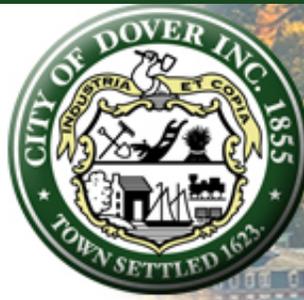
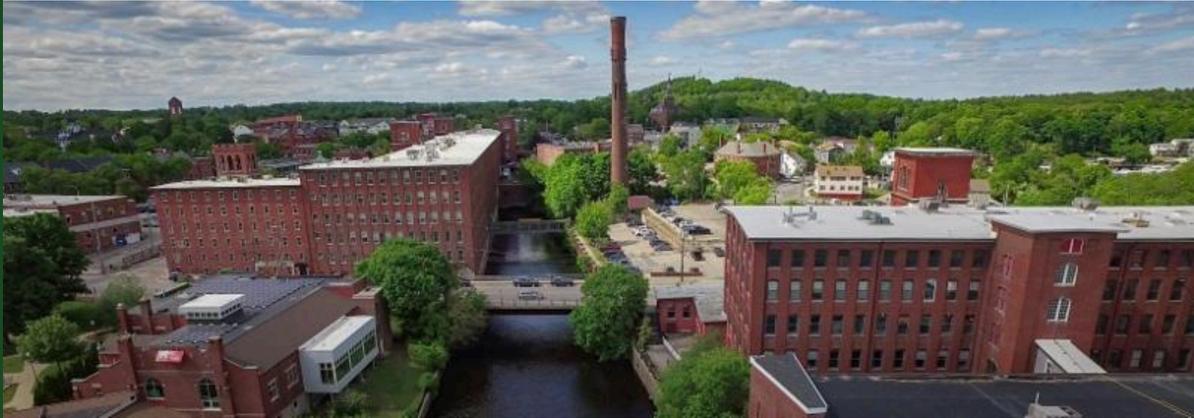


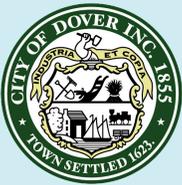
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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 13, 2026



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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
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hours:**

BUDGET Revealed

YOUR GUIDE TO THE
FY2027 BUDGET

Final departmental budget presentations are Wednesday

Community Services, Recreation to outline proposals before City Council

The City Council's next budget workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 18, where the Council will receive presentations from Community Services and the Recreation Department, concluding the FY27 budget presentations. Budget deliberations will continue at an April 1 workshop.

Separate public hearings on the school and city portions of the budget were held on Feb. 25 and March 11. The public can continue to provide input to the City Council about the proposed budget in several ways, including during the Public Forum portion of all City Council meetings and workshops,

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

and by contacting the City Council by email at CityCouncil-All@dover.nh.gov.

Budget Meeting Schedule

All budget meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Wednesday, March 18 – Workshop: Community Services and Recreation departmental budget presentations
- Wednesday, March 25 – Regular Meeting (Public can speak during Public Forum)
- Wednesday, April 1 – 6 p.m. Workshop: General Budget Review
- Wednesday, April 1 – Special Meeting: Budget Adoption (immediately following the workshop)
- Wednesday, April 8 – Regular Meeting: Fallback budget adoption date

During the budget season, City Manager Joyal releases a weekly newsletter that recaps any budget-related presentations and a look ahead to what will occur the following week. Sign up for the newsletter at bit.ly/doverdownload, and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of newsletters. The most recent newsletter can be [viewed here](#) or on the city's [Budget Revealed](#) FY2027 online resource.

For a complete guide to the FY2027 proposed budget, including meeting videos, documents, presentations, and the budget book, visit the city's [Budget Revealed](#) FY2027 online resource at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2027-budget/>

Street closures, parking restrictions for Run Before You Crawl 5K on Saturday

Dover Police Chief David A Terlemezian announces the following street closures and parking restrictions for the 12th annual Run Before You Crawl 5K event, presented by Dover Main Street. The race begins at 9 a.m. A downtown Dover restaurant and pub crawl will follow the race between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Find more information about both events, including how to register, at the [Dover Race Series](#) website.

