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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 10, 2025



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DOVER, NH**

288 Central
Avenue
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,
Thursday,

CIP before joint session of Council, Planning Board

FY27-32 proposal gets first look Oct. 15

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. will present the proposed FY2027-2032 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to the City Council and Planning Board at [a joint workshop](#) on Wednesday, Oct. 15. The joint session begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Conference Room.

After it is presented, the Planning Board and City Council will conduct their own review of the proposed CIP at subsequent meetings. The Planning Board reviews the CIP to ensure the proposed projects are based upon priorities established in the Master Plan. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing and CIP discussion at its Tuesday, Oct. 28 meeting.

Following the Planning Board's input, the City Council will hold its review and public hearings. The City Council's CIP adoption process includes three resolutions: adopting the six-year document, approving FY27 capital reserve fund appropriations for non-debt financed projects, and authorizing appropriation and bonding for FY27 debt-financed projects. The CIP's first-year projects and appropriations will become part of the FY27 municipal budget that City Manager Joyal will present to the City Council in February.

The CIP prioritizes all capital spending of \$25,000 or more for

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

items with a useful life of three years or longer. It includes cost estimates, recommended time schedules to complete projects, and financing methods, which include debt financing, the annual operating budget, capital reserve funds, and grant funding. The CIP is the first step in preparing the annual municipal budget.

The [Capital Improvements Program webpage](#) will be updated with the proposed FY2027-2032 CIP after the Oct. 15 presentation. Physical copies will be available at the Planning Department's office in City Hall and the Dover Public Library, which is temporarily located in the McConnell Center.

[Click here](#) for the joint workshop agenda. The workshop will be televised on DoverTV and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>

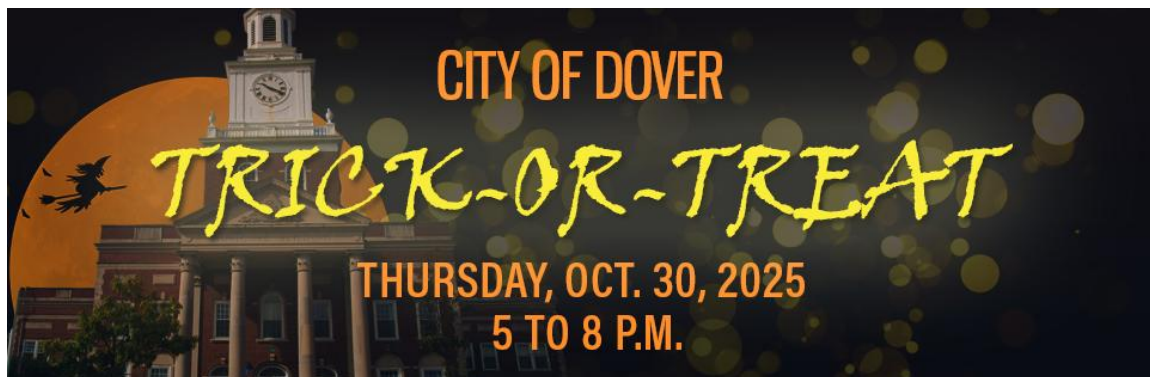
City offices closed on Columbus Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Oct. 13, 2025 for the Columbus Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Public Library and Dover Community Senior Center are also closed on Columbus Day. The Dover Ice Arena and Fitness Center at the McConnell Center will be open regular hours on Monday, Oct. 13. The Indoor Pool will be open from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Columbus Day is a parking holiday in Dover. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays for most public parking, except for the Parking Garage and Dover Transportation Lot, which are metered parking at all times.

Trash pickup and curbside recycling are not affected by the holiday and will follow a regular schedule.



Trick-or-Treat in Dover is Oct. 30

Trick-or-Treat in Dover is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, from 5 to 8 p.m., the day before Halloween, as is the tradition in Dover.

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



City holding meeting on upgrades to Central Avenue water main Oct. 23

Next year, the City of Dover plans to replace a section of the aging Central Avenue water main between the Garrison Hill water tank and Broadway, including along Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive that leads to the top of Garrison Hill. Construction is slated to begin in spring 2026 and conclude by that fall.

