 19901
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Meeting Time:	7:00 p.m.

CITY OF DOVER	
1. CITIZEN FORUM	
2. AFFAIRS OF THE PLANNING BOARD	
3. OLD BUSINESS	
4. NEW BUSINESS	
A. Consideration and acceptance of a Letter of Agreement for Lewis S. Anderson and Andrew R. and Holly W. Anderson, General May 17, Lot 132 and 133, located at 132 & 133 Hartness Road. (15-0004-2022-0040)	
B. Consideration and acceptance of an Amendment to the Review for American Driveline Co., Inc., Dover, All Dover, LLC, General May 13, Lot 133, located at Hartness Way. Proposed to relocate a maintenance pad and site landscaping, including a request for a waiver to not cross the easement. (19-0001-2022-0005)	
C. Consideration and acceptance of an Amendment to the Review for Max Construction Services, LLC, American's High 2, Lot 101, located at 122 E. 71, located at 30 Dover Place Road. Proposed to relocate landscaping and an additional transformer for EV charging. (19-0001-2022-0005)	
D. Consideration and acceptance of a Conditional Use Permit for Public-Service Company of New Hampshire, 1615-a Eisenhower Energy Co. Kent Nelson, American's High 2, Lot 101, located at 30 Dover Place Road. Proposed to perform maintenance work on the 1615-a 307 Transformer Line including a single utility structure replacement and ground wire replacement meeting 175' of temporary impact to wetlands and 12' of temporary impact to the wetland buffer. (15-0004-2022-0005)	
E. Consideration and acceptance of a Conditional Use Permit for Public-Service Company of New Hampshire, 1615-a Eisenhower Energy Co. Kent Nelson, American's High 2, Lot 2 & 4, Lot 2 & 4, located at 122 B. CHD, located at an existing 1615-a 307 Transformer. Proposed to relocate a transformer and ground wire replacement meeting 175' of temporary impact to wetlands and 12' of temporary impact to the wetland buffer. (15-0004-2022-0005)	
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## On the Agenda: Planning Board, 3/14/2023

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, March 14, 2023. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=ighS5er83Qwf>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 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.



## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

The City Council will hold a special meeting, followed by a budget workshop session on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

**Planning Board  
Technical Review  
Committee, March 16,  
10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

**Zoning Board,  
March 16, 7 p.m.**

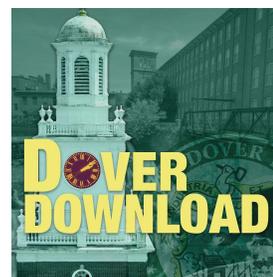
The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

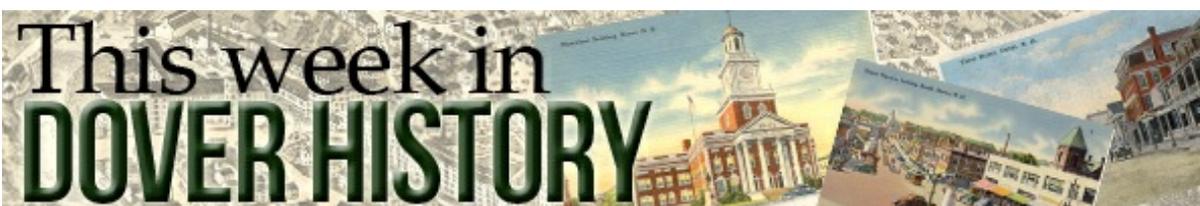
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

## Dover Download podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week

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



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



The following events are from a variety of historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the

Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information [located here](#).

**March 14, 1768** — The residents of Dover voted to allow the parish of Madbury to be set off as a town, as requested in a petition by the parish to the Governor, Council, and Assembly.

**March 11, 1806** — The town votes to give a premium of 10 cents to any person killing a crow within the limits of the town.