Street closures

The following street closures will occur on Saturday, March 14, 2026:

- Fourth Street, between Grove and Chestnut streets, from 8 to 11 a.m.
- Southbound Chestnut Street between Sixth and Third streets, from 9:15 to 10 a.m.
- Additional closures will occur between 9 and 10 a.m. to accommodate the race flow on Fourth, Washington, Whittier and Sixth streets.

The event starts and ends near the Harvest Church at 47 Fourth St. The course follows a clockwise loop of Fourth, Prospect, Washington, Whittier, Sixth and Chestnut streets. Dover police personnel and event volunteers will help manage the traffic flow along the race route.

Parking restrictions

Parking restrictions will be posted and in effect on Saturday morning along Sixth Street from Hillside Drive to Chestnut Street, and Fourth Street between Grove and Chestnut streets, and a portion of Grove Street.

COAST bus service and connections at the Dover Transportation Center, 33 Chestnut St., will remain in effect throughout the race, but some route diversions will be required due to the above-listed street closures. Amtrak Downeaster passenger train service will not be interrupted, but train passengers intending to park at the Transportation Center may need to plan for alternate parking arrangements. All normal Saturday metered parking restrictions will remain in effect.

Questions about traffic implications may be directed to Dover Police Lt. Alex Mitrushi at 603-742-4646.

DOVER MAIN STREET
Run Before You Crawl
2026

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5k Road Race • Top Finisher Prizes • Free Tee for the first 100 Runners
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Saturday, March 14, 2026 5k Race: 9am
Pub Crawl: 11 - 3pm

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Snowmelt spurs cleanup by city crews and volunteers



The significant snow melt this week exposed trash buried this winter under snow and ice. Community Services crews from the Highway and Facilities and Grounds divisions gathered trash and debris around the downtown area and at other locations this morning, Friday, March 13, collecting more than 20 bags of trash in the process. Dog waste bags, diapers, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles were among the items collected. The crews borrowed trash pickers from Don't Trash Dover, which organizes monthly one-hour trash walks, and an annual city-wide trash walk, which will occur this year on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Learn more at [Don't Trash Dover](#).



Mayor Shanahan's next office-hours session is March 26

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 Thursday, March 26, 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.