City staff will hold a public informational meeting about the project on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, in City Hall's Auditorium, beginning at 6 p.m.

As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and businesses plan for the construction disruption. To sign up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project Updates: Central Avenue Urban Core Water Improvements" to your email subscription list.

Community Services to host Career Fair Oct. 16

The City of Dover's Community Services Department will host a career fair on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 271 Mast Road.

The event offers job seekers an opportunity to learn more about career openings across the department. Community Services staff will be on hand to discuss open positions, benefits, and opportunities for training and advancement.

Community Services provides essential services that keep Dover running.

For more information about the career fair or current openings, visit the City of Dover [website](#), call 603-516-6450, or scan the QR code on the event flyer.

JOIN THE TEAM BUILDING DOVER'S FUTURE!



STABLE CAREERS

Reliable work with
long-term security.



EXCELLENT BENEFITS

Competitive pay, retirement plan, health and dental, and paid holidays.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Help shape the city. Your work makes a difference every day.



GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY

Training, certifications,
and advancement in
multiple fields.



Community Services is more than just public works. From roads and water to parks and sustainability, our team keeps Dover moving forward. Join a department where every day brings a new challenge, new skills, and the chance to build community.



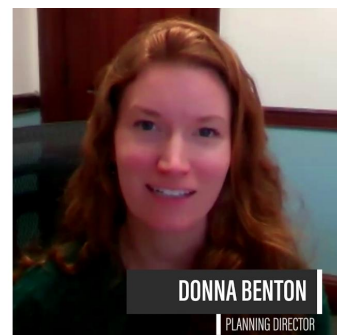
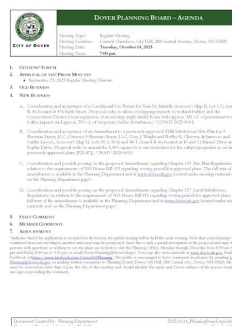
Upcoming Meetings:

**Conservation Commission,
Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Oct. 14,



DONNA BENTON
PLANNING DIRECTOR

On the Agenda: Planning Board, 10/14/2025

7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Energy Commission, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council and Planning Board, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

City Council will hold a Joint Meeting of the City Council and Planning Board Workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

In this video, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2025. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=OmswqOHd5P6s3knM>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on DNTV 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 Planning Review.

NHDOT seeks input on Ten Year Plan

On Thursday, Oct. 23, the Governor's Advisory on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) is holding four public hearings in the Seacoast area, including one in Dover, on the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's draft 2027-2036 Ten Year Plan. These are among many public hearings held across the state. The draft plan is available at <https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/ten-year-plan>.

The hearings on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, include:

- **Durham:** 10 a.m., Durham Town Hall, 8 Newmarket Road
- **Dover:** 1 p.m., Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave.
- **Rochester:** 4 p.m., Rochester City Hall, 32 Wakefield St.
- **Farmington:** 7:30 p.m., Farmington Town Hall, 356 Main St.

Find the schedule of GACIT hearings at <https://www.dot.nh.gov/about-nh-dot/calendar>.

The purpose of these hearings is to receive public comments/testimony on transportation projects and priorities included in the draft plan, as recommended by NHDOT to GACIT. Those not able to attend the meetings can submit written testimony within 10 days of the completion of the public hearings.

GACIT is comprised of the Executive Council and the NHDOT commissioner. The Ten Year

[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
- 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.

