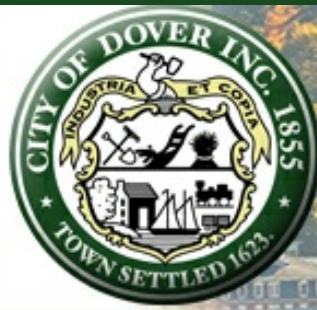


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 21, 2025



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

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Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

**City Hall
hours:**

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

Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
p.m.

**Recycling
Center hours:**

Tuesday,

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to hold public hearing on FY26 CIP bonding

**Awarding annual paving contract also on
the agenda**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on a pending resolution that would authorize appropriation and bonding for the FY2026 Capital Improvements Program. The bonding would be for \$5,165,000 through the state's Drinking Water Revolving Fund that would be used for lead service line replacement projects. The Council will vote on the resolution at its April 9 meeting.

Also on the agenda:

- Awarding the city's annual paving contract. City staff recommends the City Council award the paving bid to Continental Paving, Inc., of Londonderry for

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

\$2,158,905.

- Authorizing additional engineering work for the Lower Central Avenue Improvement Project at a cost of \$435,230.
- Authorizing an additional scope of work for the Mill Street Pump Station project for \$97,305.
- Upgrading the light systems at the Dover Indoor Pool for \$26,510.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will be available on-demand.



Dover Chamber's State of City forum to focus on Waterfront District development

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will present its annual State of the City forum on Thursday, March 27, from 8 to 10 a.m. at 121 Broadway in Dover. The event, which is underwritten by Eversource, will focus on the development of the city's new Waterfront District. Additional sponsors include Breezeline and Kennebunk Savings.

City of Dover Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker will provide a historical overview of the waterfront development, while Jackie Huber, director of asset management with Waterfront District developer Cathartes, will deliver an update on the project from the development and construction standpoints.

These presentations will be followed by a panel discussion with Norm Fracassa, chair of the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee; Cathartes Director of Development Rob Simmons; and restaurateur Evan Hennessey, who is the first commercial tenant for the Waterfront District Development.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 8 a.m. for check-in and breakfast. The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. The fee to attend the State of the City forum is \$20 and includes breakfast. Visit www.dovernh.org/sotc for more information or to register.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.

STATE OF THE CITY: WATERFRONT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT

MARCH 27
8-10AM
121 BROADWAY,
DOVER

JOIN THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AN UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THE WATERFRONT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER CHRISTOPHER G. PARKER WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE CITY'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE WATERFRONT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT WHILE JACKIE HUBER WILL PROVIDE THE UPDATE FROM THE DEVELOPER'S SIDE OF THE PROJECT. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATIONS WE WILL HAVE A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH Q&A FROM THE AUDIENCE.

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**GREATER
DOVER**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& VISITOR CENTER



Budget presentations conclude

The City Council held its [third budget workshop](#) this week on Wednesday, March 19, where it reviewed Community Services, Library and DoverNet/Informational Technology departmental budget proposals. A video recording of the workshop and accompanying presentation slides are available on the [FY2026 Budget Revealed webpage](#). There is also a document of suggested General Fund budget adjustments for the City Council to consider.

On Wednesday, April 2, the City Council will hold its final scheduled budget workshop, where it will review the overall budget. If it is ready, the City Council will hold a special meeting after the workshop to adopt the FY2026 budget. If it does not adopt a budget on April 2, the Council can adopt the budget at its Wednesday, April 9 regular meeting.

Ways to provide budget input

Members of the public may voice their input during the Public Forum section of the City Council's March 26 regular meeting or April 2 workshop, or by emailing the City Council at CityCouncil-All@dover.nh.gov.

Budget Meeting Schedule

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

- Wednesday, April 2 – 6 p.m. Workshop: General Budget Review
- Wednesday, April 2 – Special Meeting: Budget Adoption (immediately following the workshop)
- Wednesday, April 9 – Regular Meeting: Fallback budget adoption date

Budget presentations and associated documents are posted on the [FY2026 Budget Revealed online resource](#).

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. sends 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.

DHS teacher nominated for national award for 'Reset Day' initiative

Dover High School chemistry teacher Sarah McCarron-Stewart has been nominated for National Life Group's 2024-25 LifeChanger of the Year award for her initiative launching the school's "Reset Day," now its second year.