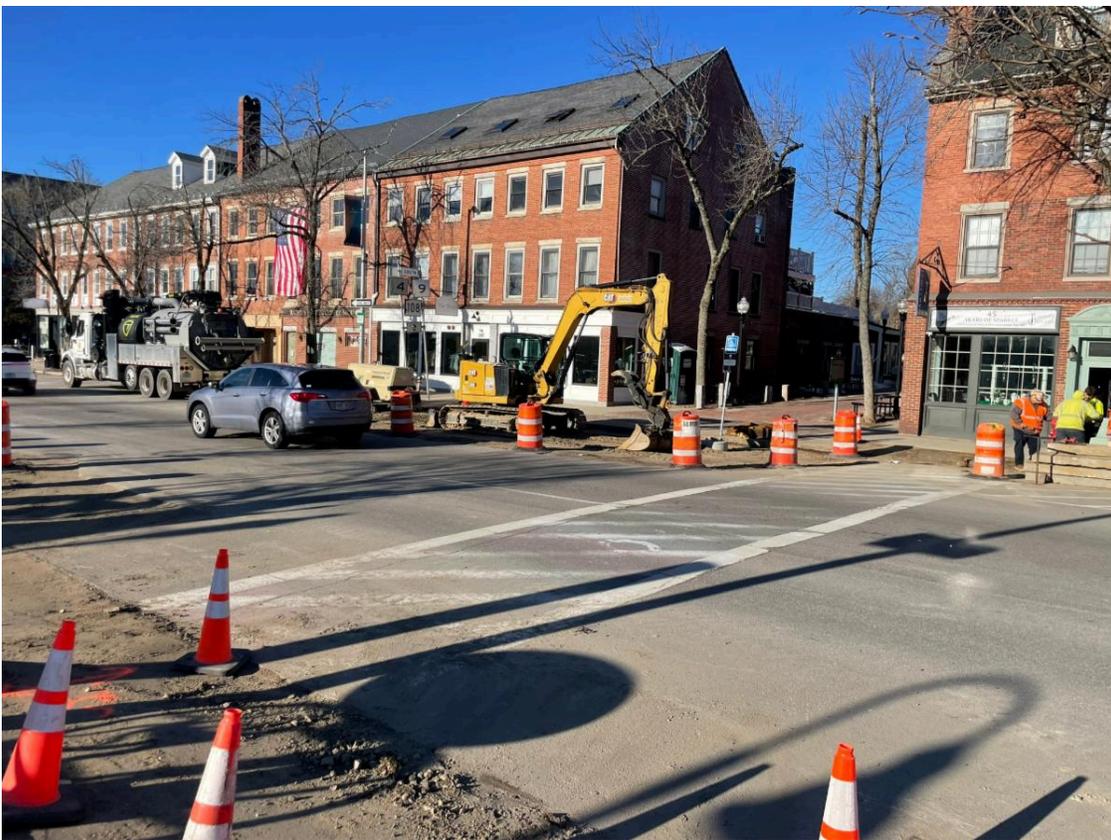


Informational meeting about Bellamy River bridge replacement is March 31

The City of Dover will host a public informational meeting about a project to replace a bridge over Bellamy River on Bellamy Road on Tuesday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Dover City Hall in the Council Conference Room. The project is currently in the design phase.

The need for the project is due to the bridge, located between Zealand Drive and Cataract Avenue, being structurally deficient and hydraulically undersized. The project will also improve the bridge's ability to support fish passage. The city has contracted with engineering consultant, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., to evaluate replacement alternatives for the crossing. Staff from the city and the consultant will be on hand to introduce the project and present the design alternatives being evaluated.

For more information, contact Deputy City Engineer Matt Gibbons [by email](#) or at 603-516-6450.



Central Avenue traffic restrictions, crosswalk closure begin Monday

Central Avenue will be reduced to one lane downtown near Waldron Court beginning Monday, March 16, as a city contractor installs curbing for the new crosswalk. Motorists should anticipate delays and lane shifts, depending on which side of Central Avenue crews are working.

The crosswalk at Waldron Court will be closed while curbing is being installed. There will also be a temporary closure of the exit driveway from the Cochecho Mills next to Fish Ladder Park as needed when the work crew is present.

Work on the project began last month and will be finished next month. The project includes constructing curb bump-outs to reduce the pedestrian crossing distance on Central Avenue, improving pedestrian visibility in a high-traffic area. New lighting will also be installed to enhance visibility, along with new drainage infrastructure. The pedestrian crossing at Waldron Court will be shifted slightly to align with Waldron Court. Parking spaces will also be adjusted slightly, with two spaces being permanently eliminated.

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

Neighborhood meeting for Central Avenue water main project is Tuesday

Work begins March 30; Sign-up for project updates

A neighborhood meeting for the upcoming Central Avenue water replacement project will be held on Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at the Dover Police Station, 46 Chestnut St. The project contractor, design consultant and city staff will give an

overview of the project, discuss anticipated construction disruptions, and answer questions from the public.

The City of Dover is replacing a critical water main on Central Avenue from Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to Broadway. The main will also be replaced on Abbey Sawyer to the Garrison Hill water tank. Work is anticipated to begin the week of March 30, 2026 with substantial completion by the end of November 2026.

The project will affect traffic along a busy city corridor and will include rolling parking restrictions in the work area. There will also be temporary impacts on water service affecting customers on Central Avenue and adjoining side streets. To isolate sections of the water main for replacement, crews will install isolation valves on the connecting mains. These valves will allow water service to continue to all areas except the water main section being replaced. However, installing the isolation valves requires interruptions to water service in select areas.

Installation of isolation valves will occur at night, with water shut off from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., though the goal is to restore water service sooner if possible. The following streets will be affected by this work at some point during the project, but not at the same time: Fourth, Pierce, Preble, New York, Hough, Hill, Ham, Ash, Reservoir, Oak, and Abbey Sawyer. Water customers will receive at least a 24-hour notice before scheduled water shut-offs.

There will also be brief water service interruptions when the contractor makes individual service connections to the main. On Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive and some sections of Central Avenue, customers will be connected to a temporary water system, with brief service interruptions when connected to the temporary main and again to the new main. The contractor will notify customers when these interruptions occur, which can last up to 60 minutes, but typically much shorter.

Access to Garrison Hill will also be affected during construction hours when the main on Abbey Sawyer is replaced, anticipated to occur in August.

