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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 3, 2025



**CITY OF  
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**

## Apple Harvest Day returns to downtown Dover on Saturday

The 41st annual Apple Harvest Day festival takes over downtown Dover on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day-long family-friendly event features 300 different vendors, two different entertainment stages, children's entertainment in Henry Law Park, two food courts, and much more.

Organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) and sponsored by First Seacoast Bank, Apple Harvest Day draws over 60,000 attendees each year, making it one of the most popular regional festivals. To see which vendors have signed up for Apple Harvest Day, visit [appleharvestday.com](http://appleharvestday.com).

The Cochecho Courtyard Acoustic Stage will feature live music at:

- 9 a.m.: Holly Furlone
- 10 a.m.: Andrea Paquin
- 11 a.m.: The Lost River Fleet
- 12 p.m.: Rachel McCartney

## Center hours:

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

- 1 p.m.: Ryan Levasseur of New Norde
- 2 p.m.: Jordan Cowley of Coyote Smoke
- 3 p.m.: Joe Kenneally of the Mountain

The Rotary Arts Pavilion will feature live performances at:

- 9 a.m.: Dover High School Band
- 9:30 a.m.: Seacoast Men of Harmony
- 10 a.m.: McDonough-Grimes Irish Dance
- 10:30 a.m.: Rochester Opera House
- 11 a.m.: WOKQ
- 12:15 p.m.: Sole City
- 1 p.m.: Curtain Call
- 1:45 p.m.: Garrison Players Youth Troupe
- 2:30 p.m.: Belletete Ballet

In addition to these event favorites, the festival also offers the 17th Annual Apple Harvest Day 5k, underwritten by Portsmouth Regional Hospital. The race will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 8:30 a.m., beginning and ending on St. Thomas Street in front of the Dover District Courthouse. Participants may register on race day for \$40 for adults 21 and over and \$35 for runners under the age of 21.

This year, there will only be one location for remote parking at Apple Harvest Day at 100 Liberty Way off Sixth Street in Dover. The free shuttle will run all day long. Parking at the Liberty Mutual campus is free. Look for signage for parking and the shuttle stop.

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



**Street closures, parking restrictions for  
Apple Harvest Day, 5K Road Race**



## **Overnight parking restrictions begin tonight**

Dover Police Chief David A. Terlemezian announces the following street closures and parking restrictions for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's 41st annual Apple Harvest Day festival on Saturday, Oct. 4.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the following streets will be closed to all traffic:

- Central Avenue southbound, from Fourth Street to Washington Street;
- First, Second and Third streets between Chestnut Street and Central Avenue;
- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to George Street;
- Saint Thomas Street, from Chestnut Street to Atkinson Street.

Southbound traffic on Central Avenue will be diverted through the Third Street Lot to Chestnut Street. Motorists should expect delays in the downtown area.

### **Parking and free shuttle service**

There will be off-site parking with free shuttle service between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the former Liberty Mutual Campus, 100 Liberty Way, off Sixth Street and Indian Brook Drive.

Limited festival parking will be available at:

- Dover Public Library/McConnell Center municipal lot
- Orchard Street parking garage (requires paid parking)
- Dover Transportation Center lot (requires paid parking)

### **Additional road closures for Apple Harvest 5K Road Race**

There are additional road closures for the Apple Harvest 5K Road Race, which begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4. The Apple Harvest 5K course starts and finishes on Saint Thomas Street in front of the Dover District Court. Post-race activities will occur on the adjacent McConnell Center front lawn.

The following roads will be closed for the race:

- Saint Thomas Street, from Chestnut Street to Belknap Street (8 to 10 a.m.)
- Rutland Street, from Silver Street to Cataract Avenue (8:30 to 9:30 a.m.)
- Cataract Avenue, from Bellamy Road to Rutland Street (8:30 to 9:30 a.m.)
- Silver Street, between Belknap Street and Elm Street (8:30 to 8:45 a.m.)