Reset Day, held halfway through the school year between the first and second semesters, allows students and staff to focus on their mental well-being, and reset their focus for the second half of the year.

“The goals of this day are to build school community, provide a mental health-focused day at the midpoint of the school year to provide a reset before beginning a new semester, incorporate proactive mental health measures into our school year, and teach students ways that they can exercise self-care,” Ms. McCarron-Stewart wrote ahead of the second annual Reset Day held on Jan. 24, 2025.

McCarron-Stewart was nominated by an anonymous colleague at Dover High School, who wrote that McCarron-Stewart wanted to do something to address the burnout she saw in the students and staff at the end of each semester and came up with the Reset Day idea. “After months of planning and countless hours of her personal time, she brought this vision to life in January [2024],” the nominator wrote. “The day was an incredible success! Students and staff engaged in activities that allowed them to play, rest, dance, create, and learn, all made possible through the support of volunteers and community donations.

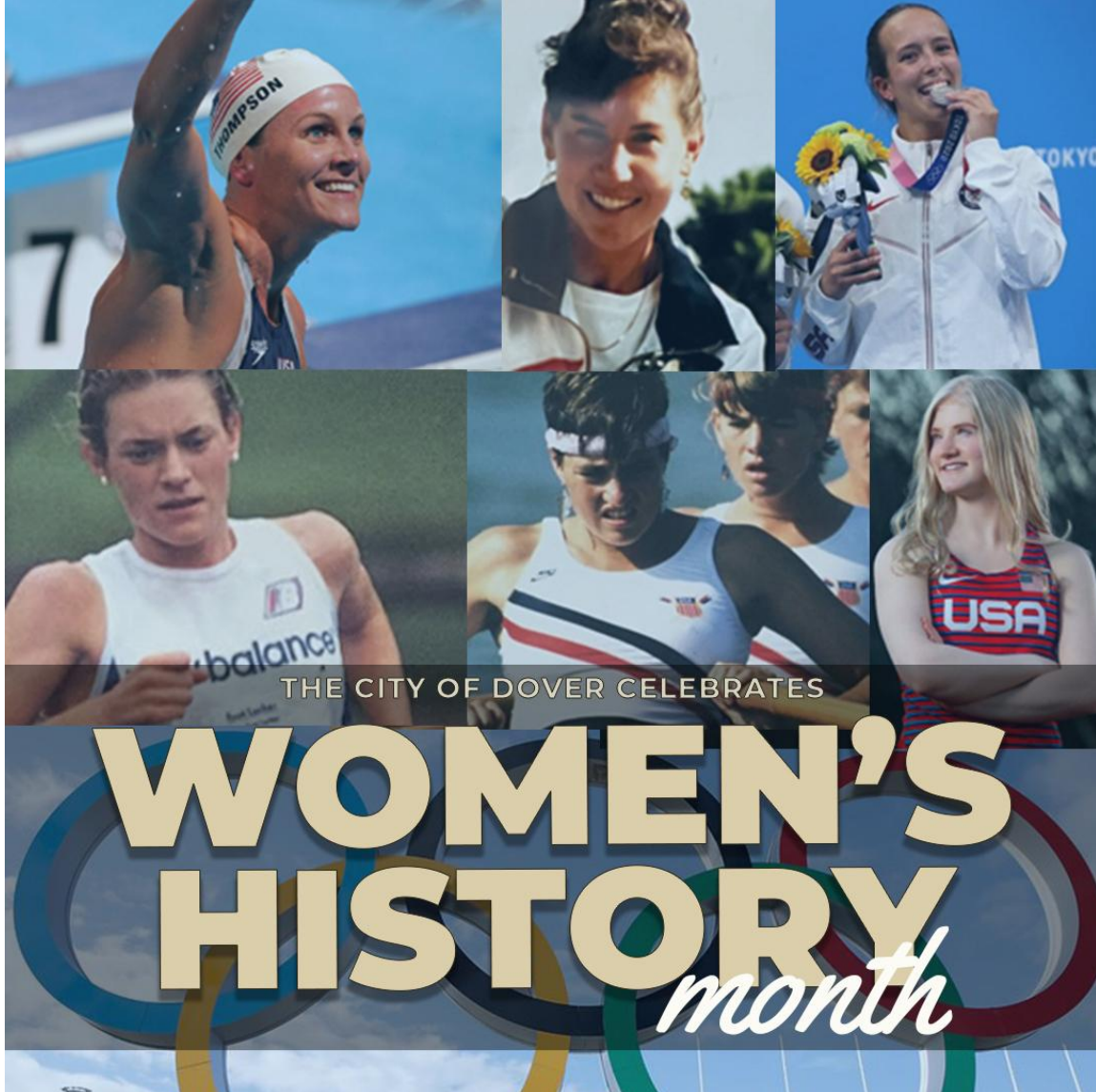


“Thanks to Ms. McCarron-Stewart, ‘Reset Day’ is set to become a cherished DHS tradition,” the nominator concludes.

Visit Ms. McCarron-Stewart’s [LifeChanger profile](#) and leave a comment of support.

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in student lives by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership. Since 2011, LifeChanger of the Year has recognized and rewarded more than 8,500 K-12 teachers, administrators, and school employees in 2,300+ school districts. The program has awarded over \$790,000 in cash prizes to winners and their schools for making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

The LifeChanger grand prize winner will receive a prize of \$10,000, with the four grand prize finalists receiving \$5,000. Ten additional LifeChanger award winners will receive \$3,000.



Breaking Barriers: Dover's women Olympians who made history

Throughout Women's History Month, the City of Dover proudly celebrates local women whose achievements have helped shape our community. This week, we honor six remarkable athletes who have represented Dover—and the United States—on the world's greatest stage: the Olympic Games. These women have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, resilience and talent, inspiring generations to dream big and push boundaries.

One of Dover's most celebrated Olympians is **Jenny Thompson**, a swimmer who won 12 Olympic medals, including eight gold medals, across four Games (1992, 1996, 2000, and 2004). A record-setting competitor from a young age, Thompson trained with the Seacoast Swimming Association in Dover under coaches Amy and Mike Parratto. Beyond the pool, she pursued a medical career, becoming an anesthesiologist, proving that excellence extends beyond athletics.