Plan allows the state to participate in federally supported transportation improvement projects as well as to outline projects and programs funded with state transportation dollars, according to the NHDOT. State law requires the NHDOT to propose a plan every two years.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-3734

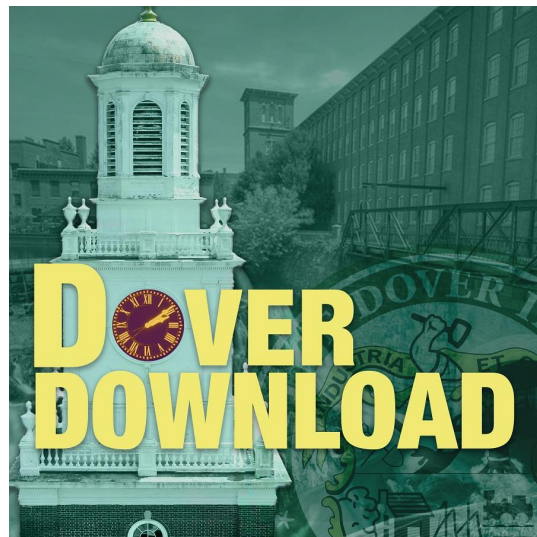
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Cooling Tower Water Treatment](#)
- [Dispatch Alarm Modernization](#)
- [Survey Services as Needed](#)

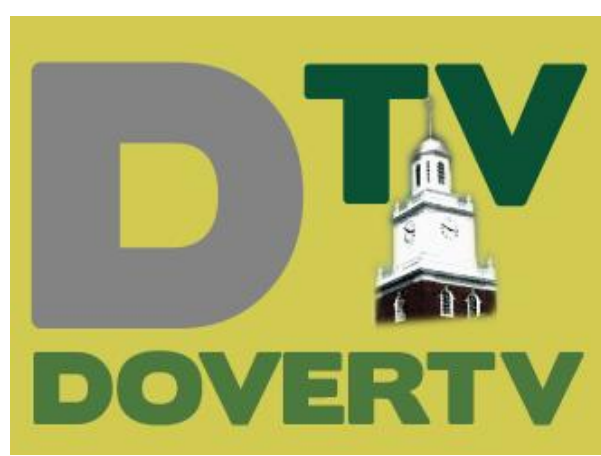
Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

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



Leading with Experience: Dover's New Police Chief David Terlemezian

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with David Terlemezian, Dover's newly appointed Chief of Police. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4nxmjvn>.



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.



Absentee ballots available for Municipal Election

Absentee ballots are now available for the Nov. 4, 2025 Municipal Election. Voters may apply for absentee ballots from the City Clerk's Office through Monday, Nov. 3, 2025, in the following ways: in-person at the City Clerk's Office, by mail, email, or fax.

Applications for an absentee ballot are [available online](#) and at the City Clerk's Office. [State law](#) allows absentee voting for voters who can't attend the polls on Election Day due to religious observance, physical disability, or employment, among other reasons.

A new state law, [RSA:17-c Verification of Absentee Ballot Applicant](#), became effective on Sept. 30, 2025. This law requires voters requesting an absentee ballot to verify their identity by one of the following methods:

- Include a copy of their qualifying photo identification with their absentee ballot application;

- Personally present a qualifying photo identification to the City Clerk; or,
- Include a notarized signature on the absentee ballot application.

Qualifying photo identifications must meet the requirements of state law [RSA 659:13, II\(a\)](#).

The City Clerk's Office is in Dover City Hall's Customer Service Center on the ground floor. It is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 603-516-6018 or visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/.

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:

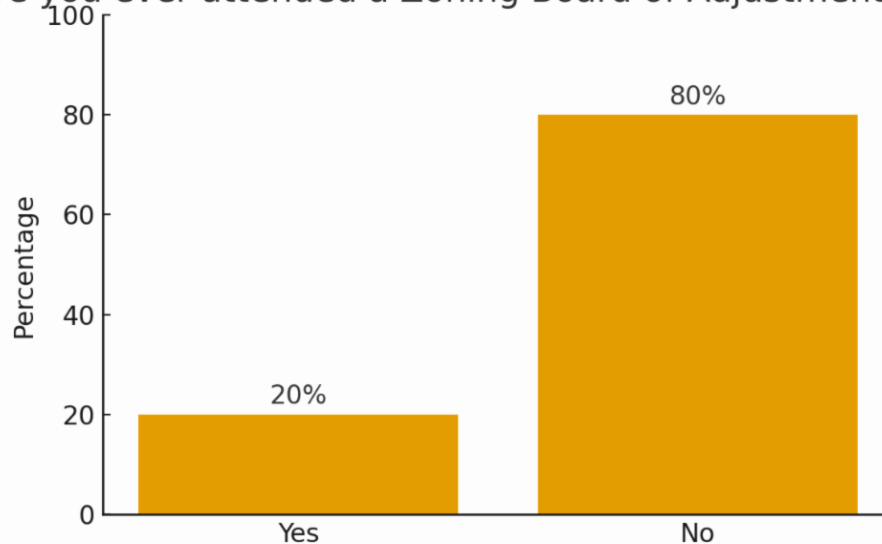
"Do you think Dover's roads are well-maintained?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m2ztme>