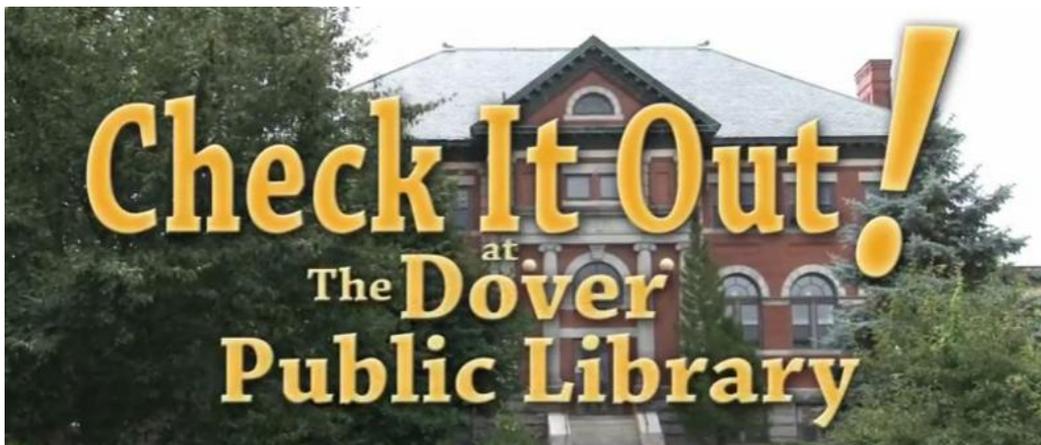
**March 9, 1842** — Died, John B. H. Odiorne, at age 50. He was for many years a well-known Dover businessman. He was in Dartmoor prison, in England, at the time of the massacre of American prisoners there during the War of 1812.

**March 12, 1940** — A fire caused more than \$35,000 in damage to three stores and several offices at the Davis block in Dover's downtown, at the corner of Central Avenue and Orchard Street. The fire had started in a men's clothing store early that morning.

**March 13, 1996** — The City Council voted 5-4 to move forward with a plan to seek proposals to develop the city's 35 acres of waterfront property off River Street. In the subsequent years, several proposals were submitted. The parcel is now being developed by Cathartes. The current plan, which was approved by the Planning Board last year, includes three mixed-use buildings, two multi-family buildings, and three clusters of townhouses. The buildings include 418 residential units and approximately 26,000 square feet of commercial space. The residential units include a mixture of rental and for-sale condominium units. Utility work and site preparation is expected to begin soon.

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**"War of the Smores"**

## **Calling All Peeps to the Dover Public Library**

The Dover Public Library is looking for creative Dover residents, Dover students, or Dover Public Library cardholders to enter our annual "Peeps Show" Contest this month.

Here's how it works: Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard-size shoe box, no larger than 16 inches by 16 inches. The diorama should recreate a scene from your favorite book, play, or poem. The first eight entries will receive a free plush Peep chick.

Children ages 4-8 are invited to enter the Kids Division, and ages 9-12 may enter in the Youth Division. Peep Artists 13-19 years old may enter the Teen Division, while those 20 or older are invited to compete in the Adult Division.

On the back of the shoe box, please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show". You can pick up an entry form at the Library. All Peeps displays may be dropped off at the Dover Public Library between Monday, March 20, and Sunday, April 2.

The Peeps will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy. The winner of each division will receive a \$25 Target gift card, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded on Monday afternoon, April 3.

Peeps should be picked up by 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. All Peeps not picked up by the deadline will be discarded or eaten.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library: 603-516-6050.

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## **Explore the history of the Dover Quakers**

Four-hundred years ago the Puritans were the voice of authority in Dover. Over time a new faith began to gain popularity and the Quakers soon made up a third of the population. But how did their peaceable lifestyle and teachings win over so many despite persecution from the

Puritans?

Discover the answer to this question at Dover Public Library on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in “Quaking Dover: The History of Quakers in Dover” presented by Jnana Hodson, author of “Quaking Dover: How a Counterculture Took Root and Flourished in Colonial New Hampshire.” The presentation will be in-person with the option to view it remotely from home. Those who wish to watch online will need to sign up at the library’s website to receive a link to the virtual presentation. Copies of Hodson’s book will also be available for purchase and signing.

During Dover’s first two centuries, the Quakers were the only organized alternative to the town’s tax-funded church, now known as First Parish. Hodson’s presentation gives a lively look at early Dover from the point of view of its largest minority and members of its second-oldest congregation.

Hodson was an active member of the Friends Meetinghouse in Dover, a historic Quaker meetinghouse, for three decades. The faith runs in the family as many Hodson/Hodgson/Hodgin ancestors were also Quakers. He is a retired daily newspaper editor with eight published novels to his credit, and his blog Jnana’s Red Barn has more than 5,000 followers. He’s recently downsized to a remote fishing village with a lively arts scene in Way Downeast Maine.