Diver **Jessica Parratto** followed in her parents' footsteps, competing in the 2016 and 2020 Olympics. Overcoming injuries and the challenges of a pandemic-delayed Games, she earned a silver medal in synchronized diving in Tokyo and placed fourth in the individual platform event.

Distance runner **Cathy Schiro O'Brien** competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic marathons. At just 20 years old, she made history as the youngest American woman to run the Olympic marathon, later winning the 1992 Boston Marathon—breaking barriers in a sport long dominated by men.

Liza Corso, a Paralympic middle-distance runner from nearby Newmarket, trained at Portsmouth Christian Academy in Dover. She secured a silver medal in the 1,500-meter T13 event at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, demonstrating resilience and competitive spirit.

Field hockey standout **Barbara “Barb” Marois** competed at the 1988 and 1996 Olympics, leading the U.S. team to a fifth-place finish in Atlanta. A three-time Pan American Games medalist, she remains a respected figure in the sport.

Finally, rower **Jennie Marshall** competed in the women’s quadruple sculls at the 1988 Olympics, also earning multiple international medals, including silver at the 1987 Pan American Games.

These Olympians are honored on a Faces of Dover marker at Henry Law Park.



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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, March 22, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at Henry Law Park, 1 Washington St. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo. Event organizers have arranged for parking at the Indoor Pool parking lot.

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

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

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://bit.ly/4bFyfQ0>.

Pay by text now an option at Dover's parking meters

City motorists can now pay for parking meter time by text. This is in addition to paying at the meter and using the smartphone “Flowbird” app.

By texting “DOVER” to 727563, the user will receive a link that asks for their parking zone number. All Dover zones start with “11.” Once the zone is entered, a drop-down list will appear that includes a description of the locations and the full zone numbers. The only exception is the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is zone ‘1’. All zones are listed on the sides of meters throughout the downtown to assist in selecting the proper zone. Additional signs will be posted in the coming months.

If you already have the Flowbird Pay by Phone app on your phone, when you text Dover to 727563 the program will automatically forward you to your Flowbird account. If you experience connection issues, try turning off your phone’s WIFI and using a cellular connection.

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



Welcome to Dover, NH!

Please enter your zone number below.

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1100001 - Belknap Lot

1100002 - Chestnut St

11000031 - Washington St.

1100004 - Second St.

