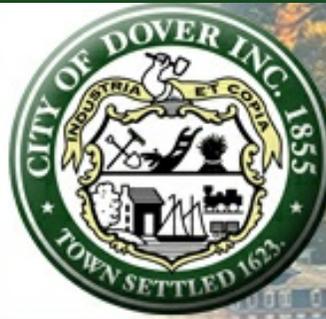


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



November 18, 2022



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**City Hall
hours:**

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

**Recycling
Center hours:**

Tuesday,

School Board receives proposed FY24 budget

Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni presented the School Department's budget at the School Board meeting this week, kicking off the FY2024 budget cycle.

Harbron and Limanni stressed the budget is still being refined, and a more detailed budget would be presented to the School Board at its first budget workshop on Monday, Nov. 28.

At the budget workshop, department heads will be on hand to discuss the new position requests included in the preliminary budget with information on the positions, why they are requested, and the data to support the need for them, Harbron told the School Board.

Limanni said the business office is in the process of completing a payroll audit. He noted the preliminary budget is currently level-funded for staff and does not include step increases; those numbers will be updated once the audit is complete and be presented to the School Board at a later workshop. The draft budget also does not include any significant contracts that are out for bid or in negotiations, according to the documents. The initial budget figure is \$78,687,787, a \$4,459,207 increase over the current fiscal year. This figure includes the requested new positions, which total \$2,330,980, according to the budget handout.

The preliminary budget does not include a tax cap calculation for the property tax levy; a preliminary tax cap figure is expected in

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

early December. The tax cap is the maximum amount the city and school portions of the property tax levy can increase in the next fiscal year budget and be adopted by a simple majority vote of the City Council. It incorporates inflation from the Consumer Price Index and a net increase in new construction. Anything above the tax cap requires a two-thirds majority of the City Council to adopt.

School Board budget workshops will continue through December and early January. It must be adopted and submitted to the City Manager by Jan. 15, per city ordinance. The City Council is required to adopt a city-wide budget by April 15.

The budget presentation and handout are included on the [FY2024 Budget Revealed](#) webpage, where all budget information will be added through the FY2024 budget season.



City seeks to rebid waterfront public improvements after receiving no bids

City of Dover staff are working on repackaging the bid for the public improvements to the city-owned waterfront development site after none of the four prequalified firms submitted a bid for the project.

Project Manager Steve Bird updated the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee (CWDAC) Tuesday on some reasons why no bids were received learned from conversations with the firms following the Oct. 26 bid closing date.

Bird said that all of the firms expressed concern about not being able to complete some of the required shoreline work by the March 15, 2023, deadline set by the permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. Other reasons include not getting the cost estimates from subcontractors and the firms being too busy with other work to begin the waterfront work by December or early January.

Bird said the city is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to transfer the existing permit to a new one, allowing work from September through March 15, 2024. Engineers are also revising the bid in response to some of the questions raised by the potential bidders.

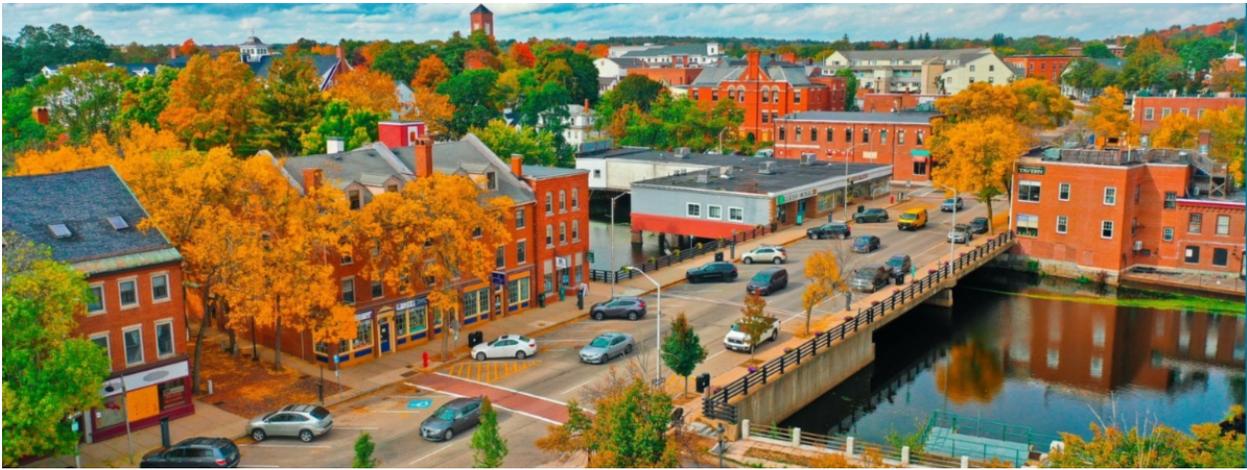
The goal is to release a revised bid by the end of the year and have the City Council award a