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

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## This Week at the Library

**Monday, March 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Softer Side of Celtic  
with musician Jeff Snow**

Much of the history of Scotland, Ireland and England was preserved in songs and Snow will share the tales during his performance. His music has been described as “quiet and relaxing” and, while much of it is, every once in awhile Snow will break out into foot stomping songs.

**Tuesday, March 14, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Mother Goose on the Loose**

For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30 minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, other props and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

**Tuesday, March 14, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.**

**Series of the Month Book Club  
2nd and 3rd Graders**

Are you a fan of the Dragon Masters series by Tracey West? If you are in 2nd or 3rd grade and have read one or more books in the Dragon Masters series come meet with other fans to talk about these popular books. You will also make a craft related to the series. *Registration required.*

**Tuesday, March 14, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group

**Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 to 11:45 am  
Caregiver Café**

Dover area family caregivers are invited to join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education and conversation.

**Wednesday, March 15, 11 am to 12:30 pm  
The Meerkats Movie**

The Meerkats is an inspiring story of a young meerkat's resilience and fortitude shot in the Kalahari Desert. Rated G.

**Wednesday, March 15, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Poetry Rocks!**

Join in an afternoon of rock painting to celebrate the start of the 21st Annual Poetry Contest! Each rock will feature a portion of a poem, and participants will use paint pens to create designs around the quotes. All supplies will be provided. This event is open to participants of all ages.

**Wednesday, March 15, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Family Game Night**

Join the library on the third Wednesday of every month to play a fun selection of card and board games, and meet other board game enthusiasts in the community!  
All ages welcome!

**Thursday, March 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m.  
Arts and Crafts Storytime**

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and

is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

**Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Friends of the Dover Public Library**

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

**21st Annual Poetry Contest**  
**March 15 - April 19**

Contest open to seacoast area residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and adults ages 18 & older. Poems judged on originality, style, and creativity. Deadline for entry is April 19th. Information about the contest available at the Dover Public Library or online at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov).

**Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Adult Knitting Group**

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

**Wednesday, March 15, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Family Storytime**

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

an art activity will all be part of the fun.  
*Registration required.*

**Thursday, March 16, 6 to 7 p.m.**  
**Papercrafting: Masterboard Demo**

Vesna Williams will share her creative passion and give a short presentation about making a master board. A master board is a paper crafting sheet that you create to use as a backdrop for projects. You can create a masterboard that can then be scanned and re-used for future projects. Glue, scissors and some scrap paper will be provided. Please feel free to bring any paper crafting supplies you have at home to share.

**Friday, March 17, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

**Friday, March 17, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Sensory Storytime**

This storytime is for children, ages 3-6, with autism, sensory challenges, developmental delays, and their caregivers. This fun, interactive program will engage the senses through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs, rhymes and movements, as well as tactile and sensory activities.  
*Registration required.*

**Friday, March 17, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Pokemon Terrariums**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to create their very own pokéball oasis for a Pokémon friend. All materials will be provided, but crafters are welcome to bring a favorite Pokémon figurine to use. This craft will be first come, first served, while supplies last!



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## **DHS Drama Club to perform 'Sponge Bob Square Pants - The Musical'**

The Dover High School Drama Club will present "Sponge Bob Square Pants - The Musical" on Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18, at 7 p.m. each night in the Dover High School Walker Auditorium.

Admission is \$8 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults.

For more information, contact Dover High School at 603-516-6900.

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## Dover Chamber seeks nominations for awards

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for their Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, David K. Bamford Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, and Community Arts Champion awards. Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Gala On May 4, 2023, at Rivermill at Dover Landing.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 17, 2023, at 5 p.m.

The Chamber is also accepting applications for a [student scholarship](#).

To nominate a business, organization, or person, or for more information, visit <https://www.dovernh.org/awards>.

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## Free tutoring offers students in grades 3-12 a chance to sharpen their study skills

St. John's United Methodist Church provides free after-school tutoring and a study club on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. Students in grades 3 through 12 can improve their skills or work on homework with competent, caring, background-checked adults. Snacks will be provided.