Upcoming Meetings:

Transportation Advisory Commission, March 24, 6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Police Department, 46 Chestnut Street, Community Room.

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

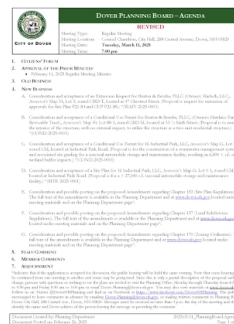
Dover Housing Authority, March 25, 12 p.m.

NOTE: Public hearings will be held prior to the meeting at 11:45 a.m. To view public hearing agenda, [click here](#).

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m. or immediately following the public hearings, at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

Planning Board, March 25,



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 3/25/2025

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 25, 2025. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=5AZNT4coilpR4GiV>.

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 and select Dover

7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, March 26, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Technical Review Committee, March 27, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion

Planning Review.

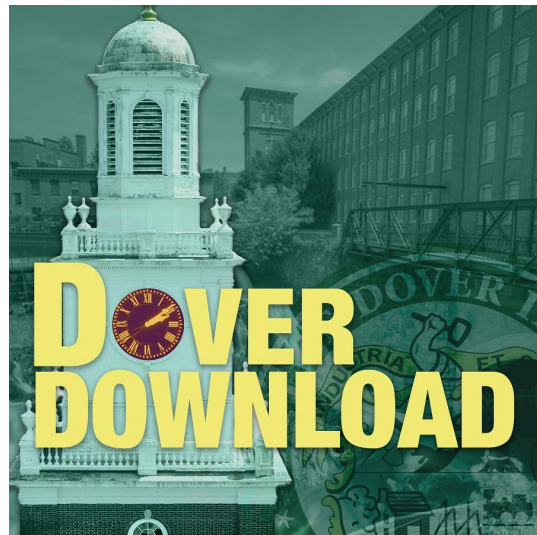
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Reflectorized Pavement Lines](#)
- [Asphalt Trench Patching Services](#)
- [Purchase of Bobcat Replacement Parts](#)
- [WWTP Biosolids Disposal Services](#)
- [Energy Performance Contracting Services](#)
- [Organic Turf Treatment and Mowing Services](#)
- [WWTF Secondary Clarifier No. 3](#)
- [Municipal Facilities Wiring](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

For more information, contact the Finance and Purchasing Office at 603-516-6030.



From homes to classrooms: How housing really affects school enrollment

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Sarah Wrightsman and Ryan Pope from New Hampshire Housing Finance about the relationship between housing development and school enrollment. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/42eFDp1>.

- Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

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

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

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

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

This week's question:

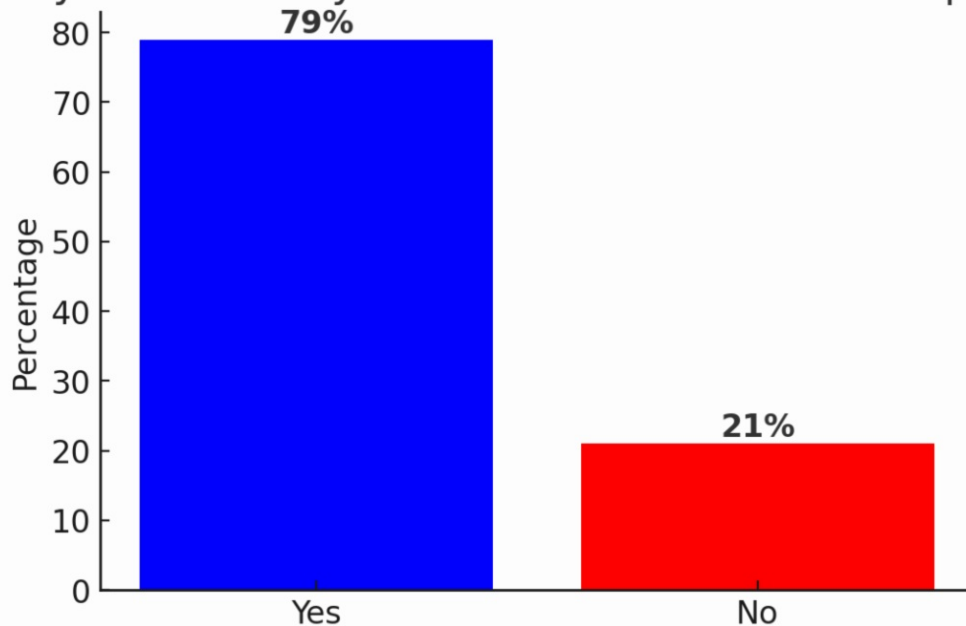
"Have you visited Hilton Park in the past year?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mkzx8r>.

