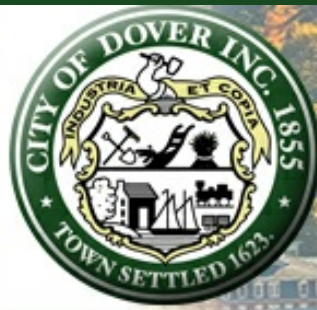


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



November 21, 2025



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A rendering of the new Dover High School Athletic Complex. A groundbreaking for the project is scheduled for Dec. 3.

DHS athletic complex enters construction phase

Groundbreaking ceremony set for Dec. 3

The Dover High athletics complex project will enter the construction phase in the coming weeks, beginning with a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 3, announced members of the Joint Building Committee for the

3:30 p.m.

Sunday (through
Dec. 7):
8:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m.

Dover High School Athletic Complex.

“We’re not waiting for spring,” said Michelle Clancy, the School Board’s representative on the JBC. “We’re kicking off and getting the action started now.”

The JBC [met Nov. 5](#) to review bid proposals, finalize contracts, and authorize the expenditure of \$15,941,460, the guaranteed maximum price provided by the JBC’s project construction manager, Eckman Construction, Inc.

“Bids came in better than we expected, which allows us to do a little more for a little less and still come in under budget,” said Fergus Cullen, JBC chair and city councilor.

In June, the City Council authorized up to \$18 million for the project, which includes about \$2 million allocated for design and contingency costs.

The final scope of work authorized by the JBC includes two synthetic turf playing fields: one at Dunaway Field and the other at the reimagined baseball field. Dunaway Field’s location will shift slightly, and the baseball field will be rotated and expanded to create a second multisport field in the outfield.

“This second field replaces the field we lost with the construction of the new high school and adds hundreds of uses per year to the facility, said Linnea Nemeth, the JBC’s City Council representative. “Dover will no longer be a field-poor community.”

The project includes replacing the rubberized track, grandstands, and lights around Dunaway Field. There will be a new concessions and bathrooms building, an athletics equipment storage barn, and a 25-space parking lot accessed from Bellamy Road, which includes accessible parking spaces and a pick-up/drop-off area, neither of which existed previously.

Five site sub-contractors participated in the bidding process conducted by Eckman Construction, with four firms submitting bids ranging from \$10,047,460 to \$11,140,000 for site work. Eckman Construction selected the low bidder, David W. White Sports Construction of Bow, which also built the field at Dover’s St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 2020. They have also constructed fields around the state, including Phillips Exeter Academy, Manchester Memorial High School, Trinity High School, Dartmouth College, and Southern New Hampshire University, among many other schools and municipalities, according to the JBC.

JBC members attribute the successful bidding process to having a desirable project from a contractor’s perspective and soliciting bids at the right time. A second significant area of savings came from the JBC’s decision to opt for a more basic pre-manufactured building for the new facilities building that will replace the current dilapidated structure. This saved more than \$500,000 from the original design.

One decision that has not been finalized is whether to include lighting for the baseball/multisport field. The committee is considering three options: include lights, don’t include lights, or install deep base foundations and electric conduit now,

allowing towers to be added at a later date.

“Retrofitting towers at the field isn’t feasible from a construction or cost perspective,” said JBC member Ronan O’Doherty. “It’s now or never.”

Dover’s synthetic baseball field will be New Hampshire’s third, according to the JBC. The others are at Dartmouth College and Gill Stadium in Manchester. The creative configuration allows two 60-foot youth softball or baseball games to be played simultaneously when the 90-foot baseball field and multisport field are not in use.

“The Dover baseball community would rather have a synthetic field they know will always be playable than a grass field that is unplayable much of the spring,” said Craig Flynn, School Board representative on the JBC.

The JBC and school officials have scheduled a formal ground-breaking ceremony for 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Fencing around the project site is expected to go up in advance. Demolition of everything above grade — grandstands, the concessions buildings, and fencing — will happen soon after. The project has received its alteration of terrain permit from the state, allowing the removal of the track and excavation to begin.