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

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you ever attended a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting?"**

Have you ever attended a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting?



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](#).

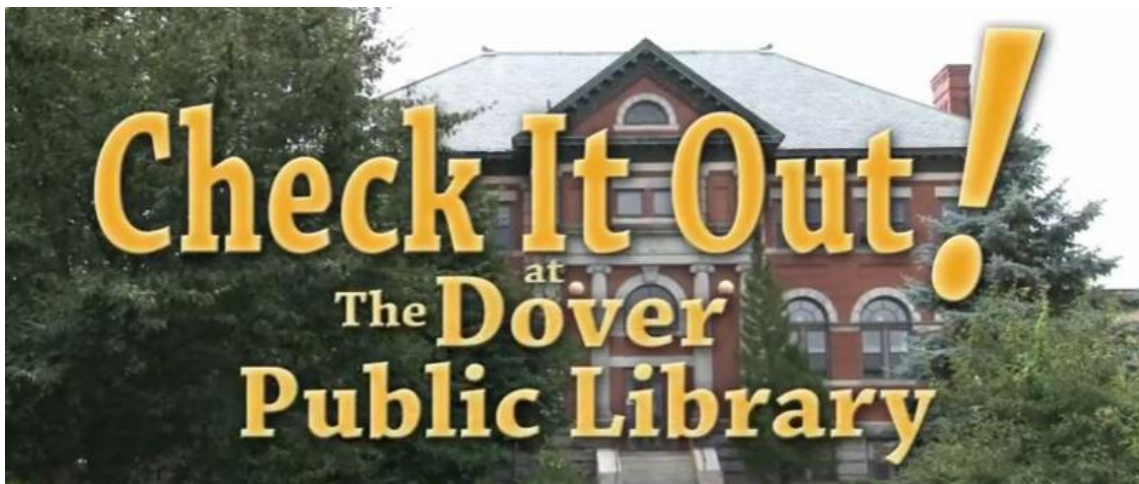
Oct. 15, 1693 — Around 10 a.m., many residents of Dover heard a deep rumbling sound coming from the northeast. The noise was so strong that people believed it to be a significant earthquake. This particular tremor was one of several recorded in the late 1600s throughout the region, as the early settlements of New Hampshire were still small and vulnerable. While there are no reports of major damage, the event was memorable enough to be noted in the colonial records.

Oct. 16, 1746 — The governor declared the day to be one of public fasting and prayer in response to two serious concerns, the arrival of a French fleet off the New Hampshire coast and a poor harvest that year. At the time, such proclamations were common in the American colonies, reflecting both religious devotion and the uncertainties of frontier life. The late 1600s and early 1700s were marked by tension between England and France, whose conflict often spilled into their North American colonies. A French naval presence near New Hampshire alarmed Dover's early settlers, who were vulnerable to attacks along the coast. The weak harvest only deepened the community's anxiety, as food shortages were a real threat during harsh New England winters. Days of fasting and prayer were meant to unite townspeople in reflection and supplication.

Oct. 10, 1854 — The mills of the Cocheco Manufacturing Co. suspended operations due to the scarcity of water. The streams and rivers were the lowest in many years.

Oct. 13, 1855 — The Piscataqua Ferry Company, which would operate between Dover Point to Newington, was organized on this day with an investment of \$2,000.