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, **"Do you follow any Dover-related social media pages?"**

Do you follow any Dover-related social media pages?



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 26, 1759 — At a public town meeting held at the old meeting house on Pine Hill, the townspeople of Dover appointed Col. John Gage, Capt. Howard Henderson, and Lt. Dudley Watson to form a committee. Their task was to petition the General Assembly for permission to raise funds through a lottery to build a bridge over the Cochecho River. The bridge was seen as essential for improving travel and trade in the growing community. In the mid-18th century, town lotteries were a common method for funding public projects, as government resources were limited.

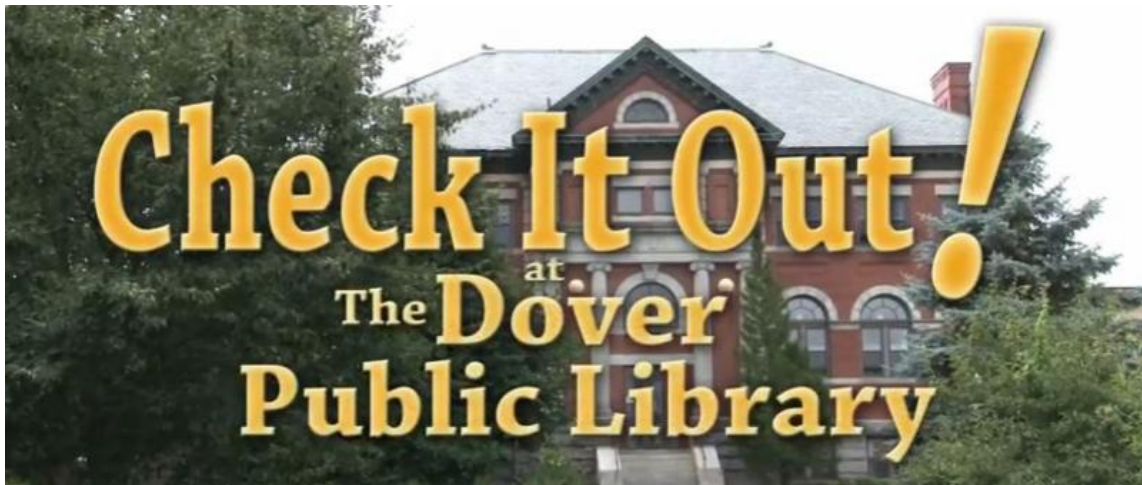
March 25, 1856 — On this day, Dover's newly established city government held its first official meeting. The event marked a significant transition from town to city. The newly elected mayor, the Hon. Andrew Peirce, took the oath of office, officially becoming Dover's first mayor. At the same time, Charles Clements, Esq., the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, formally handed over the town's official seals and records to the new city administration, symbolizing the shift from town governance to a structured municipal government. By the mid-19th century, Dover had outgrown its town governance structure, leading to a push for city status. In 1855, Dover officially became a city, adopting a mayoral and city council system to manage its expanding infrastructure, industries, and civic needs more efficiently. This transition reflected a broader trend in New England, where growing towns sought more structured governments to handle the complexities of urban life.

March 22, 1889 — Dover's second City Hall, built in 1867 for \$71,000 at the corner of Central Avenue and Washington Street, was destroyed by fire. Despite the city's new water system and a capable fire department, the blaze spread rapidly and could not be contained. The fire was first spotted near the furnace by a police officer, who sounded the alarm. Initially, firefighters believed they had extinguished it, but flames suddenly erupted

in the courtroom, spreading to the stage and dressing rooms, sealing the building's fate. City officials rushed to save important documents and furniture. Clerk of Court George E. Durgin managed to secure valuable records, while City Clerk John B. Stevens, Register of Deeds Frank Thompkins, and Register of Probate C.S. Clifford also salvaged critical materials. The fire briefly spread to the nearby Belknap Church but was extinguished by the Cocheco Manufacturing Company's hose crew. The City Hall's dome, fully engulfed, collapsed in a fiery spectacle. Remarkably, the tower clock continued running until flames consumed the structure, stopping at 3:30 a.m. The current municipal building at 288 Central Ave. is Dover's fourth City Hall.