bid by mid to late winter to allow work to begin later this spring. Construction work on the streets, utilities and creating pad sites for the waterfront development is not affected by the March 15 deadline.

The bids were sent to NorthEast Earth Mechanics, LLC., of Pittsfield, Severino Trucking Co, Inc., of Candia, S.U.R. Construction, Inc., of Rochester, and Sargent Corporation of Stillwater, Maine, which were prequalified through a [request for qualifications](#) the city released on Feb. 24, 2022.

In other CWDAC news, the committee endorsed the findings of the CWDAC Park Subcommittee on creating a new crew building, as the current one will be removed to allow the construction of the waterfront project. After meeting for the past year with stakeholders, the subcommittee, chaired by Norm Fracassa, agreed the best of the alternatives was to create a new building within the park. The idea is that the land would be leased to Great Bay Rowing, which would be responsible for the building's permitting, design, construction and maintenance. With the endorsement, CWDAC will continue to develop the proposal.

CWDAC's meeting can be watched in full at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=xLqoJmaDckuw>



Dover's mental health challenges and response is topic of Saturday forum

Join the Dover Mental Health Alliance on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, to hear the preliminary findings of a yearlong study: Services Response to Mental Health Crisis in the City of Dover.

Like many communities, Dover has experienced a dramatic rise in demand for mental health crisis services in recent years. Facilitated by the Center for Ethics in Society at Saint Anselm College, a subcommittee of the Dover Mental Health Alliance Task Force was asked to develop a set of recommendations that reflect trends, obstacles, opportunities, and best practices to follow as they relate to ongoing City response to mental health related calls for service and needs.

In this third public program on Dover's mental health crisis services, the subcommittee will share its final recommendations with the community for feedback and comment. These recommendations are the result of nine months of work in collecting research and data, consulting local experts, and hosting public discussions about mental health crisis intervention in Dover.

The discussion will be held in the Dover High School library. Those who attend in person are invited to arrive at 8:45 a.m. for coffee and to informally review the recommendations before the event begins. The live webinar will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

Register to attend virtually or in person here: <https://www.anselm.edu/ethics-society/dover-mental-health-challenges-and-response-community-feedback>.

Upcoming Thanksgiving holiday hours for City offices and facilities

City administrative offices, including **City Hall**, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, for Thanksgiving. In addition, city administrative offices will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

The **Public Library** will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 25. The Library will also be closed on Sunday, Nov. 27, for the Holiday Parade.

The **Recycling Center** on Mast Road and all Recreation facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The **Dover Community Senior Center** is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 25.

The **Dover Arena** and **Indoor Pool** will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Both facilities will be open during regular hours on Friday, Nov. 25.

Inspection Services, located at the North End Fire Station, will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 25.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day on Thursday and Friday only.

Thanksgiving is a parking holiday, and no payment at the meters is required, except at the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is paid parking at all times, including holidays. Downtown parking is also free on Friday, part of the Plaid Friday initiative to encourage shopping local, and Saturday, in recognition of Small Business Saturday, which also encourages shopping at local, small businesses.