“Our goal remains having a field ready for play in the fall of 2026,” said JBC member Ernie Clark. “We can’t promise that, but getting underway before winter sets in gives us our best chance.”

School Board budget review continues Monday

Superintendent presented budget overview this week

The School Board will continue its fiscal year 2027 budget review at a Monday, Nov. 24 workshop.

The workshop will include an overview of the school district’s budget book and walking School Board members and the public through the budget materials.

The School Board [received a high-level overview](#) of the budget at a Nov. 17 special meeting, where Superintendent Christine Boston and Chief Financial Officer Michael Limanni reviewed the school district’s budget process and the drivers behind the estimated revenue and expenditures of the budget. This review also included estimated school enrollment numbers and the new position requests for the 2026/2027 school year.

The budget workshops, continuing on Mondays in November, December and early January, will drill down in detail. The School Board plans to adopt its budget on Monday, Jan. 12, with a backup date of Tuesday, Jan. 13. By ordinance, the School Board must adopt its budget annually by Jan. 15, so it can be included in the citywide budget that the City Manager must present to the City Council by Feb. 15.

The School Board’s budget meetings and workshops are posted to the [FY2027 Budget Revealed webpage](#) along with associated documents.

The [Nov. 25 workshop](#) will be televised on DoverTV and [online](#), where it will be available on demand.

Upcoming holiday hours for City offices and facilities

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, 2025, for Thanksgiving. In addition, city administrative offices will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

The Public Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 28, and will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

The Recycling Center on Mast Road will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

All Recreation facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. The Indoor Pool will also be closed on Friday, Nov. 28. The Fitness Center and Butterfield Gym at the McConnell Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28. The Ice Arena will be open during regular hours on Friday, Nov. 28.

The Dover Community Senior Center is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 28.

Inspection Services, located on Mast Road, will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 28.

Holiday affects curbside trash and recycling pickup

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

Public parking holidays

Thanksgiving Day is a parking holiday; no payment is required at meters, except for the Orchard Street Parking Garage and Dover Transportation Lot, which are metered parking at all times.

Downtown parking is also free on Friday, Nov. 28, part of the Plaid Friday initiative, except for the Orchard Street Parking Garage and Dover Transportation Lot.



Volunteers needed for the Dover Holiday Parade

The Dover Holiday Parade Committee is calling on community members to lend a hand for this year's parade on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025. Volunteers are especially needed between 1 and 3 p.m. to assist with a variety of tasks, including parade lineup coordination, float staging, float judging, crowd management and general event support. Most volunteers will be finished in time to enjoy the parade with family and friends.

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025, to answer any questions.

"Every volunteer makes a difference," said Michelle Routhouska of the Cochecho Friends. "Whether you can spare a few hours or help for the entire parade, your contribution ensures that Dover's holiday celebration is memorable for all who attend. This parade thrives because of the generosity and spirit of our volunteers."

The Dover Holiday Parade is organized by the Cochecho Friends, a volunteer committee that includes Nicole Andrews, Robert Carrier, Angela Carter, Aaron Cronkrite, Lori Nollet, Michelle Routhouska, Mayor-elect Dennis Shanahan, and Samantha Tukey. To volunteer, donate or participate in the parade, email cochechofriends@gmail.com