March 25, 1968 — Dover High School teachers squared off against Marshwood High School teachers in the first faculty basketball tournament held between the schools. The Marshwood Hawks downed the Green Wave teachers by a pounding 77-63. The high scorer for Marshwood was Rod Wotton, who racked up 27 points. The high scorers for Dover were Jack Barron with 16, and 10 points each for Dale Hanson, Greg Kageleiry and Ron Montalto.

March 24, 2004 — Then Dover Mayor Scott Myers officially declared March 24 as Paul LeBlanc Day to honor the longtime WTSN radio host's 40 years of service. LeBlanc had been a morning fixture at Dover's WTSN since 1964, delivering news, weather, and sports updates to local listeners. Starting his radio career as a teenager, LeBlanc worked at various New Hampshire stations before returning to WTSN. Known as the "morning mayor," he interviewed politicians, covered major events like the Vietnam War, and followed University of New Hampshire sports. At the time of his 40th anniversary at WTSN, LeBlanc was recognized as New England's longest-serving radio host at a single station. He said his job was "an opportunity to serve the community." LeBlanc retired from WTSN in 2008. His last broadcast was on July 11, 2008.



Virtual Author Talk with bestselling author Marie Benedict

Since 2016, Heather Terrell — known professionally as Marie Benedict — has written stories about fascinating women in history whose contributions have been overshadowed by the men in their lives.

On Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m., bestselling author Marie Benedict will join Dover Public Library virtually to discuss her newest historical fiction book, "The Queens of Crime." The author talk is in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library. Registration is required to receive a link to the livestream and can be found on the Dover Public Library's [event calendar](#) at the library website.

"The Queens of Crime" follows five of the greatest women crime writers as they form a secret society with a single goal: to show they are no longer willing to be treated as second-class citizens to their male counterparts in the legendary Detection Club.

The group, led by Dorothy L. Sayers, includes Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, Margery Allingham and Baroness Emma Orczy. They plan to set themselves apart by solving the highly publicized murder of a young woman found strangled in a park in France — a woman who may have connections to the highest levels of the British establishment.

Benedict is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of historical fiction including "The Only Woman in the Room," "Carnegie's Maid" and "The Other Einstein." With Victoria Christopher Murray, she co-wrote "The Personal Librarian," a Good Morning America Book Club pick, and "The First Ladies," Target's Book of the Year. Her books have been translated into 30 languages and selected for numerous book clubs and reading lists.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050. The library has temporarily relocated to the McConnell Center for up to a year during renovations of the main building. The Children's Room is in Room 305, while Adult and Teen services are in the McConnell Center's cafeteria. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday noon-4 p.m.

This Week at the Library

Monday, March 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Preschool STEM Storytime
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join us for a new Spring session of STEM storytimes for kids aged 3-5. We will explore the science of mud and wind, and discover some of the furry spring animals who share this Earth with us.
Registration required.

Monday, March 24, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.
Big Kids Storytime
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join us for a fun storytime for kids in grades K-2. We'll read more in-depth books, and follow our stories with an accompanying craft. Children attend this event independently, without a caregiver.
Registration required.

Monday, March 24, 6 to 8 p.m.
Teen Dungeons & Dragons
McConnell Center, Room 306
Do you love the idea of exploring fantastical worlds? Do you have a love of collaborative gameplay and an active imagination? Then Dungeons and Dragons is for you! Join Dungeon Master Michael for this beginner series, where you will create your own character, play in a story campaign, and learn the basics of D&D 5th Edition. This program is for teens entering grades 6-12 only, and all supplies will be provided.

Tuesday, March 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Baby Storytime

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Get Lit! Book Club
Chapel + Main (83 Main Street, Dover)

Join the Library's adult book group to discuss *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!

Thursday, March 27, 10 to 10:45 am
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.*

Thursday, March 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Cocheco River Writers
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

Friday, March 28, 10 to 11 a.m.
Family Place Workshop
City Hall Auditorium

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable

McConnell Center, Room 306

For babies 0-24 months with caregiver. A joyful, half-hour lap sit story time with books, songs, movement, and rhyme.