New land acknowledgment plaques to be installed at city facilities

Unveiling of first plaque to be held Nov. 28

On Monday, Nov. 28, the City of Dover will unveil the first of several bronze plaques bearing a land acknowledgment to the area's indigenous peoples. The ceremony will be held at the Dover Public Library, beginning at 6 p.m. The bronze plaques are made possible thanks to a generous grant by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The unveiling will be followed by a special presentation on indigenous land stewardship, with guest speakers Paul and Denise Pouliot, the Sag8mo and Sag8moskwa (Male and Female Head Speakers) of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People; and Kathleen Blake, affiliate faculty of the University of New Hampshire Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor.



The New Hampshire Humanities Council grant, which was approved by the City Council earlier this year, helped create Indigenous Dover, an initiative to help better understand and appreciate the history of the indigenous peoples who were here in what is now called Dover, thousands of years before the first European settlers.

The City Council adopted a land acknowledgment last year, which had been proposed by the Council's ad-hoc Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion (CREI). Dover's land

acknowledgment at city facilities will state: “This facility is located at Cochecho (CO-chi-co) on N’dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N’dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia.”

Visit bit.ly/nativedover for more information about the Indigenous Dover project.

Road closures and parking restrictions for Thanksgiving Day 5K race

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the annual Dover Turkey Trot 5K run/walk event, organized by and benefitting the Garrison Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association. More information is available at <https://doverturkeytrot.com/>. This event is the final race of the 2022 Dover Race Series.

The following road closures will be in effect on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24, to accommodate the race that begins at 8:30 a.m.

- From 8:20 to 8:35 a.m., Shaws Lane will be closed in both directions between Garrison Road and Tideview Drive to accommodate the start of the race;
- From 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Garrison Road will be closed in the westerly direction at Morningside Drive, with traffic diverted through the Morningside neighborhood.

Between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., motorists should expect additional delays or temporary street closures in the following locations:

- Back River Road and Garrison Road;
- Garrison Road and Shaws Lane;
- Back River Road and Spruce Lane;
- Mast Road and Spruce Lane;
- Linda Avenue, Riverdale Avenue and Morningside Drive.

Parking restrictions will be posted on Shaws Lane on the day of the event. Event parking will be available in the Shaws Lane parking lot, the upper field parking near Garrison and Back River roads, and the Morningside/Meridian/Shadow Drive neighborhoods.

Questions about traffic implications may be directed to Lt. Marn Speidel, Administrative Services Bureau Commander, at 603-742-4646.

State seeks to dismiss Dover’s redistricting lawsuit

City of Dover’s objection to motion to dismiss is latest court filing

The City of Dover filed this week an objection to the Secretary of State and the State of New Hampshire’s motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by Dover and other parties that argues the legislatures’ redistricting law violates New Hampshire Constitution’s Part II, Article 11.

The defendants argue the plaintiffs’ claims “present a nonjusticiable question and fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted,” suggesting the court “resist the plaintiffs’ invitation to impose a judicially-decreed political solution to a legislative political problem.” The plaintiffs object, arguing that the “claims in this case do not come close to ‘political questions,’” and request the court to schedule a hearing and deny the state’s motion to dismiss.

The lawsuit centers around how state legislators drew redistricting maps following the release of the 2020 Census data in 2021. House Bill 50, signed into law on March 23, 2022, groups Dover's Ward 4 residents into two districts combined with other towns. The complaint alleges that other municipalities, including Barrington, Hooksett, Lee, New Ipswich, Rochester and Wilton, had combined representation with neighboring municipalities, despite New Hampshire Constitution requirements requiring a dedicated district for political wards and towns with sufficient population.

The City of Dover filed the lawsuit against the state in July. Joining the suit was the City of Rochester and 10 voters from various municipalities, including Ward 4 Councilor Debra Hackett in her personal capacity only and not as a city councilor. The plaintiffs' complaint seeks the court to either redraw or order the state to redraw the house representation maps for the affected towns and wards in compliance with the state constitution.