Phishing scam targets SNAP users

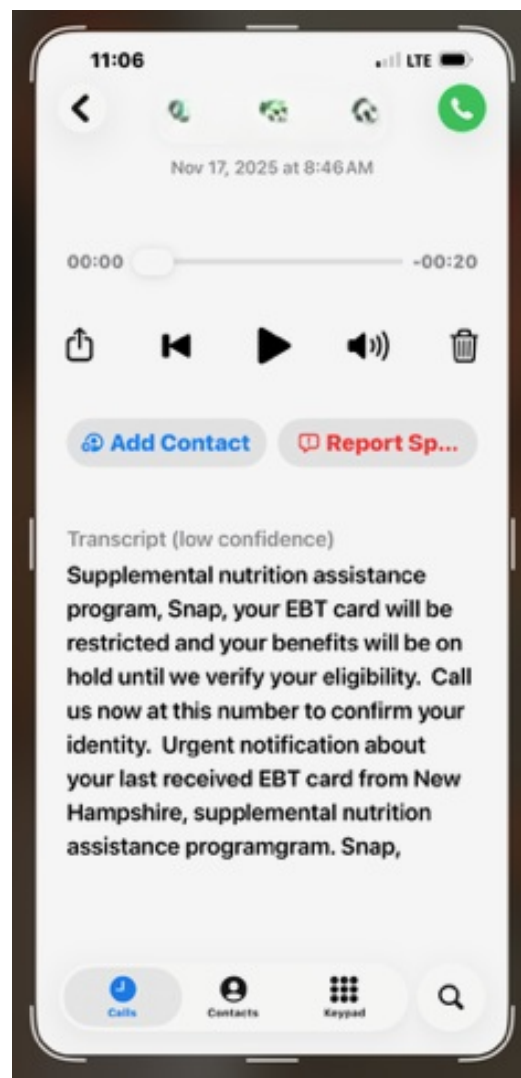
Attorney General John M. Formella and New Hampshire Health and Human Services Commissioner Lori A. Weaver are warning Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants about a new phishing scam involving fraudulent phone calls, text messages, and emails seeking personal information.

"We would urge anyone receiving this type of suspicious communication to hang up, not respond, and to report it," said Attorney General Formella.

The New Hampshire Department of Justice Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau has received initial reports, forwarded by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), of callers impersonating DHHS officials and claiming that a recipient's EBT card will be "restricted" and SNAP benefits held back unless the consumer verifies their Social Security number, date of birth, or other sensitive information.

"Scammers often try to create a false sense of urgency," said Commissioner Weaver. "We urge SNAP recipients to be cautious, protect their personal information, and contact DHHS if they receive a suspicious call."

These calls, texts, or emails do not come from DHHS, the EBT vendor, or any official government agency. DHHS does not "restrict" or "hold" SNAP benefits. Consumers who receive a call like this should hang up



immediately and call 1-844-ASK-DHHS to make a report.

How the Scam Works:

- The caller uses spoofed phone numbers, including toll-free numbers, to appear legitimate.
- The message falsely claims there is an issue with the consumer's EBT card or SNAP benefits.
- The scammer then pressures the recipient to "confirm" their identity or risk losing benefits.

What Consumers Should Do:

- Do not respond to unsolicited requests for Social Security numbers, dates of birth, PINs, or EBT card numbers.
- Report suspicious calls to the DHHS Customer Service Center at 1-844-ASK-DHHS (1-844-275-3447).
- Monitor your EBT card for unauthorized transactions and report them immediately if discovered.
- File a complaint with the NH Department of Justice, Consumer Protection Bureau, by calling 1-888-468-4454 or [visiting their website](#).



Woodman Museum to hold Free Museum Day with food drive donation

The Woodman Museum is offering free admission on Saturday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to anyone who brings a donation of non-perishable food items or personal care products to help support the Dover Food Pantry and SnapBack Seacoast.

Free admission will also be offered to all visitors who have lost their EBT or SNAP benefits during the federal shutdown, as well as those who were furloughed.

In addition to museum access, local community services will host touch-a-truck on the museum grounds, and a local "Book Bug" will offer free children's books on Saturday.

Come support the local community at the historic heart of Dover. For more information, visit the Woodman Museum [website](#).

Road closures and parking restrictions for Thanksgiving Day 5K race

Dover Police Chief David A. Terlemezian 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 2025 Dover Race Series.

The following road closures will be in effect on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, to accommodate the race.

- Shaws Lane will be closed in both directions between Garrison Road and Tideview Drive beginning at 8:30 a.m., and lasting about 15 minutes, 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 may be directed to the Police Department at 603-742-4646.



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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Nov. 22, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the City of Dover's Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries building, 145 Court 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.

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, visit <https://bit.ly/3JZlbCs>

Dover Police Department now accepting names for annual Christmas Basket Program

Chief David A. Terlemezian announced this week that the Dover Police Department is now accepting names, addresses, and phone numbers of needy families residing in Dover for the annual Christmas Basket Program. The Dover Police Department conducts this program each December to provide a Christmas dinner to families in Dover.