The City Council awarded the project contract to S.U.R. Construction, Inc. for \$6,975,450, following a competitive bid process.

Sign-up for project update emails

As the project develops, the City of Dover will issue frequent email updates to help residents and businesses plan for the construction disruption, including upcoming water service interruptions. Visit the city's [newsletter signup page](#) and add "Project Updates: Central Avenue Urban Core Water Improvements" to your email subscription list.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Trustees of the Trust Fund, March 16, 1 p.m.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026, beginning at 1 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Dover Utilities Commission, March 16, 6 p.m.

Temporary parking order for Park Street lifted

Police Chief David A. Terlemezian lifted the emergency temporary parking ban on the western side of Park Street today, Friday, March 13.

The ban was necessary due to diminished access on Park Street from accumulated snow. The city may consider adding one side of the street to its seasonal winter parking restrictions for next winter.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee, March 17, 5:30 p.m.

The Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Energy Commission, March 18, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council, March 18, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, March 19, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

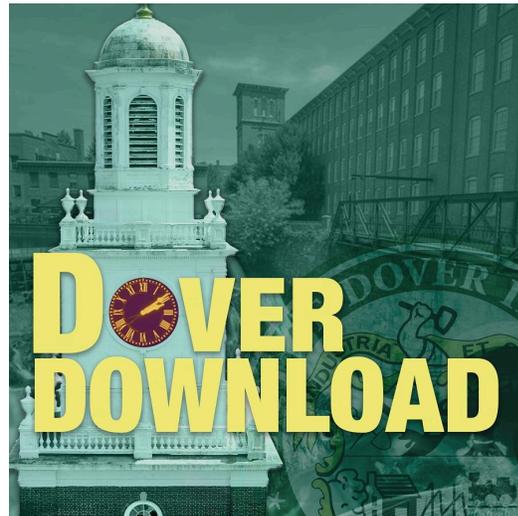
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Hot Bituminous Paving \(Asphalt\) Laid in Place](#)
- [WWTP Plant Water \(Wastewater Effluent\) Skid System](#)
- [Pavement & Curbside Weed Control Services](#)

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.



Building the Budget: Dover Schools' Strategic Approach to FY27

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Dover School District Superintendent Christine Boston about the district's proposed fiscal year 2027 budget. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4ldaxpP>

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

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

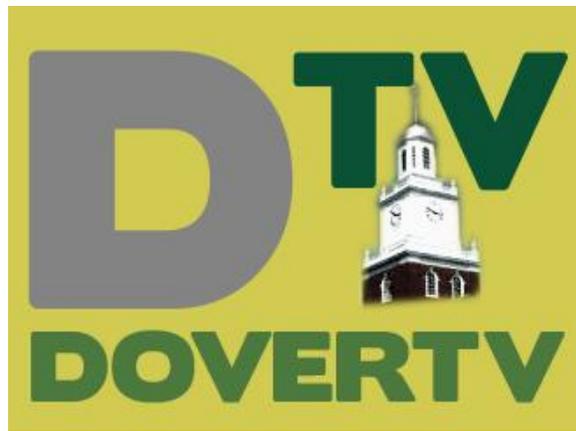
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Conservation Commission
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Energy Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Waterfront TIF
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

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

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



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

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:

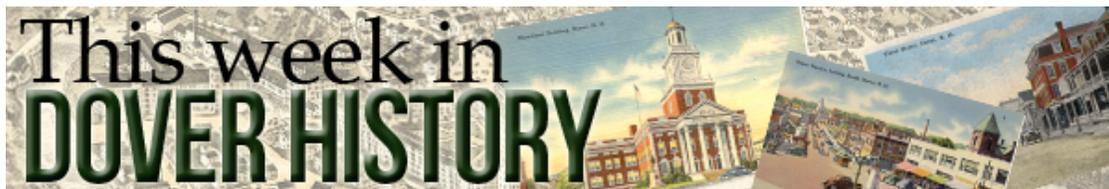
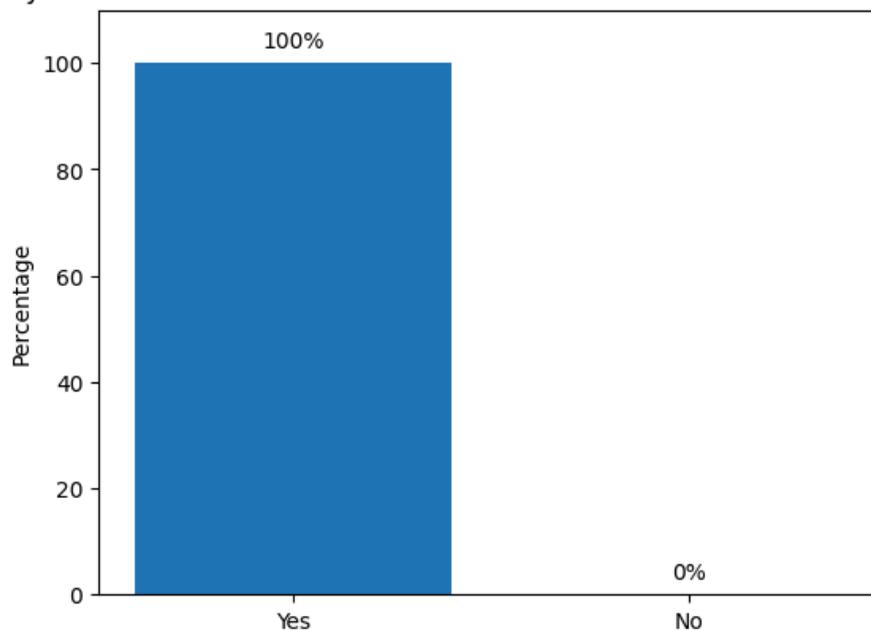
"How often do you rely on transportation other than a car (walking, biking, bus, etc.)?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m5xe8w>

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

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you shared news or information about Dover with friends or family recently?"**

Have you shared news or information about Dover with friends or family recently?



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](#).

March 14, 1768 — Residents of Dover voted to support a petition allowing the Parish of Madbury to separate from Dover and become its own town. The request had been submitted to the colonial government by residents of the parish who sought greater local control over their affairs. At the time, Madbury was part of Dover but functioned as a

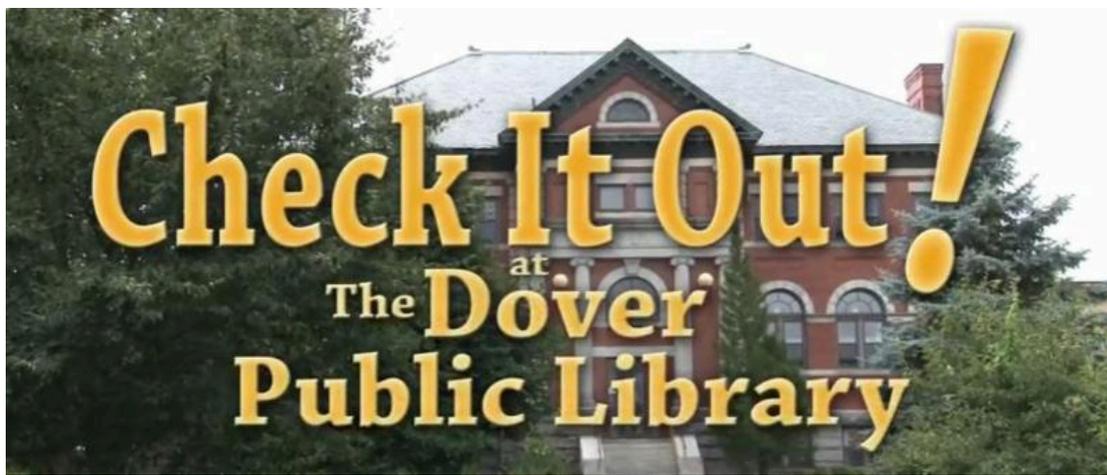
distinct parish centered around its own meetinghouse. In colonial New England, parishes were originally organized for religious purposes, but they often became the basis for civil communities as populations spread out from older settlements. Later in 1768, the New Hampshire colonial legislature formally chartered Madbury as a separate town.

March 14, 1778 — The New Hampshire Assembly voted that it was “offensive to this House” for any of its members to play cards or participate in other unlawful games in public houses, and formally asked legislators to refrain from such behavior. The resolution reflected the moral expectations placed on public officials during the Revolutionary War era. Card playing and gambling were widely criticized in 18th-century New England, particularly by religious leaders who viewed such activities as signs of idleness or poor character. Taverns and public houses were important gathering places for travelers, soldiers, and lawmakers, but they were also associated with drinking, gambling, and other activities that some leaders believed undermined public virtue.