Oct. 15, 1931 — All Dover businesses closed for several hours on this day during funeral services for former Mayor Arthur Whittemore. Mayor Jewett Chesley, by proclamation, ordered the offices of City Hall closed for the afternoon, as well. Whittemore's funeral was attended by many local and state dignitaries, including all former mayors living at that time. Throughout his life, Whittemore had been a prominent champion for Dover.



A look at Taylor Swift's fashion history is topic of Library presentation

For Taylor Swift, fashion and music go hand-in-hand. From cowboy boots to teetering heels, fairytale dresses to bleach-tinged tresses, each plays a powerful role in

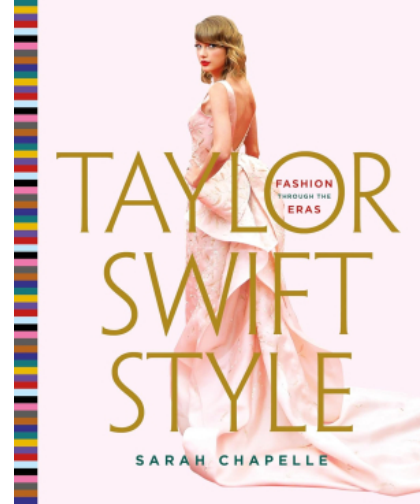
shaping the narrative of this generation's most prolific storyteller.

Learn the fashion story behind every Taylor Swift album in the virtual presentation "Taylor Swift Style: Fashion Through the Eras" on Monday, October 20 at 7 p.m. with Dover Public Library. The program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

In this fascinating talk, based on her book of the same name, Sarah Chapelle will trace Swift's musical evolution along with her ever-changing personal style, and the many memorable moments in between.

Chapelle is the creator of the successful Instagram and blog "Taylor Swift Style" and has spent more than a decade documenting Swift's fashion choices and the intention behind each ensemble. Her thoughtful, thorough, and witty approach to style commentary has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, Harper's Bazaar, Coveteur, People, and more. She lives in Vancouver, Canada, with her husband and their cat.

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



This Week at the Library

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Free Halloween Costume Event:

Presented by S.C.A.R.E. NH

Stop by and pick up a free Halloween costume for your child! No swap necessary, just come shop! S.C.A.R.E. NH will also be accepting donations at this event. While supplies last.

Monday, Oct. 13, All Day
Library closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 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, Oct. 14, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.
Don't Let the Book Club Drive the Bus!
Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 306

Do you love picture books? Are you in grades 2-4? Then come join a brand new book group for picture book lovers! Each month we will pick a different author or series to discuss. We'll read a story, have crafts, snacks, and decide on what we want to read next. For the month of October we'll be discussing the work of Author/Illustrator Sophie Blackall.

Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Cursed Objects

DMS Renaissance Room

J.W. Ocker profiles the infamous real-life items that have intersected with some of the most notable events and people in history-- leaving death and destruction in their wake. They can be found in museums, graveyards, and private homes, and their bizarre stories have inspired countless horror movies, reality TV shows, novels, and campfire tales. From the Raggedy Ann doll that spawned the horror franchise The Conjuring, to the mummy rumored to have sunk the Titanic and kickstarted World War I, Ocker has compiled a fascinating-- and sometimes spine-chilling-- list of artifacts.

Thursday, Oct. 16, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Make a Spell Box

McConnell Center, Room 306

Come and learn to create an origami spell box (also called an intention box). A spell box is a magical tool that helps you focus your energies and intentions towards a goal. We'll do some reflective journaling and you will create your own customized sigil to put in your spell box. This class will involve some meditation like practice and some gentle breath work. No previous experience is necessary. All supplies will be provided.

Registration required.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library
McConnell Center, Room 306

As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$20 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as cultural events for the community.

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

McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Weds, Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Caregiver Cafe

Dover Chamber of Commerce

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

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
All Abilities Club: Legos
Great Bay Services

Join us in building with Legos. Use your imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.