Last year, 150 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community. In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place.

Those wishing to donate to this program may bring non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations to the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut St. (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities). If you cannot deliver your food donations to the police station, call 603-742-4646 and pick up will be arranged.

Employees of the Dover Police Department, and their families, will prepare and deliver the baskets on Dec. 20, 2025.

For more information, contact the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or a.mitrushi@doover.nh.gov.

Upcoming Meetings:

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

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

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

School Board, Nov. 24, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m.

Downtown leaf cleanup begins early Tuesday morning

City crews will begin downtown leaf cleanup at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Crews will be working on Central Avenue between the railroad tracks and Washington Street, including cleaning leaves from the Orchard Street lot. There will also be clean-up work on Washington Street, from Chestnut Street to Green Street. No parking will be posted on Green and Fayette streets for the cleanup.

Workers will be utilizing leaf blowers and trucks. The early start time is due to increased cleanup efficiency, with less traffic and parked cars for crews to work around.

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

Sunday hours at the Recycling Center

at 62 Whittier St., Dover.

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

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

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
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Conservation Commission
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- 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 Vanslyvong-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

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road is open additional hours on Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., through Sunday, Dec. 7.

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, call 603-516-6450.

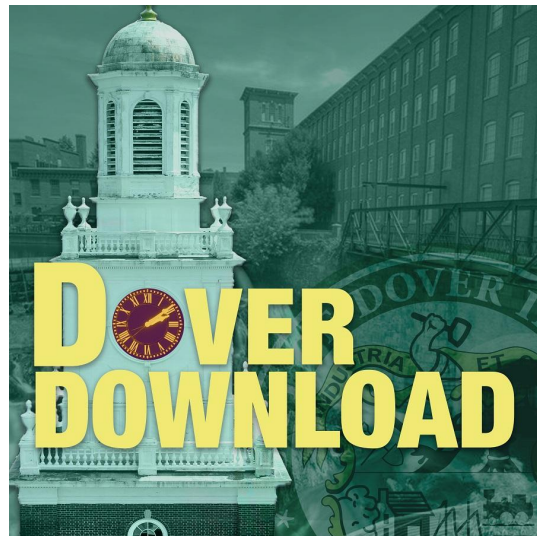
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [6 Ford Pickup Trucks](#)
- [Central Avenue Urban Core Water Improvements Phase I](#)
- [Dispatch Alarm Modernization](#)

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.



Nebi Park Takes Shape: A Waterfront Transformation Update

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Jamie Stevens, project manager for Dover's waterfront development, about the significant progress made on the project over recent months. Listen wherever

applications.

you get your podcasts or at
<https://bit.ly/47ZTiCd>.



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 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:

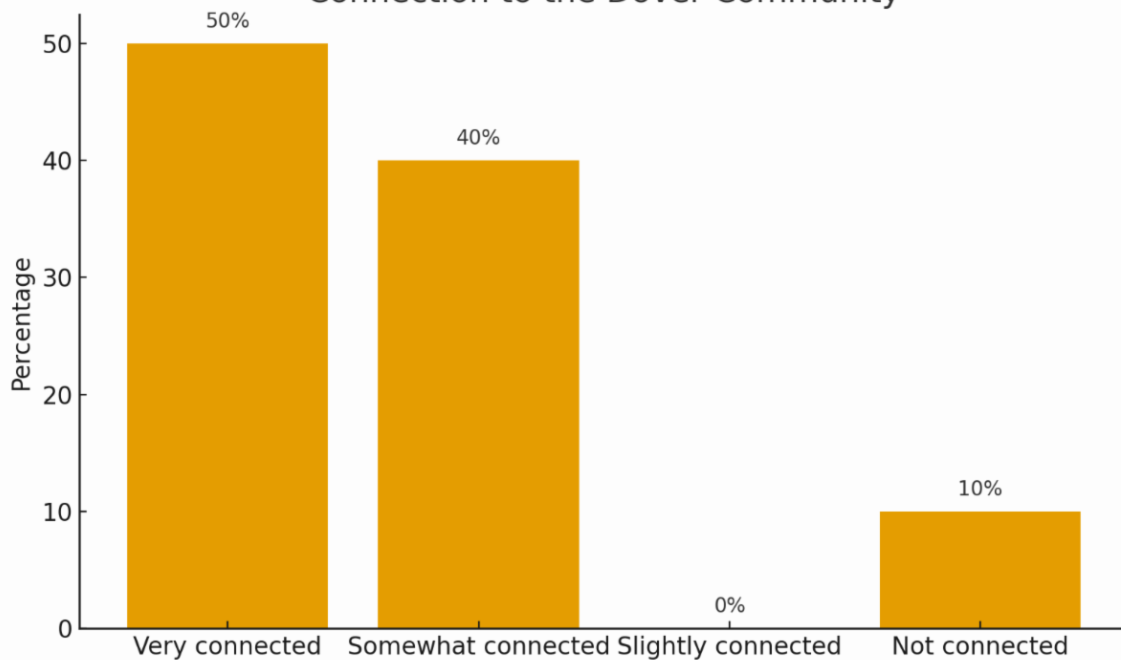
"Have you ever participated in an activity at the Butterfield Gym at the McConnell Center?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mbrbk2>