**Wednesday, March 26, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime****McConnell Center, Room 306**

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

**Wednesday, March 26, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Music Club
Great Bay Services, Dover**

Join us for a lively sing-along to your favorite tunes.

**Wednesday, March 26, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids
McConnell Center, Room 306**

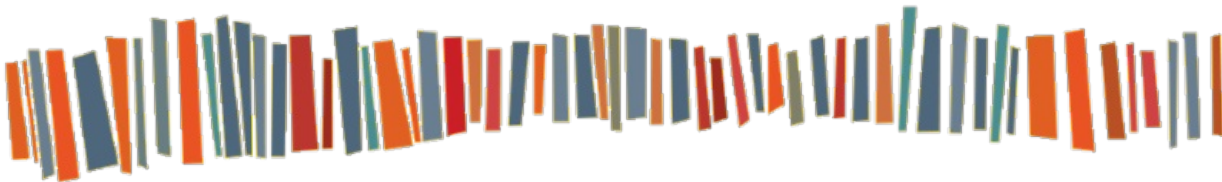
Kids of all ages are invited to bring their imagination and creativity to the Drop-In Open Art Lab. A variety of supplies will be available for you to use to create artwork of your own design.

five-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. *Register once for the entire five week series.*

**Saturday, March 29, 2 to 3 p.m.
No-sew t-Shirt Tote Bags****McConnell Center, Room 306**

Kids in Grades 3-6 are invited to a fun upcycling craft event where we'll turn old T-shirts into stylish, no-sew tote bags!

Give new life to fabric and create a unique, eco-friendly bag perfect for books, snacks, or treasures. Please bring an old T-shirt (preferably adult size) to transform into your tote. All other supplies will be provided. *Registration required.*



**Enter for a chance to GET PAID* for bringing us
YOUR OLD STUFF!**

Scan the code to tell us how many bags you anticipate bringing to our

STUFF the TRUCK FUNDrive

March 21-23 at DMS

and you will be entered into our gift card giveaway!

Drop Off Event

DMS Parking Lot
Friday, March 21, 3 - 5 pm
Saturday, March 22, 9 am - 1 pm
Sunday, March 23, 12 - 4 pm

We're Collecting

Clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags,
wallets, fashion accessories, belts,
backpacks, pillows, stuffed animals,
blankets, sheets, towels, comforters,
curtains, and any other soft goods!
Items must be bagged and in sellable condition.



Scan for details!

*payment by gift card

Earn another raffle entry when you drop off at least one bag & an additional entry for every 5 bags!



Enter to win a gift card from one of these Dover businesses

Cincos Cantina
Breakaway Cafe
Patty B's
Bubby's Bagels

The Brunch Club
Thirsty Moose
Hong Asian Noodle Bar
Garrison Hill Florist



Dover Middle School PTA hosts 'Stuff the Truck' donation drive this weekend

The Dover Middle School PTA will host its "Stuff the Truck FUNDrive" March 21-23 at the school's parking lot, collecting gently used items to support school programs.

The three-day donation event accepts a wide range of soft goods including clothing, shoes, accessories, backpacks, bedding, towels and stuffed animals. All donations must be bagged and in sellable condition.

Drop-off hours are today, Friday, March 21, from 3-5 p.m.; Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Sunday, March 23 from noon-4 p.m.

Participants can enter a raffle for gift cards to local Dover businesses, with one entry for each donation and additional entries for every five bags contributed. Local sponsors include Cinco's Cantina, The Brunch Club, Breakaway Cafe and several other Dover establishments.

Those interested can scan a QR code in the image above at the event or visit <https://stuff-the-truck-raffle.cheddarup.com/> for more details and to register for the raffle.

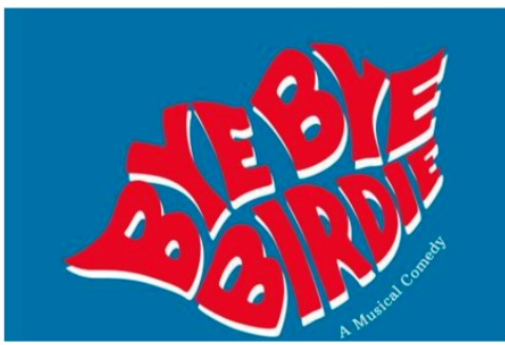


Cross Insurance to sponsor 'Fare Free Saturday' on COAST

Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation, more commonly known as COAST, is partnering with Cross Insurance to kick off its new "Fare Free Saturday" initiative. The "Fare Free Saturday" sponsorship program is designed to give local businesses a way to support the nonprofit transit operator while encouraging Seacoast residents to take advantage of the services COAST provides. Cross Insurance is the first business to join the program, and their sponsored fare-free day will take place this Saturday, March 22.