The closure of Silver Street is expected to be brief to allow race participants to cross Silver Street early in the course; motorists should expect delays. Additional traffic delays may occur on Bellamy Road near Cataract Avenue, where traffic is restricted to a single, alternating lane during the race. The course utilizes a portion of the Dover Community Trail between Fisher and Folsom Streets.

### **Parking restrictions**

On-street parking will be prohibited during the overnight of Friday, Oct. 3, and all day on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the following locations:

- Central Avenue, from Third Street to Washington Street;
- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington Street to George Street;
- Third Street, from Chestnut Street to Central Avenue;
- Portions of First and Second streets;
- Saint Thomas Street, from Chestnut Street to Atkinson Street.

Find additional festival and race information at [www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day](http://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day) and [www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day-5k-road-race](http://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day-5k-road-race).

For questions about traffic restrictions, contact the Dover Police Department at 603-742-



## **Warming Center's current, future operations on Oct. 8 agenda**

### **Council to also hold public hearing, vote on zoning and CIP funding changes**

The City Council will consider two resolutions relating to emergency warming center operations at its Wednesday, Oct. 8 meeting.

One resolution authorizes the city to enter into a partnership with Somersworth, Rochester and Strafford County for operating an emergency cold weather warming center — generally called the Willand Warming Center — during the 2025/2026 winter season at the City of Dover-owned building on Willand Drive in Somersworth. The government entities would contract with East Coast Evolution Leadership LLC to operate the center for \$250,000, with Strafford County administering the contract. Rochester and Dover would each contribute up to \$75,000 for operations, with Somersworth providing in-kind emergency services, and Strafford County utilizing funds from the state's cold weather shelter program. The Willand Warming Center would operate between Nov. 15, 2025, through April 15, 2026, during the overnights of life-threatening winter weather. East Coast Evolution Leadership was selected to operate the warming center last year through a competitive bid process.

The second resolution would authorize City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. to enter into an agreement with the same entities — Somersworth, Rochester and Strafford County — to build a seasonal warming center on county land next to the jail where the humane society operated before it moved into its new location across the street. The county would solicit a request for proposals for the construction, with the tri-cities dividing the cost. The City of Dover would sell the Willand Warming Center, with the proceeds to be used for the new center.

### **Public hearings**

The City Council will hold a public hearing and a vote on proposed zoning amendments to Chapter 170 of the city's ordinances. The Planning Board endorsed the proposed zoning amendments after holding public hearings in August and September. There are 44 proposed amendments developed with input from the public, Planning Board members, Planning Department staff and state legislation. More information on the amendments is available on the [Planning Department's webpage](#). The City Council's Ordinance Committee will review the changes at its [Monday, Oct. 6 meeting](#).

The Council will also hold a public hearing and a vote on a resolution that would increase the transaction cost for using the mobile parking app from 25 cents to 30 cents per transaction, as recommended by the Parking Commission. The city will transition from the Flowbird parking app to Park Mobile. The fee will increase to 35 cents in the second year of the contract and 40 cents in the third year of the contract, according to the resolution background materials.

There are two public hearings on pending resolutions for Dover Fire and Rescue. One resolution would reprogram \$450,000 from two unexpended, non-debt Fire and Rescue Capital Improvement Program appropriations to purchase and outfit a new front-line pumper engine truck, estimated to cost \$900,000. The second resolution would rescind \$1,000,000 from a previously authorized but unexpended \$1,400,000 in debt appropriations. The remaining \$400,000 would also be utilized for the new front-line pumper engine truck. Fire Chief Perry Plummer outlined the proposal at the City Council's [Sept. 3 workshop](#).

There is also a public hearing on a resolution to authorize the city to apply and accept a \$300,000 grant for repairs and maintenance work at Dover's Downeaster train station. The grant requires a 20% city match.