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, **"What best describes how connected you feel to the Dover community?"**

Connection to the Dover Community



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](#).

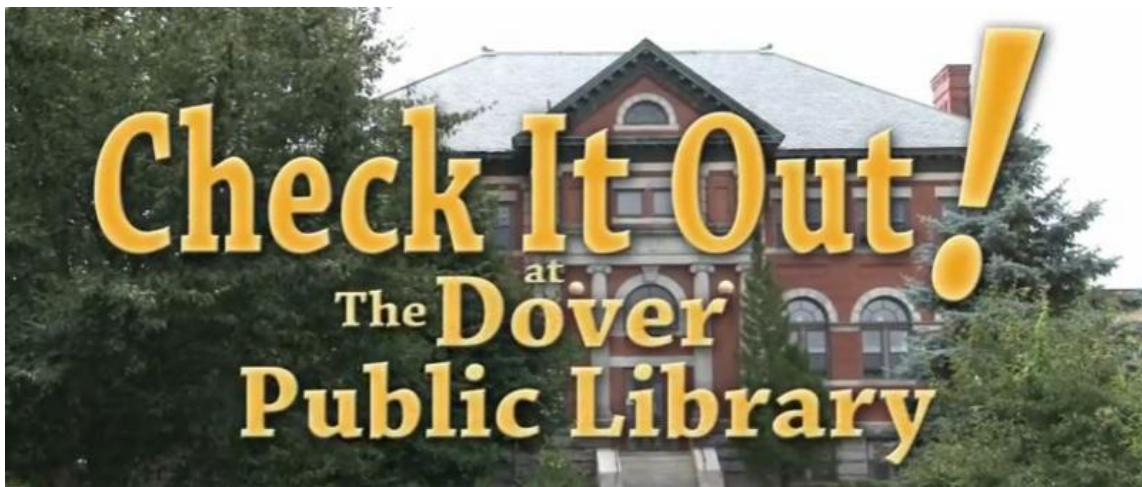
Nov. 26, 1855 — Dover held elections for ward officers under its new city charter, marking the community's first steps into formal city government after more than two centuries as a town. In June that year, the New Hampshire Legislature granted Dover a city charter, which the voters formally accepted at a town meeting on Sept. 1, 1855. This changed Dover's status from town to city, replacing the old town-meeting-and-selectmen model with a mayor-council form of government. Under the new charter, legislative power was vested in a two-chamber city council consisting of a Board of Aldermen and a Common Council; the first election under the charter provided for six aldermen and 18 Common Council members, elected from the city's wards. The ward-officer elections held on Nov. 26, 1855, were part of putting this new city structure into operation, as Dover transitioned from a colonial-era town government founded in 1623 to a modern industrial city government.