The lawsuit follows the New Hampshire Supreme Court's May 17 denial of the City of Dover's petition for the court to take original jurisdiction of the city's request for the Supreme Court to review the constitutionality of the redistricting legislation directly. The city had sought the Supreme Court to address the matter directly to obtain a ruling on the merits in advance of the 2022 elections related to the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Find Strafford County Superior Court and New Hampshire Supreme Court filings on the City Attorney's Current Litigation webpage <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/executive/city-attorney/current-litigation/>



Dover Holiday Parade is Sunday, Nov. 27

Cochecho Friends, a local volunteer organization, will present the 2022 Dover Holiday Parade on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. This year's theme is "Holiday Countdown to Celebrating our Past, Present, and Future." The parade route will begin by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce on Central Avenue and continue to Cleary Cleaners, across from Pine Hill Cemetery.

The parade is presented by Dover Honda and is sponsored by DF Richard; Hopkins Enterprises; Martel Plumbing and Heating; Broadview Animal Hospital; Weibrecht and Ecker, PLLC; and Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller and Durkin.

For more information, visit <https://cochehofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade>.

Downtown Central Avenue corridor to close for parade from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the Dover Holiday Parade, which returns after a three-year hiatus. The parade begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, and will follow its traditional route along Central Avenue (NH Route 108), starting at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave., and finishing at 120 Central Ave., next to Cleary Cleaners and across from Pine Hill Cemetery.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, Central Avenue will be closed to all traffic from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. from the intersection of Chestnut and New York streets to Stark Avenue and East Watson Street. Temporary traffic detours will be in effect.

Additional street closures will be in effect from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accommodate parade staging and setup. These include:

- Sixth Street, between Horne Street and Central Avenue;
- Maple Street, between Sixth and Hough streets;
- Grove Street, between Fifth and Hough streets;
- Mt. Vernon Street, between Sixth and Milk streets.

Parking restrictions will be posted to prohibit on-street parking on Sixth Street between Horne Street and Central Avenue, beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, and in other locations where necessary along the parade route. Parking is allowed on most of the parade route, but motorists will not be permitted to move their vehicles during the Central Avenue closure.

Dover Police are coordinating with CSX Transportation railways to temporarily suspend freight trains at the downtown crossings to accommodate the event. Amtrak Downeaster passenger train service will not be interrupted. For information about traffic, contact the Traffic Bureau at 603-742-4646.

Upcoming Meetings:

Pool Advisory Committee, November 21, 5:30 p.m.

The Pool Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Dover Indoor Pool.

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

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



Dover Welfare's 2022 Toy Bank now accepting applications

If you need help providing a gift for your child or children for

the holidays, the City of Dover Welfare Department's Toy Bank is accepting applications through Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022.

Children must be 12 years old or younger and a Dover resident. Proof of residency is required by showing a current utility bill and picture ID. Please provide the child's name and date of birth only. No specific gift requests will be taken.

Apply at the City of Dover's Welfare Office, located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Suite 334, Dover.

Pick up date and time to be announced.

For more information, contact Dover Welfare at (603) 516-6500.



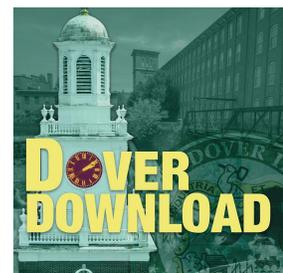
Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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.

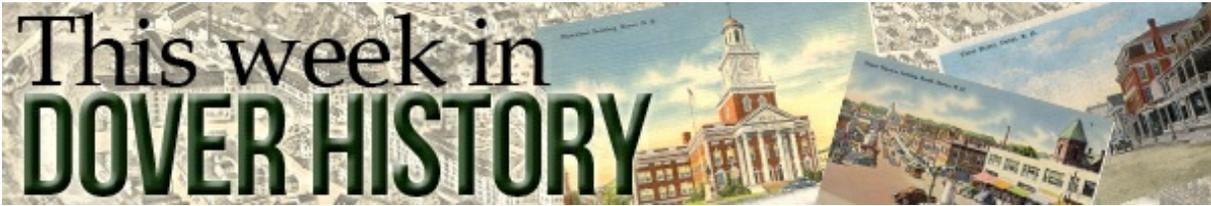
Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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,



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](#).