Also on the agenda are resolutions that would authorize:

- The installation of a roof-mounted solar photovoltaic system at the wastewater treatment plant;
- Awarding a bid to Vannesse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc., for consulting services for design and permitting for the replacement of a culvert on Bellamy Road for \$799,128. The culvert replacement is part of an effort to improve fish passage, accommodate flood flows, and meet transportation needs, including heavy vehicle loads. The city received a \$421,600 federal grant and a \$228,400 state grant for the project;
- An additional scope of work for the library project for installing sidewalks and light poles, utilizing savings from other parts of the project;
- Purchasing a cargo van for water and sewer utility crews for \$56,545.

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

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

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## City to hold swearing-in ceremony for new Police Chief David Terlemezian

The City of Dover will formally swear in David Terlemezian as the city's new Chief of Police during a public ceremony on Monday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium. The event will also recognize several promotions from within the Police Department.

Terlemezian succeeds Chief William N. Breault, who retired in September after nearly three decades of service to Dover, including the last seven years as chief.

Terlemezian has served with the Dover Police Department for nearly 30 years, beginning as a patrol officer in 1996. He quickly advanced through the ranks, serving as detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain before his appointment as chief. In his tenure, he has overseen investigations, training and accreditation, community outreach, grant administration, and financial management.

Terlemezian, a Dover resident, is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Boston University.

The swearing-in ceremony is open to the public.

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# Absentee ballots now available for Nov. 4 Municipal Election

## New absentee ballot identity verification law now in effect

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/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/).

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## School Board meets Monday

The School Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

The agenda includes a discussion on the increased need for more paraeducator positions in the district, and a memorandum of agreement between the School Board and the Dover Teachers' Union detailing compensation for teachers when they have to absorb more students due to staff absences not covered by substitute teachers. There will also be a presentation on the District Capacity Assessments, which measure how well the district is organized to support schools in successfully using new programs and practices. The School Board will also be asked to award a bid for a new software platform, as well as consider various policy change proposals.

Details of the agenda items are included in the Superintendent's Report, which begins on page 3 of the School Board agenda materials.

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

The meeting will be televised on DoverTV and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will be available on demand.



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# Citizens Leadership Academy offers behind-the-scenes look at local government

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Dover, will once again produce the Citizens Leadership Academy this October. The free program offers Garrison City residents a firsthand look at local government and municipal operations and provides attendees an opportunity to help shape the future of the city.

The 2025 Citizens Leadership Academy will meet on Oct. 9, 16, 23, 25 and 30, as well as Nov. 6. Each year this program brings together people from diverse segments of the community interested in meeting and working with others to address key issues critical to maintaining and improving Dover's quality of life. It will increase citizens' knowledge of local government and introduce them to opportunities to become more involved as active community members.

Citizens Leadership Academy includes presentations from: City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr., Deputy City Manager/Development and Strategic Initiatives Christopher G. Parker, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton, Library Director Denise LaFrance, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Boston, Fire Chief Perry Plummer, Police Chief David Terlemezian, Community Services Director John Storer and Recreation Director Kevin Hebert.

Participants are not required to make every meeting, but regular attendance is strongly encouraged. This program is free of charge and is open to Dover residents. Attendees can register online at [www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy](http://www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy). For more information, call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218 or email [events@dovernh.org](mailto:events@dovernh.org).

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## Upcoming Meetings:

### **Ordinance Committee, Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m.**

The City Council Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Arts Commission, Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.**

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City

## 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

Hall.

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

### **School Board, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.**

The Dover School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

### **Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, Oct. 7, 4 p.m.**

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, beginning at 4 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

*A workshop will follow at the conclusion of the regular meeting.* To view the workshop agenda, [click here](#).

### **Open Lands Committee, Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission's Open Lands Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **City Council, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.**

City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

### **Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025, beginning at 10:30

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 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

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## **Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover**

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

- [Dispatch Alarm Modernization](#)
- [Survey Services as Needed](#)
- [Book Relocation for Dover Public Library](#)
- [Well Cleaning of Willand Pond #1 and Cummings Well](#)
- [Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicle Improvement Project](#)

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.