Nov. 25, 1939 — The Dover High School Football team trampled Portland High School in a game held on a bitterly cold day. The Green Wave would end up with a shutout, beating Portland's team 14-0. Under the headline "Dover Air Raids are Fatal to Portland," the Portland Press Herald would write of the game, "Football of the Granite State brand proved too much for the Pine Tree type here this afternoon as a sterling Green Wave eleven from Dover High turned back Portland High 14-0. Both clubs went scoreless in the first half, Dover tallying its scores in the third and fourth periods, both via Portland's one weak defensive link in the entire ball game." The newspaper would go on to report that the frigid weather kept the crowd to "a meager 1,500."

Nov. 25, 1943 — A 16-year-old boy, Michael Bennett of Pierce Street, was accidentally shot by US Marines, who had mistaken him for a Marine who had escaped from the Portsmouth Naval Prison. The boy was treated at the hospital and sent home to recover. US Marines had led a massive manhunt that focused on Dover, with a group of more than

250 Marines, state and local police, and the Coast Guard. They were looking for four Marines who had escaped the prison. During the search, Dover was surrounded by armed guards and Army sentry dogs. The escaped Marines were eventually tracked down and returned to the prison, but not before being fired at several times at various locations.

Nov. 29, 1998 — Thousands of spectators visited downtown Dover for the annual holiday parade, which was led by Grand Marshal Thom Hindle, Dover's Citizen of the Year that year. Then Gov. Jeanne Shaheen also marched in the parade along with several local officials, including then Mayor Wil Boc. Businesses, civic groups, and schools showcased floats with variations of that year's theme, "Celebrating the Spirit of the Holidays." The Holiday Parade returns this year on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 3 p.m. Visit <https://cochechofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade> for more information.



Fatherhood from an Iron Lung and lessons learned from a son

In 1955, Bruce Dodd contracted polio and the lives of his wife and four young children were forever changed.

On Monday, Nov. 24, join Dover Public Library as local author Douglas Dodd recounts the remarkable story of his father, who spent 21 years in an iron lung, but refused to let it limit or define him. The program takes place at 6:30 p.m. in Room 306 of the McConnell Center.

Bruce Dodd defied limitations and was a devoted father, mentor, and unwavering source of inspiration. In Douglas's book "Our Father, Who Art In An Iron Lung", he chronicles his father's journey, sacrifices, the resilience of his family, and the profound impact his father had on those around him. The deeply moving account explores not only Bruce's life but also the challenges and triumphs of the entire family as they navigated disability, hardship, and their own personal trials. From childhood memories to life-altering struggles as an adult – including Douglas's own experiences raising a child with Down Syndrome and almost becoming paralyzed himself – this story is a testament to the enduring power of love, family, determination, and a reminder that, even in the face of overwhelming obstacles, a meaningful and influential life is possible.

Douglas Dodd is a retired home builder living with his wife in a converted warehouse in Dover, New Hampshire. Although retired, his children will always find reasons for him to bring his tools over to their houses to fix or build something. When he's not working on family properties or his own home, Douglass still continues to hike in the White Mountains and will always find time to see his three daughters and three grandsons.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's [website](#) or call (603) 516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Toy Swap - Drop Off

McConnell Center, Room 306

Be a part of the annual toy swap. Drop off gently used toys you would like to donate.

Please, no baby equipment, clothes, books, or stuffed animals. Toys should be in good condition. Shop on Sunday, November 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Toy Swap - Shop

McConnell Center, Room 306

Shop gently used donated toys at this annual toy swap. No need to donate to shop!

Monday, Nov. 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

STEM Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

Children aged 3-5 are invited to participate in a science storytime this Fall.

Each week, children will discover a Fall theme, utilizing stories, songs, and games, and highlighting a STEM activity. *Registration required.*

Monday, Nov. 24, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Our Father, Who Art in an Iron Lung

McConnell Center, Room 306

Local author Douglas Dodd recounts the remarkable story of his father who spent 21 years in an iron lung, but refused to let it limit or define him.

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 4 to 5 p.m.