March 17, 1829 — A Boston newspaper reported that a recent shipment from Dover carried nearly as many cotton and woolen goods to the Boston market as some transatlantic packet ships arriving from England. The report highlighted how rapidly American textile manufacturing was growing in the early 19th century. Goods produced in New Hampshire mills were beginning to compete with imported textiles from Britain, which had long dominated the market. The article also noted falling prices: cotton fabric that once sold for about 38 cents when imported from England could now be purchased domestically for about 20 cents. Dover played an important role in this shift. By the late 1820s, the city was becoming a major center of textile production thanks to the growing mills along the Cochecho River, which would soon operate under the name Cohecho Manufacturing Company.

March 14, 1963 — Dwight Hall, a longtime lawyer, banker, and political leader who once served as mayor of Dover, died at his home on Silver Street at the age of 91. Hall had remained active in his law practice until shortly before his death, which followed complications from a fall that fractured his hip earlier in the month. Born in Dover on April 13, 1871, Hall was the only son of Joshua G. Hall, a former Dover mayor and U.S. congressman, continuing a family tradition of public service in the city. He attended Phillips Andover Academy and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1894 before earning a law degree from Boston University and being admitted to the New Hampshire bar in 1897. Hall held several local and state positions during his career. He served as Strafford County solicitor and later as mayor of Dover from 1911 to 1912. In addition to municipal leadership, he was a major figure in Republican politics in New Hampshire, serving as chairman of the state Republican Party and acting as a delegate to national party conventions. Beyond politics, Hall was deeply involved in civic and financial institutions in the region. He served for decades as a director of Strafford National Bank—reportedly for 50 years, the longest tenure in the bank’s history—and was active in local organizations such as the Woodman Institute (now Woodman Museum). With no children of his own, he left the longtime family home to his niece and nephew, descendants of another prominent Dover family connected to former New Hampshire governor Charles H. Sawyer.

March 17, 2004 — Former Dover school superintendent Bernard Ryder started a \$500 scholarship at Dover High School for a graduating senior’s college textbooks. Eligible students would be randomly selected, receiving Ryder’s semi-autobiographical book with a joke bookmark designed by an art student. The first scholarship was awarded in June 2004, with funds deposited into the winner’s college bookstore account. Ryder, who led Dover’s school district from 1973-1983, planned to continue the scholarship honoring his late family for 10 years as a way to “give back” after appreciating his time in Dover.



See the Gilded Age through artist Amalia Kussner's eyes

The name Amalia Kussner may not be familiar, but from the mid-1890s to 1910 owning one of her miniature portraits was a status symbol of the elite.

On Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m., Dover Public Library welcomes author Kathleen Langone to their virtual stage for "Amalia Kussner's Paintings & The Characters of 'The Gilded Age'". The program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.



In the virtual program, Langone will examine Gilded Age New York through the life of forgotten famed artist Kussner and her relationships with many of the characters featured in the critically acclaimed HBO series "The Gilded Age". Kussner painted six of the characters featured in the show including Mrs. Astor and her two daughters, and Alva Vanderbilt and daughter Consuelo, who are represented on the show as the fictionalized Mrs. Russell and Gladys.

Born in small-town Indiana, Kussner rose to become one of the most sought-after miniaturists of the Gilded Age. No other female portrait artist had the notoriety or esteemed clientele that she had. Even though photography was on the rise, miniatures had a feeling and soul to them that photos could not capture. Kussner's portraits often focused on the subject's best features and presented Gilded Age elites like American royalty, giving them an almost mythical appearance. Among her many subjects were Mamie Fish, "dollar heiress" Minnie Paget, Edward VII of England, Czar Nicholas II and Alexandra of Russia, and diamond magnate Cecil Rhodes.

Kussner is often included with other nineteenth-century women artists in the "first wave of feminism", mainly due to the fact that she charged very high commissions comparable to male artists of the time. By exploring Kussner's interactions with the wealthy elite, and the portraits themselves, Langone provides more insight into what the Gilded Age was truly like.