Thursday, Oct. 16, 7 to 8 p.m.
Virtual: The Poetic and Musical Genius of Taylor Swift

Register: <https://ow.ly/Q0aq50X85xu>

Harvard professor Stephanie Burt will deliver a fascinating presentation based on her brand new book, "Taylor's Version: The Poetic and Musical Genius of Taylor Swift." Burt, who is a poet and literary scholar, will offer an insightful and heartfelt critical appreciation of Taylor Swift, her body of work, and the community that her art has fostered.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Family Dance with The Suite Studio
McConnell Center, Room 306

Families are invited to come dance with Jenna from The Suite Studio! You are welcome to wear/hold your babies while you modify the dance moves, or they can nap/watch from their bucket seat while you dance. For kids who are able to walk, and for those kids who are older and have sick dance moves themselves, they can dance beside you! However your body moves is the RIGHT way! Come for some fun and some good laughs.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2 to 3 p.m.
Lego Club

McConnell Center, Room 306

Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build from your imagination. This is a family event for people age 5-99.

All LEGO creations stay at the library.
CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.





Who will you meet this weekend at the Woodman Museum's Night at the Museum?

Step into the past at the Woodman Museum's Night at the Museum—a family-friendly, educational evening tour happening Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This unique experience combines elements of a ghost tour with a traditional museum tour, offering a fun and memorable evening for all ages. Guests will be guided through the museum and its historic grounds, where they'll encounter figures from the past connected to the museum's most fascinating artifacts.

Each stop along the tour brings history to life as costumed interpreters share stories—some lighthearted, others filled with hardship—revealing the lives behind the artifacts and deepening your understanding of the museum's collection.

Tours are timed to ensure a smooth experience for all guests. Please arrive on time—spirits are not fond of tardiness! Group sizes are limited to keep the atmosphere intimate.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the museum's [website](#).



Vanessa Polychronis/Courtesy

Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director and Talitha Franggos, Sr. Account Executive at Cross Insurance.

Cross Insurance sponsors COAST's next "Fare Free Saturday"

Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST), is partnering with Cross Insurance on Saturday, Oct. 25 to offer a "Fare Free Saturday" on both its fixed and demand response services.

"October is Community Transportation Month in New Hampshire, and we're thrilled that Cross Insurance has partnered with us to provide a 'Fare Free Saturday' aboard all of COAST's fixed route and demand response services," said Rad Nichols, COAST's executive director. "This is the second Fare Free Saturday Cross has sponsored this year."

Since 1982, COAST has provided over 17.1 million rides to people in the Greater Seacoast region, linking them to work, school, doctor appointments, shopping, and social events. COAST connects people and communities in two primary ways: with fixed route buses that serve eight communities in the Greater Seacoast area; and by providing demand response and paratransit services to 11 communities in New Hampshire and Maine. The sponsored Fare Free Saturday will apply to both the fixed route and demand response services.

"We recognize the vital role that COAST plays in connecting affordable housing, jobs, social supports, and medical services that are dispersed broadly across the Seacoast region," said Talitha Franggos, Commercial Lines Account Executive at Cross Insurance. "Cross Insurance believes in the power of connection and community, and we're excited to have the opportunity to sponsor our second 'Fare Free Saturday' aboard all of COAST's buses and vans."

Additional "Fare Free Saturdays" will be announced as sponsors are secured. Businesses interested in being part of this initiative can learn more at:



Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

LOWER YOUR WATER HEATING COSTS!

Water heating makes up **about 18% of your home's energy use**. Try these tips to save energy and money:

Use Less Hot Water:

- 🚿 Take shorter showers
- 🍽️ Skip pre-rinsing dishes
- ❄️ Rinse with cold water
- 🔧 Fix leaks fast

Improve Efficiency:

- 🔥 Turn down your water heater thermostat
- 🧱 Insulate your water heater and pipes
- ⚙️ Upgrade to a high-efficiency water heater when it's time to replace



Water heating is one of the largest energy expenses in most homes, accounting for nearly 18% of total energy use. Small changes can make a big difference, from taking shorter showers and fixing leaks to lowering your water heater's thermostat and adding insulation. Use these simple steps to save energy, reduce costs, and make your home more efficient.