Nov. 20, 1832 — The bells of the town tolled and guns fired as a token of respect for the memory of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last signer of the Declaration of Independence, who died Nov. 15.

Nov. 20, 1841 — The town voted to distribute surplus revenue, except for what had been appropriated to the payment of poll taxes, in equal proportions among the legal voters of the town and the widows of citizens.

Nov. 19, 1856 — Two young men, George S. Clark, aged 26, and John Foss, aged 23, were killed by the premature discharge of a cannon which they were firing on Garrison Hill to celebrate the election of President James Buchanan. For more about this story, tune in to next week's episode of the Dover Download podcast, [found here](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

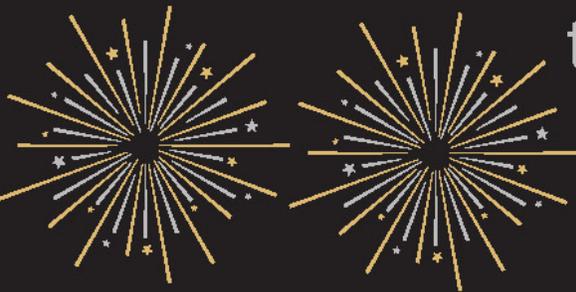
Nov. 20, 1920 — The Hotel Leighton on Third Street advertises a Thanksgiving dinner for \$1, beginning at noon on Thanksgiving. Among the dishes served are Consomme Britaniere Royal, Roast Stuffed Vermont Turkey, Roast Stuffed Chicken with Giblet Gravy, Fried Fillet of Sole, Green Apple Fritters, and a wide variety of soups and sides.

Nov. 20, 1930 — The keys to the new National Guard Armory in Dover were turned over to Battery B. It was formally opened to the public on Nov. 25.

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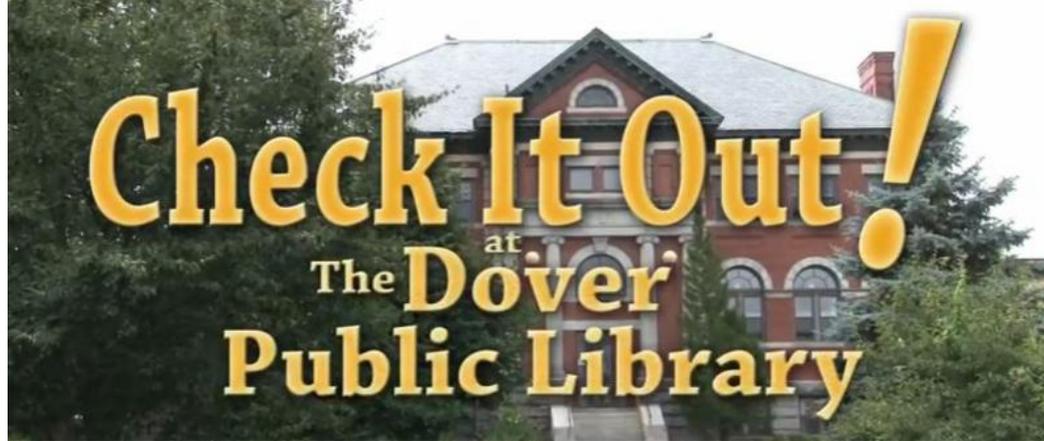
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Denise and Paul Pouliot, pictured, will discuss Dover's indigenous peoples during a presentation at the Dover Public Library on Nov. 28.

Celebrate N'Dakinna and the life of indigenous people on the Cochecho

Join the Dover Public Library on Monday, Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m. for a lecture on indigenous land stewardship. This event is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.



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Connecting people with ideas

Around 12,000 years ago, indigenous tribes began to make their home along the Cochecho River. Collectively these tribes were known as the Abenaki or "People of the Dawnland."