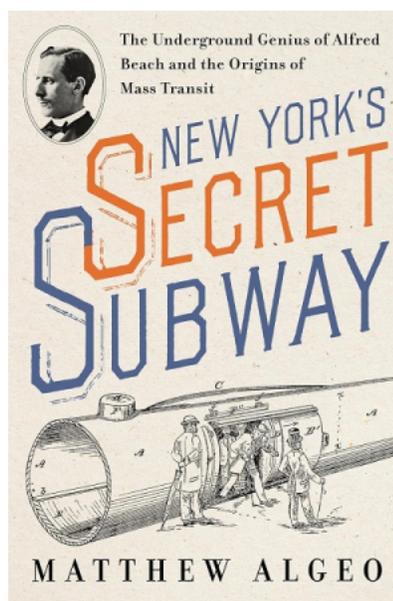
Langone is a historical researcher, host of the podcast, "People Hidden in History," and author of the book "Miniature Painter Revealed: Amalia Kussner's Gilded Age Pursuit of Fame and Fortune". She is also a freelance writer whose work has been published in regional New England publications like Boston Magazine and various newspapers. Aside from speaking at libraries, she has also lectured at museums, historical societies, the New York Adventure Club, and History Camp. She lives in Middleton, Massachusetts.

For more information, visit the library's [website](#) or call (603) 516-6050.

Learn about New York's secret subway in virtual presentation

In the nineteenth century, Manhattan's streets were so crowded with people and horses that a trip from City Hall to Central Park – six and a half miles to be exact – took hours. But Alfred Beach had a solution: an underground tube.

Discover the fascinating true tale of “New York's Secret Subway: The Underground Genius of Alfred Beach and the Origins of Mass Transit” on Monday, March 23 at 7 p.m. virtually with Dover Public Library. The program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.



Author Matthew Algeo shares the story of Beach, a Springfield, Massachusetts native, whose dream of creating a giant pneumatic tube underneath Broadway from Battery to Harlem was staled by corruption in the Gilded Age.

Beach, a mild-mannered, visionary inventor and entrepreneur, designed his invention to use air pressure to shoot passengers up and down Manhattan Island in clean, quiet carriages. Unfortunately, Beach was up against the operators of the horse-drawn streetcars and the politicians in their pay, most notoriously William M. Tweed, the notorious “Boss” of Tammany Hall.

Undeterred, he made one of the most astonishing feats of engineering in American history, secretly creating the nation's first operational subway, proving the feasibility of underground railways and paving the way for modern mass transportation systems. Algeo is an award-winning journalist and author of eight books including “Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure: The True Story of a Great American Road Trip”, which was named one of the best books of 2009 by the Washington Post. He holds a degree in Folklore from the University of Pennsylvania and currently hosts Morning Edition on Kansas Public Radio. He lives in Lawrence, Kansas, with his wife and daughter.

For more information, visit the library's [website](#) or call (603) 516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Monday, March 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Preschool STEM Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

Children aged 3-5 are invited to participate in a science storytime independent of their caregivers. This Spring, we will explore the science of MUD, the earth and wind, as well as discovering how some of our spring animals live. *Registration required.*

Monday, March 16, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Another Brooklyn* by

Wednesday, March 18, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Weds., March 18, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Caregiver Cafe

Dover Chamber of Commerce

Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation. Loved ones are welcome.

Wednesday, March 18, 7 to 8 p.m.

Jacqueline Woodson. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

Monday, March 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

Monday, March 16, 7 to 8 p.m.
Virtual: You Can't Catch Us: Lady Bird Johnson's 1964 Campaign Train & the Women Who rode with Her

Register: <https://ow.ly/Ri8h50Yszte>
Author Shannon McKenna Schmidt will discuss her new book, "You Can't Catch Us: Lady Bird Johnson's Trailblazing 1964 Campaign Train and the Women Who Rode with Her" - the story of a women-led operation and an appeal for understanding and civility. Lady Bird Johnson's monumental journey expanded the role of women in politics and progressed the fight for women's rights—a fight we still continue today.

Tuesday, March 17, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Adult Knitting Group
McConnell Center Cafeteria

This group is open to anyone who has a love for knitting, crocheting, and related fiber arts. All levels are welcome, no instructions provided! Bring your works-in-progress and any finished objects you would like to show off to the group.