Students in grades 3-8 may attend on a walk-in basis, whereas students in grades 9-12 are by appointment for specific subjects. To make an appointment, email [donnafmcadam@gmail.com](mailto:donnafmcadam@gmail.com), [studyclub.sjumc@gmail.com](mailto:studyclub.sjumc@gmail.com), or leave a message with the church office 603-742-3046 or Donna McAdam 603-742-1881.

St. John's United Methodist Church is located at 28 Cataract Ave. in Dover. Anyone under 18 will need to have a parent/guardian complete a registration form prior to starting. Following initial enrollment, students may be dropped off. Parents are welcome to stay and relax in the Parent Corner.

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# Children's Museum of New Hampshire to host grown-up fundraiser, 'Cider Flights and Tasty Bites'

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is pleased to offer a unique, grown-up-only, fundraising event this spring. Tickets are on sale now for "Cider Flights & Tasty Bites" happening Saturday, March 25 from 7-9 p.m. (6:30 p.m. entry for VIP ticket holders) which is a special collaboration with North Country Hard Cider Company. The event, hosted at the Children's Museum amongst its two floors of hands-on, interactive exhibits, will feature tasty four-ounce locally crafted cider pours from North Country Hard Cider paired with tasty bites from local restaurants. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit The Children's Museum of New Hampshire's exhibits and programs.

North Country Hard Cider Company was founded by Silas Gordon, Ivan Gordon, and Ron Dixon when they teamed up to create additive and preservative-free cider, sourced from local orchards, whose agricultural methods they trust. They press and blend a wide variety of antique and heirloom apples, as well as other well-known types. They have planted over 500 trees on their own family farm, and have used the apples from this experimental orchard in some of their ciders. The cidery, previously located in Rollinsford, moved to a new location at 38 Littleworth Road in Dover in 2022.

"We're excited to collaborate again with The Children's Museum of New Hampshire for this fundraiser," said Silas Gordon. "We love our new location in Dover and look forward to introducing more people to our products at this event, all while supporting a great cause." The Children's Museum is also partnering with local restaurants and food purveyors to offer tasty bites for this fundraiser. Current participants include Dos Mexican Eats, Ohana Kitchen, Aviation Kitchen and Brewing, and Cabot Creamery.

"Our mission here at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire is to actively engage families in hands-on discovery, and it's wonderful that we can bring the same sentiment into our fundraising events," said CMNH President Jane Bard. "It's a good reminder that we don't stop discovering new things just because we have reached adulthood."

This will be the second year that CMNH and North Country Hard Cider will have collaborated on this event, the first of which was in 2019.

"The first time we put together this fundraiser, we sold out tickets pretty quickly," Bard said. "It was a really successful and fun way to gather our community together." Other 21-plus events being offered by the museum this year include the return of last summer's successful "Concerts from the Patio" series, where grown-ups (21-plus) can enjoy the Cochecho Arts Festival summer concerts from the museum's Play Patio. Highlights of these events include a cash bar on the Patio and access to the Museum's restrooms. Dates for concerts will be announced closer to the summer season.

Tickets for Cider Flights and Tasty Bites are on sale now and are limited to 200 general admission tickets and 50 VIP tickets. Advance online tickets are \$35 per person and available until March 25 at 12 p.m. or \$40 at the door if the event is not sold out. Designated driver tickets are also available for \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door and include non-alcoholic beverages and food tastings. Each general admission ticket purchase includes five four-ounce tastes of cider. Special VIP tickets are available for \$50 (\$35 designated driver) and feature early entry to the event at 6:30 p.m. as well as an extra four-ounce pour of cider, totaling six pours.

To learn more about any of the museum's programs, or to purchase tickets for this 21-plus event, visit [www.childrens-museum.org](http://www.childrens-museum.org). If you are a local restaurant and would like the opportunity to share your food with guests at this event, please contact Development Director Monique Deforge, [monique@childrens-museum.org](mailto:monique@childrens-museum.org).

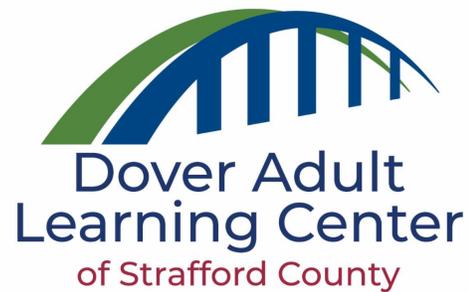
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## Coming up at Dover Adult Learning Center

Wire wrapping is a foundational skill in jewelry making. Learn from a professional in this two-hour workshop on Wednesday, March 8. Register at <https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/intro-to-wire-wrapping-2/>.