Seacoast drinking water commission presents results of interconnection study at Oct. 15 meeting

The Seacoast Commission on Long-Term Goals and Requirements for Drinking Water will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, at 6 p.m. to discuss the Seacoast emergency interconnection study and the evaluation of water supply and demand for Seacoast communities. The meeting will be held at 222 International Dr., Suite 175 on the Pease Tradeport in Portsmouth at the Department of Environmental Services' office.

The commission was created by state law [RSA 485-F:6](#) to plan for the long-term goals and requirements for the region's drinking water. The legislation requires annual interim reports by Nov. 1, with a final report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation by Nov. 1, 2029.



Community volunteers gather around hundreds of bags of nonperishable food to celebrate the new HVAC system installed at the End 68 Hours of Hunger building in Dover, made possible by a donation from the Rotary Club of Dover.

Dover Rotary donates HVAC system to End 68 Hours of Hunger

Volunteers recently gathered at the End 68 Hours of Hunger building in Dover to celebrate the installation of a new mini-split HVAC system funded by the Rotary Club of Dover.

Located next to St. Paul's Methodist Church on Cataract Avenue, the brick building serves as a hub for accepting, sorting, and packing nonperishable food for delivery to local schools and organizations to help address childhood food insecurity in Dover.

Before the installation, the building, leased by End 68 Hours of Hunger from the church, had no heating or cooling system, forcing volunteers to work in sweltering or freezing conditions. Project organizer and Rotarian Melissa Lesniak said the new system will allow volunteers to work comfortably throughout the year.

"We look forward to a successful and fun season helping address food insecurity in the local area in a more comfortable setting," Lesniak said.

Lesniak thanked the Rotary Club of Dover, Friends of End 68 Hours of Hunger, founder Claire Bloom, Executive Director Lauren Kolifrath, Board President Keith Launchbury, Roland Lapointe and Andrew Lepage of D.F. Richard Energy, Nick Wentworth of Wentworth Electric, and Steve Smith of Admiral Plumbing & Heating for their contributions.

Dover Rotary President Cathy Beaudoin also expressed appreciation to everyone involved in completing the project.

"Rotary was delighted to partner with such a wonderful and well-established community organization to provide a more comfortable environment in which to do their outstanding work," Beaudoin said.

A Rotary District grant of \$3,965 provided partial funding for the \$9,000 project, with the balance covered by the Rotary Club of Dover. Club members also committed to joining community volunteers once a month to help pack and deliver food.

End 68 Hours of Hunger is a nonprofit organization that aims to reduce the 68-hour period of food insecurity children may experience between Friday's free school lunch and Monday's free breakfast.

Red Sox historian gives presentation Monday at Senior Center

The Dover Senior Center will host a presentation on the history of the Red Sox from author Martin Gitlin on Monday, Oct. 13 at 11 a.m.

This presentation will feature nostalgic videos of the many of the Red Sox players, teams, events and moments in franchise history. The program also includes trivia questions for patrons to ponder and covers Sox history from across the Red Sox spectrum, concluding with a question-and-answer period. Gitlin is the author of "The Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine," which he will have on hand for purchase.

The Senior Center is located in the McConnell Center.

Tree planting and clean up at Joe Parks riverwalk

Join Dover High School students and community volunteers on Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Garden for a fall clean-up and tree planting. Participants will help plant trees and prepare the garden for the winter season. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gardening tools, wear closed-toed shoes, and dress for outdoor work. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



For more information, or to sign up, visit <https://naturegroupie.org/experiences/tree-planting-clean-joe-parks-garden>.

City reminds residents to conserve water as drought persists

The city is reminding residents to conserve water as drought conditions continue across the state. Voluntary restrictions remain in place, first issued by the Dover Utilities Commission on Sept. 15.

The U.S. Drought Monitor's update shows Strafford County, including Dover, remains in severe drought. More than half the state is now in extreme drought.