Tuesday, March 17, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Baby Storytime
McConnell Center, Room 306

For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers. Join for songs, movement, rhymes, and stories.

Weds, March 18-Weds, April 15
24th Annual Poetry Contest

The 24th annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for seacoast are residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in 7 different categories (Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and adults ages 18 & older.) and will be judged on originality, style, and creativity. The deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 15. Contest rules and entry forms available [online](#) or at the Dover Public Library.

Virtual Amalia Kussner's Paintings & The Characters Of The HBO Series 'The Gilded Age'

Register: <https://ow.ly/NNEn50YsAhk>

The riveting story of how Amalia Kussner rose from simple beginnings to become one of the most sought-after miniaturists of the Gilded Age. She painted six of the characters featured in the HBO series "The Gilded Age" including Mrs. Astor and her two daughters. How Kussner interacted with these famous people, and the portraits themselves, provides more insight into their lives.

Thursday, March 19, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Arts and Crafts Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306
Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

Saturday, March 21, 10 to 11 a.m.
Engineering a Free Throw
McConnell Center, Room 306

Obsessed with March Madness? Kids in grades 2-6 are invited to talk about the physics of a perfect free throw, and then use their creativity and engineering skills to build a scale model of a basketball hoop and a popsicle stick catapult to shoot pompoms through the basket. *Registration required.*

Saturday, March 21, 2 to 3 p.m.
Lego Club

McConnell Center, Room 306
Come follow the "Challenge-of-the-day" or build from your imagination. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library. CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.



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, March 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Brueckner Group USA](#), 50 Lighthouse Dr.
 - Thursday, March 19, 12:30 to 5 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
 - Tuesday, March 24, 12 to 4:30 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.
 - Thursday, March 26, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., [Dover Honda](#), 1 Dover Point Road
 - Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., [Heritage Baptist Church](#), 186 Dover Point Road
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In honor of Earth Day, Don't Trash Dover & City of Dover Present

3rd Annual

Power of an Hour

A One-Hour Volunteer Litter Collection Event in Dover, Organized by Ward!

When:

Saturday, April 25th, 2026
9:30AM - 10:30AM
(arrive by 9:15AM)

Where:

Ward 1

Frances G. Hopkins School
78 Horne Street

Ward 2

Dover Ice Arena
110 Portland Avenue

Ward 3

Woodman Park School
11 Towle Avenue

Ward 4

Garrison School
50 Garrison Road

Ward 5

Dover Middle School
16 Daley Drive

Ward 6

Hellenic Center
219 Long Hill Road



How it Works:

1. Show Up: Arrive at your ward wearing a safety vest or bright clothing, gloves, and appropriate walking shoes. If you have a litter tool and/or a wagon, bring it.

2. Sign In: Sign the waiver (if you haven't already) and sign in. The top three wards for attendance win a trophy and bragging rights!

3. Collect Litter: Head out into your wards, and pick up as much litter as possible! We'll provide trash bags for you. Walk facing traffic and respect private property. Don't go beyond "No Trespassing" or "Private Property" signs. Use caution when collecting and don't collect litter in locations that may pose a danger. Don't touch potentially hazardous materials including needles/syringes. Make note of large items which cannot be carried and report to your site leader upon return.

4. Drop Off: Keep an eye on time and return to your ward's location to drop off collected litter and pose for a group photo at 10:30am sharp.

Note: Children under 12 years must be with an adult.

Need more information?
DontTrashDover@gmail.com
Or
Visit Our Facebook:



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**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time**
- **Utilities Supervisor**
- **Health/Fire Life Safety Officer**
- **Prevention Programmer**

- Custodian, Part-Time
- Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater
- Truck Driver - Streets
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Utilities Laborer
- Truck Driver-Utilities
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Summer Day Camp Supervisor
- Utility Systems IT Technician
- Officer Manager - Recreation
- Municipal Construction Project Administrator

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

Dover School District employment opportunities

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

- Dean of Student Services
- Long Term Substitute 5th Grade Teacher
- Parking Lot Supervisor
- Noon Aide
- Paraprofessionals- Special Education
- Noon Supervisor
- Substitute Teachers
- DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)
- Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher
- Dean of Bellamy Academy
- Anticipated - Individual RN

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

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