Throughout the month of November, the City of Dover is recognizing and celebrating the indigenous peoples and tribes of what is now Dover.

The Nov. 28 presentation will be held in person, with the option to view it virtually. Speakers include Paul Pouliot, Denise Pouliot and Kathleen Blake, affiliate faculty of the University of New Hampshire Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor, as well as members of the

The lecture will feature a short history of indigenous foodways, and the traditional use of waterways and land along the Cochecho. The presentation will also focus on contemporary efforts being made by indigenous groups to care for the ancestral homelands and how attendees can support these programs.

Attendees are invited to meet before the lecture at 6 p.m. for a special ceremony as the library unveils a new land acknowledgment plaque, a citywide initiative funded by a generous grant through New Hampshire Humanities in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Paul and Denise Pouliot are the Sag8mo and Sag8moskwa (Male and Female Head Speakers) of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People. Paul is an indigenous historian, lecturer, and a founding member of the New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs where Denise currently serves as Vice Chair. In her spare time, Denise creates coil, bark or woven baskets and produces traditional ceremonial clothing. Together they serve as Federal Religious Advisors and are recipients of the UNH Platinum Sustainability Award for community building. They were also named as one of The Nature Conservancy's 60 individuals and organizations that have positively impacted the natural world in honor of TNC's 60 years of conservation in New Hampshire.

Kathleen Blake is a retired teacher of biology, ecology and earth science. She spent several years as a science curriculum and assessment specialist. She is of mixed heritage whose indigenous descendancy is from the Wendat (Huron), Algonquin, Anishinabe, and Mi'kmaq peoples. Blake served as chair for the New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs for several years. She is currently serving as a board member of the Racial Unity Team, a member of the Dover Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee, and the Dover School Department Vision Keepers. She is dedicated to supporting and serving the first peoples of this land.

The program is free and open to the public. Sign up is needed to get a link to view the program virtually. For more information or to register, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

The Week at the Library

November VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook* by America's Test Kitchen. Throughout the month of November, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Your creations will be shared on the library social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov or tag the library on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, November 21, 10 to 10:45 a.m. STEM Pre-School Storytime

Preschool programs are designed for children (aged 3-5) to learn independence from their caregivers. Children attend this storytime without an adult. Each week, the focus will be on a different theme, using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to enhance the books, songs and activities of the storytime.
Registration required.

book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register if you would like to attend remotely.

Tuesday, November 22, 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, November 22, 4 to 5 p.m. Fall Harvest Sensory Play Day

Join UNH students in a Fall Harvest Sensory Play Day! With tactile guessing games, sensory bins filled with fall items/shaving cream/rice, and scented play doh, this event is perfect for children 3-5 but all are welcome!

Tuesday, November 22, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with

**Monday, November 21, 11 to 11:45 a.m.
STEM Pre-School Storytime**

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Registration required.

**Monday, November 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
Monday Afternoon Book Group**

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. Please register if you would like to attend remotely.

**Monday, November 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group**

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. Copies of the

Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of 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.

**Wednesday, Nov. 23, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime**

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m.
through Friday, Nov. 25
Library closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Saturday, November 26, 2 to 4 p.m.
Drop-In Game Afternoon**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to drop in and play some games on the Switch, or play some board and card games.



SEED gets grant from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

The Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover (“SEED”), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover public schools, announced this week it has been awarded a New Hampshire Charitable Foundation grant. The grant, valued at \$3,409, will help underwrite future grant cycles and provide teacher-classroom support.

A registered non-profit, SEED has provided financial support to Dover public schools for 10+ years. Twice annually, SEED invites educators to present learning proposals outlining the 21st-century learning projects they would like to initiate. The SEED Board of Directors reviews applications and selects projects to fund through grant awards.

SEED supports three focus areas: instructional projects, innovation (tools, techniques, technology), and educator development. SEED measures each proposal based on the number of students served, the alignment to SEED's mission and goals as well as district and state standards, overall project sustainability, and measurable outcomes.