Are you considering buying a home? Join DALC on March 9 for this informative seminar with a professional Realtor and learn everything you need to know to make the process as painless as possible. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxbhjmc>

Learn everything you need to become a backyard beekeeper in a two-hour seminar. To join the evening class on Wednesday, March 15, register here: <https://tinyurl.com/v3ctzwc3>. To register for the Saturday morning class on March 18, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p8xp7xy>.



## Use caution on the ice as spring approaches

With fluctuating and unpredictable temperatures commonplace throughout the month of March in the Granite State, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department officials urge outdoor enthusiasts to exercise extreme caution when enjoying late-winter activities on or near the ice. Ice anglers are also advised to plan ahead for bob house removal; all bob houses must be removed from water bodies and private property by April 1, 2023.

“Caution is in order for those going out onto any ice, especially following this winter’s changeable weather,” said NH Fish and Game Colonel Kevin Jordan. “With erratic temperatures, some areas of ice may look safe, but may not be. We are urging people to check the ice thickness before going out onto any frozen waterbody.”

“Because of changeable ice conditions, it is never advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice,” Jordan said. Those on foot should carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this as you get further out onto the ice because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform over the entire water body. Snow-covered ice can be deceiving and should always be inspected carefully. Though all ice is potentially dangerous, the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, NH, offers this advice on ice thickness: There should be a minimum of 6 inches of

hard ice before individual foot travel, and 8–10 inches of hard ice for snow machine or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle travel.

Keep in mind that thick ice does not always mean safe ice. It is possible for ice to be thick, but not strong, because of varying weather conditions. Weak ice forms when warming trends break down the ice, then the surface refreezes. Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets, and spring holes, where the ice can be dangerously thin.

Tips for staying safe on the ice include:

- It is never advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice.
- Don't venture onto any ice during thaws.
- Stay off the ice along the shoreline if it is cracked or squishy. Docks, rocks, and downed trees absorb the sun's heat and can cause the ice around them to be thin.
- Watch out for thin, clear, or honeycombed ice. Dark and/or off-colored ice may also indicate weak spots.
- Small bodies of water tend to freeze thicker. Rivers and lakes are more prone to wind, currents, and wave action that weaken ice.
- Never gather in large groups on less than 8–10 inches of hard ice.
- Always bring along a rescue rope, ice picks, and a personal flotation device such as a float coat or life preserver.
- If you do break through the ice, stay calm. Move or swim back to where you fell in, where you know the ice was solid. Lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help lift your body onto the ice. A set of ice picks can help you pull yourself out; wear them around your neck or put them in an easily accessible pocket. Once out of the water, roll away from the hole until you reach solid ice.
- If someone you are with breaks through the ice, don't rush over to the hole—keep yourself safe. Look for something to throw or to use to reach out to the person such as a rope, tree branch, or ice spud. Lie down flat and reach out with your tool. After securing the person, do not stand—wiggle backward on the solid ice pulling the person with you.

Ice safety is also very important for snowmobilers. Don't assume a trail is safe just because it exists; check out trail conditions before you go at <http://www.nhstateparks.org/activities/snowmobiling/trail-information.aspx>.

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## Consider joining a citizen board to 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 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 the:

- Open Lands Committee
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission

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

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

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its

## 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:

- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**
- **Summer Camp Supervisor**
- **Summer Camp Counselor**
- **Police Systems IT Administrator**
- **Utility Systems IT Administrator**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Automotive Technician**

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:

- **Long Term Elementary Teacher Substitute**
- **Auditorium House Manager and Technician**
- **K-4 Principal**
- **Special Education Paraprofessionals**
- **Behavior Specialist**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional - Autism Support – Dover Middle School**
- **DALC - Adult Education Program Manager**
- **DALC Adult High School Biology Teacher**
- **Girls JV Softball Coach**
- **DALC Counselor Aide**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional**
- **Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher**
- **Custodian for C&W Services**
- **DALC Teacher-Spanish Literacy and HiSET Prep in correction facility**

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

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