Inked In: Graphic Novel Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids in Grades 3-5 are invited to discuss a different popular graphic novel each month. We'll discuss the book, draw some art of our own, enjoy some snacks, and decide what to read next month. For the month of November we'll be reading *The Five Words: The Sand Warrior* by Mark Siegel. Copies of the book will be available at the Children's Circulation Desk. *Registration required.*

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 6 to 7 p.m.

Learn to Use Libby: Drop In Session

McConnell Center, Room 306

Discover Free Audiobooks & Ebooks with Libby! This easy-to-use app lets you borrow thousands of audiobooks and ebooks straight to your phone, tablet, or laptop — all with your Dover resident library card. Drop by our casual help session with Nick and Rachel, who'll walk you through getting Libby set up on your device. No registration, no stress — just bring your device, your library card and we'll handle the rest.

Wednesday, Nov. 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.

Thursday, Nov. 27 to Friday, Nov. 28

Library closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, Nov. 30

Library closed for Holiday Parade



Report crimes anonymously to Dover CrimeLine

Dover CrimeLine is a community partnership between residents and the Dover Police Department that allows people to anonymously share information about criminal activity.

Anyone with information about a crime can call Dover CrimeLine at 603-749-6000 or submit an E-Tip through www.dovernhcrimeline.org. Tipsters remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest or

indictment.

Dover CrimeLine was established in 1991 to enhance public safety and reduce crime in the city. Since then, thousands of tips have contributed to arrests and investigations, with more than \$34,000 in rewards authorized.

Tipsters are reminded that Dover CrimeLine is not an emergency service. If a crime is in progress or has just occurred, call 911 or the Dover Police Department's nonemergency line at 603-742-4646.

For more information or to learn how to volunteer with the CrimeLine board, visit www.dovernhcrimeline.org.



**REPORT A CRIME
ANONYMOUSLY.**



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**SUBMIT AN E-TIP AT
DOVERCRIMELINE.ORG**

Dover Rotary partners with Seacoast Sweet Stitches to make hundreds of mittens

The Rotary Club of Dover has expanded its annual Gifts of Warmth project this year by partnering with Seacoast Sweet Stitches to make hundreds of fleece mittens for unhoused neighbors this winter. Anyone willing to donate a few hours is invited to attend the Mitten Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the first-floor conference room at

According to Rotarian Jim Munro, Dover Rotary has already collaborated with Abby Lamothe, founder of Sweet Stitches, on two mitten workshops this year and chose to open the December event to anyone interested in helping. Lamothe volunteers her time and creative energy to make mitten-making easy.

“This is a fun project, and Abby generously gives her time and talent to bring some warmth to our needy neighbors this winter,” Munro said. “We appreciate her help and the opportunity to assist in any way we can to make a difference.”

All supplies will be provided, including fleece, a die-cutting system and sewing machines for those with sewing experience. All other tasks are easy to learn and do not require prior experience. Registration is not required.

In addition to the mitten project, Dover Rotary members hold an annual shopping day each December to purchase more than \$3,000 in hats, gloves, coats, toiletries, tarps and other necessities for the unsheltered. These items are distributed by Strafford County Community Action.

Dover Main Street begins Holiday Food Drive to support local pantry

Dover Main Street has launched its annual Holiday Food Drive, encouraging residents to help ensure a festive season for neighbors in need.

The drive runs from through Dec. 19, with all donations delivered to the Dover Food Pantry. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off at more than two dozen participating downtown businesses.

This year's collection sites include:

Aplomb Art Café; Birch Theory; Christopher's Third St. Grille; Cinco's Cantina – Dover; Dover Pottery; East Cozy Trading; Garrison City Beerworks; Hello Again; Hong Asian Noodle Bar; Janetos; Jewelry Creations; Kendall Pond Pizzeria; Market Square Jewelers; My Country Store; Ohana Kitchen; OTTO Pizza; Pin Up Hair Salon; Potter's Green & Gift; Positive Directions; Replenish Refinery; Riverbend Pizza; Ross Furniture; Pete's Bargain Basement; Suite Studio; The Art Center; The Brunch Club; The June Cork Pub; The Shop by Wheat; Thirsty Moose; Two Bees Café; Upright Acupuncture; and Wing-Itz.