Conservation tips

Residents are encouraged to:

- Limit outdoor watering, especially during the hottest parts of the day.
- Use commercial car washes, which are more water-efficient than washing vehicles at home.
- Fix leaks, including faucets and toilets, which can waste thousands of gallons annually.
- Reduce indoor use by shortening showers, turning off faucets while brushing teeth and running dishwashers and washing machines only when full.

For more information on water conservation, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450. To see a video with conservation tips, [click here](#).

Fall leaf collection begins Oct. 27

The City of Dover 2025 fall leaf collection will begin Monday, Oct. 27 and continue for six weeks, 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.

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

City to hold bicycle auction Oct. 18

The City of Dover will hold a public auction of bicycles on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025.

The auction will begin at 9 a.m. at Community Services, 271 Mast Road. Approximately 40 bicycles will be auctioned off.

Bicycles may be previewed after 8:30 a.m. on the day of the auction.

Children 18 and under will be allowed to bid against other children 18 and under on a bike until all children have won one bike for themselves, after which all other bikes will be open to bidders of any age.

The auction will occur rain or shine. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

Pictures of bicycles to be auctioned [are posted online](#). The page defaults to showing 10 files per page. Use the arrows at the bottom to see the next section of files.

The list is subject to errors and omissions, and items may be added or withdrawn at any time prior to the auction.

Dover still seeking the perfect Christmas tree for Henry Law Park

Each year, a new Christmas tree is raised at Henry Law Park, signaling the beginning of the winter holiday season in Dover. The City of Dover is seeking this season's tree, and is asking area residents to consider donating the perfect candidate, already growing in your backyard.

The ideal Christmas tree for Henry Law Park is an evergreen, preferably a white spruce or balsam fir, between 25 and 35 feet tall and growing evenly on all sides.

Have a tree that fits the description? Would you like to share it with the entire community this holiday season? Contact the City of Dover Recreation Department, and a staff member will evaluate the tree. If it's the perfect tree for the park, the City will arrange to cut down the tree and relocate it to Henry Law Park by the end of November.

For more information or to volunteer your perfect Christmas tree, contact Recreation Director Kevin Hebert at 603-516-6401 or k.hebert@dover.nh.gov or Assistant Recreation Director Rick Conway at 603-516-6401 or r.conway@dover.nh.gov.

Feedback sought on draft Future Land Use Map

The City of Dover is updating the [Land Use Chapter](#) of the city's Master Plan this year and seeks public feedback on its draft [Future Land Use Map](#).

The Land Use Chapter seeks to provide a clear future land use strategy and roadmap, guiding future growth and development while preserving Dover's valued resources.

The Future Land Use Map visually represents the city's future land use strategy and illustrates where and how land use will be guided and shaped.

After reviewing the draft map, we want to [hear from you](#) what you value most about your neighborhood, what Dover should preserve or strengthen, and where change or improvement is especially important on the map.

Planning staff are working alongside the project Steering Committee and our consultant partner, Resilience Planning and Design, to draft the chapter and will be looking for this feedback to guide the Future Land Use Map and the overall chapter. A draft of the chapter is expected to be presented to the Planning Board, with a public hearing, in November 2025.

To review the draft map, with land area descriptions, [click here](#).

To provide feedback on the draft map, [click here](#).

For more information, contact Erin Bassegio at E.Bassegio@dover.nh.gov

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:

- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer, Per Diem or Part-Time**
- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Technician**
- **Deputy City Engineer**
- **Utilities Technician**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Public Works Supervisor-Streets, Drainage, Snow**
- **Seasonal Snow Plow Driver, Part-Time**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time**
- **Engineer**

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:

- **Clerical Aide**
- **Noon Aides**
- **Noon Supervisor**
- **Ski Coach**
- **District Special Education Administrative Assistant**
- **Third Grade Teacher**
- **Substitute Teacher**
- **Paraprofessionals- Special Education**
- **District Float School Nurse**
- **Substitute Nurse**
- **Interventionist**
- **DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)**

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

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