"As household costs continue to rise, often because affordable housing is harder to find, we want to remind people that COAST is a resource that everyone can use to get where they need to go," said Rad Nichols, Executive Director. "Our new 'Fare Free Saturday' program offers businesses, who understand the value that COAST brings to the people and communities we serve, to make an investment in public transportation in the region. We know that every dollar invested in COAST generates more than \$4.00 in spending in the local economy. When people can get to work, shopping, or social activities—reliably and affordably—it's a win for everyone."

Additional "Fare Free Saturdays" will be announced as sponsors are secured. Businesses interested in being part of this initiative can learn more at <https://coastbus.org/opportunities/fare-free-saturdays>.



**Presented by DHS Drama Club
at Dover High School
Auditorium
Alumni Drive, Dover NH**



Book by:
Michael Stewart

Music by:
Charles Strouse

Lyrics by:
Lee Adams

Originally Produced by:
Edward Padula

DHS Drama Club's 'Bye Bye Birdie' takes flight this weekend

The Dover High School Drama Club will present "Bye Bye Birdie" based on the book by Michael Stewart tonight, Friday, March 21, Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, March 23, at 2 p.m. in the Dover High School Auditorium.

Admission is \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at:
<https://cur8.com/23952/project/129876>

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

Tri-City chambers to host legislative reception Monday

The Greater Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth chambers of commerce will present a Tri-Chamber Legislative Reception on Monday, March 24, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m., hosted by the Brueckner Group, located at 50 Lighthouse Drive in Dover.

The event will provide an opportunity for business leaders and members of the three Chambers of Commerce to engage with elected officials representing the Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth region.

This networking event will offer local businesses a chance to connect directly with their representatives to discuss key issues affecting the region.

The event is open to members of the Greater Dover, Greater Rochester, and Somersworth Chambers of Commerce and local elected officials. Advance registration is encouraged. For more information or to RSVP, please visit www.dovernh.org/leg.

The event is underwritten by Eversource.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission seeks public input on future of region

The Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) has launched a comprehensive survey seeking input from residents and stakeholders to shape the future of the region.

The "Forward Thinking" survey aims to gather diverse perspectives on key issues including infrastructure, transportation, housing affordability, economic development and

quality of life across the region. SRPC is looking to hear from a wide range of voices throughout this process, including residents, business owners, and community leaders.

The survey covers critical topics such as land use preferences, housing affordability challenges, transportation priorities and economic development opportunities. Responses will help identify regional priorities and inform future planning decisions.

The Strafford Planning Region includes communities in Strafford County, along with Brookfield and Wakefield in Carroll County, and Northwood, Nottingham, and Newmarket in Rockingham County.

Anyone with a connection to the region is encouraged to participate, whether they live, work, vacation in the area or are considering relocating there.

The survey is available online at surveymonkey.com/r/srpcforward. Hard copies are available at City Hall in Dover.

For more information, visit straftford.org/projects/forward-thinking/.



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:

- **Secretary Community Services, Part Time**
- **Police Officer**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**

- Diesel Mechanic
- Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time
- Public Safety Systems IT Technician
- City Attorney
- Data Collection Technician
- Account Clerk Library - Part-Time
- Assistant Tax Assessor
- Water Treatment Operator
- Police Social Worker
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time
- Utility Systems IT Administrator
- Facilities, Grounds & Cemetery Secretary
- Maintenance Specialist-Meters & Backflow

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:

- DHS Ski Team
- MTSS Building Coordinator
- School Counselor
- Art Teacher
- Boys JV Baseball Coach
- Paraprofessionals
- District School Psychologist - Dover High School
- Para-Educator Class IV- Trained Diabetes Personnel
- Long Term Substitute 6th Grade Special Education Teacher/Case Manager
- Family Services Counselor
- Boys Varsity Soccer Coach
- Boys JV Soccer Coach
- Unified High School Volleyball Coach

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

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