A continually updated list of participating merchants is available at dovermainstreet.org.

Dover Main Street organizes the annual drive to support the Dover Food Pantry during the busy holiday season.

Dover's Public Welfare Office provides emergency assistance

The City of Dover's Public Welfare Office is available to coordinate services for city residents who need emergency assistance, including shelter, food and medical care. This includes residents who have had their SNAP benefits suspended during the federal shutdown.

The [Public Welfare Office](#) is located at 61 Locust St., in Room 334 on the third floor of the McConnell Center. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone: 603-516-6500.

For after-hours emergency needs, call 603-742-4646, visit the Police Department at 46

Chestnut St., or any of the three fire stations, all available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to request assistance.



Dover Fire Toy Bank accepting applications, seeking donations

The Dover Public Welfare Office is now accepting applications for Dover Fire and Rescue Toy Bank through Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025. The annual Toy Bank provides gifts for children in need each holiday season.

To be eligible, children must be 12 years old or younger and residents of Dover. Proof of residency is required by presenting a current utility bill and photo identification. Applicants should provide the child's name and date of birth only. Specific gift requests will not be taken.

Applications can be submitted at the Dover Welfare Office, located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Suite 334. Gift pickup will be Sunday, Dec. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main entrance of 121 Broadway. For more information, contact the Dover Welfare Department at 603-516-6500.

How to help:

Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 12 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-12 age groups are always in need for both boys and girls. If you need a collection box, please call 603-516-TOYS, leave a message, and we will get you one for your business. Collection boxes will be distributed this month.

Purchase gift cards to area businesses, mall stores, and grocery stores are always appreciated.

Shop for hats and mittens, gloves and scarves that are needed for the cold winter. These gifts help ensure each child receives these essentials.

Collecting monetary donations within an organization and shopping for gifts helps greatly. If you don't have time to shop for these items, the Toy Bank will do it for you.

Monetary contributions can be picked up on location or mailed to Dover Fire Toy Bank, P.O. Box 1712, Dover, NH 03821-1712. Please make checks payable to The Dover Fire Toy Bank.

For more information, call 603-516-TOYS (8697).

City transitioning to ParkMobile for mobile parking payment

The City of Dover is transitioning its mobile parking payment system to ParkMobile in the coming weeks. Users are encouraged to download the ParkMobile smartphone app for a seamless transition.

[ParkMobile](#) has similar pay-by-phone and pay-by-text options as Dover currently has. ParkMobile is also utilized in some private lots in Dover that operate independently of the city.

Dover's municipal metered lots and on-street parking will still utilize the Flowbird pay-by-phone app until the transition is complete.

ParkMobile smartphone app [is available](#) via [Google Play](#) and the [Apple App Store](#).

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

Leaf collection continues through Dec. 5

Fall leaf curbside collection, which began last week, will continue, Monday through Friday, through Dec. 5.

Bagged leaves will be picked up by Waste Management on the same scheduled day as curbside trash and recycling. Please note that pickup is delayed by one day on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

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. They are also open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Dec. 7.

Residents bringing bagged leaves and brush to the Recycling Center must dump them on the ground separately at the Recycling Center's leaf and brush sections. They may not be left in their bags. The collected leaf and brush materials go into a composting operation that has no means or mechanism for removing contaminated items.

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:

- **Parking Enforcement Officer, Per Diem or Part-Time**
- **Police Officer**

- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Public Works Supervisor-Streets, Drainage, Snow**
- **Seasonal Snow Plow Driver, Part-Time**
- **Engineer**
- **General Legal Counsel**
- **Lab Technician - Water Resources**
- **Utilities Supervisor**

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:

- **Long Term Substitute Social Studies DHS/Bellamy Academy**
- **ESOL - Newcomer Interventionist (One Year Only)**
- **Clerical Aide Short Term Assignment**
- **Long Term Substitute - Anticipated Speech Language Assistant**
- **Paraprofessional - Special Education**
- **DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Long Term Substitute - Speech Language Pathologist**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education**
- **District Special Education Administrative Assistant**
- **Third Grade Teacher**

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

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