To date, more than \$275,000 has been donated to educators to purchase tools, technology, and curriculum to promote academic excellence. To learn more about SEED, please visit <http://www.DoverSEED.org>.



Dover's Festival of Trees returns December 2

The 13th annual Dover Festival of Trees will take place on Friday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rivermill at Dover Landing. The event is free and open to the public.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, the host of the event, is pleased to announce that Kennebunk Savings will once again serve as the underwriting sponsor.

"We're proud to be a part of this celebration in Dover and continue our support for an event that brings the community together for the holidays," says Kennebunk Savings President and Chief Executive Officer Bradford C. Paige.

Dover's premier holiday festival will feature more than 35 elaborate trees sponsored and decorated by local businesses, all available to be taken home through silent and live auction or raffle drawing. The event also includes live choir performances (sponsored by Palmer Gas & Oil), refreshments, free goodie bags for kids (sponsored by Mr. Electric of Southeast NH), a scavenger hunt for kids (sponsored by Breezeline), and even a visit from Santa (sponsored by Hammond Lumber Company). The main attraction will be the raffle tree, which will be fully decorated with hundreds of dollars in gift cards to local restaurants and retailers. Tickets for the raffle tree will be \$5 each, or five for \$20.

Trees are still available for sponsorship by local businesses and organizations. Sponsorship is \$65 for Chamber members and \$90 for non-members. Sponsorship includes the tree and tree stand. The sponsor is responsible for providing all decorations and promotional items for the tree. Wreaths are also available for sponsorship (\$15 for members, \$20 for non-members). Organizations interested in sponsorship should reach out to Community Events Manager Hope Anderson at hope@dovernh.org or call (603) 742-2218.

The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser that benefits the Dover Chamber's City Lights Committee, a volunteer group of residents and Chamber members dedicated to illuminating downtown Dover during the holiday season and hanging American flags on Central Avenue during the summer months.

For more information on the Festival of Trees, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org/FOT.

Dover's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is Dec. 2

The 37th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will be held on Friday, Dec. 2,

2022 at 6 p.m.

Nancy Gurick will lead attendees in singing popular Christmas songs around the tree.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held each holiday season, and to bring a weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree.

Please dress warm and join in for some caroling around the tree.

Event organizers are also holding a food drive for local food pantries during this year's event. Nonperishable food items will be collected at Henry Law Park, during the tree lighting festivities.

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

American Red Cross lifeguard training and recertification course

The Dover Indoor Pool will host the American Red Cross lifeguard training program the first two weekends of December at half the regular price of the training. Participants seeking to become lifeguards must attend all training sessions and be at least 15 years old on the last day of the class. The training will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 and 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Recertification will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11.

The American Red Cross lifeguarding training program teaches participants the knowledge and skills to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. The course includes the latest science in first aid, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, emergency cardiac care, and lifeguarding rescue skills and safety protocols.

Those seeking to take the course must meet the following prerequisites.

- Swim 300 yards continuously;
- Tread water for two minutes;
- The participant must be able to do the following within 1 minute and 40 seconds, starting from the water: swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7 to 10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the 10-pound object and exit water without using a ladder;
- No refunds will be given for failing to meet prerequisite requirements.

The holiday season discounted price of the complete course is \$150 (regularly \$300). To be recertified, the price is \$60. [Visit the Dover Indoor Pool website](#) for more information or contact Erika Friedman at 603-516-6427. Register online at <https://getactive.dover.nh.gov>. The registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 28.



Fall leaf collection ongoing

The City of Dover 2022 fall leaf collection is underway. Upcoming dates are as follows:

- Nov. 21-26
- Nov. 28-Dec. 2

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling. Leaves must be

placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste are also accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition to these regular hours, the Recycling Center will also be open on Sundays through Dec. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Maintenance Mechanic - Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic / Automotive Technician**
- **Account Clerk II**
- **Account Clerk II - Assessing**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **City Planner**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Utility Systems IT Administrator**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Administrator**
- **Business Development Coordinator**

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