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a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

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## 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.

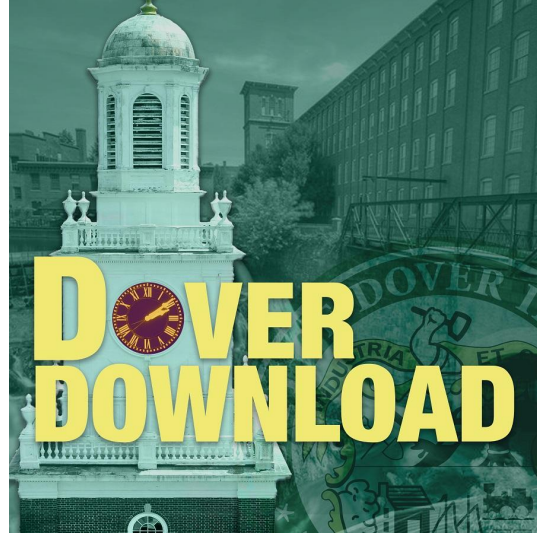
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- 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/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/)

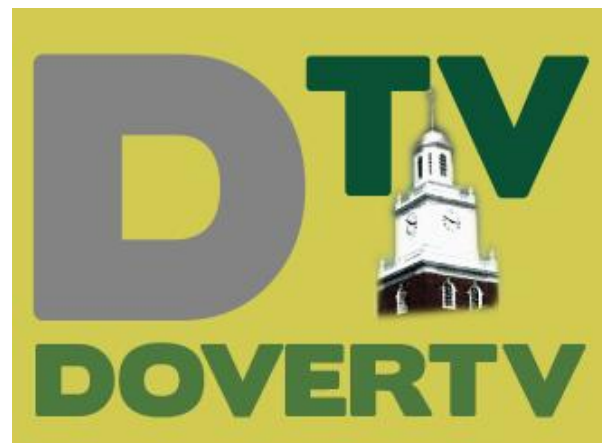
To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier at [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.bizier@dover.nh.gov). Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission.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



## Apple Harvest Day 2025: Dover's Biggest Festival Returns

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce and Event Coordinator Jed Allen about the upcoming Apple Harvest Day festival, followed by a monthly recap of city government activities with Media Services' Brian Early and Planning Department's Erin Bassegio. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4mIVK5b>



## 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](http://dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for

## 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.

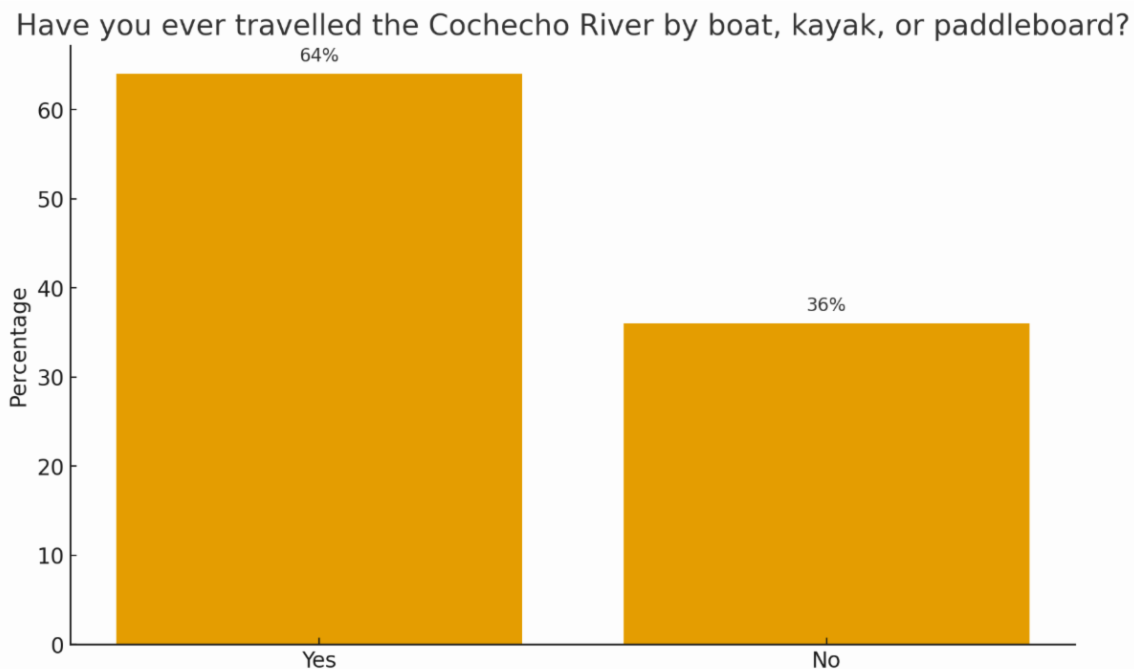
This week's question:

**"Have you ever attended a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting?"**

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

*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 travelled the Cochecho River by boat, kayak, or paddleboard?"**



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. 7, 1645** — On this day, the Massachusetts Bay Colony ordered the towns of Strawberry Bank (today's Portsmouth) and Dover to pay what they owed for the expenses

of their representatives, known as deputies, and for other court costs. These charges included the deputies' food, lodging, and travel, as well as the general expenses of running the colonial government. Even in the mid-1600s, local towns were responsible for supporting the larger colony through taxation and shared costs. At the time, both Dover and Strawberry Bank were under the authority of Massachusetts, which had extended its jurisdiction over New Hampshire towns beginning in 1641. Colonial deputies represented their towns in the Massachusetts General Court, making decisions on laws, governance, and taxation.

**Oct. 4, 1762** — Dover residents voted to build a new bridge over the Bellamy River, choosing a site near where a previous bridge once stood. To fund the project, the town appropriated 1,200 pounds in "old tenor" currency, a form of paper money then in circulation in colonial New Hampshire. The Bellamy River, flowing from the Bellamy Reservoir into the Piscataqua, was an important waterway for early Dover. Bridges across it were essential for connecting settlements, farms, and trade routes on both sides of the river. Colonial "old tenor" currency was notorious for its depreciation. By the mid-1700s, it often took several times the face value to equal a pound sterling in hard money. Even so, appropriating 1,200 pounds represented a significant investment for the community at the time.

**Oct. 6, 1842** — Dover laid the cornerstone for its first Town Hall, marking the city's first purpose-built municipal building. The ceremony included remarks by the Hon. John Parker Hale, a Dover lawyer who would later become a U.S. senator and one of the nation's leading anti-slavery voices. Beneath the cornerstone, officials placed a time capsule containing pamphlets, local newspapers, coins, a sketch of Dover, a map of the village, and a list of town officers, a snapshot of civic life in 1842. The building didn't last long, though. On Nov. 23, 1866, it was destroyed by fire. Dover would build four municipal buildings in total. The second municipal building was constructed in 1868, but also burned down in 1889. The third City Hall and Opera House was built in 1891, but it, too, burned down in 1933. Dover's fourth and current City Hall was built in 1935 and designed to be fireproof.

**Oct. 6, 1990** — Dover's Henry Law Park and downtown streets hosted the sixth Apple Harvest Day, drawing "large crowds of people who shopped for crafts, enjoyed stage entertainment, snacked on fried dough and hamburgers, and played children's games all day long." As noted in Foster's Daily Democrat, the festival featured an apple pie contest with 25 contestants vying for top honors, while vendors sold apples, cider, squash, pumpkins, and more. The 1990 festival was moved to Henry Law Park, rather than the downtown blocks, a change driven by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce to accommodate more parking and space. The festival would later return to Central Avenue and continue in Henry Law Park as well. In 1990, a popular children's attraction was the "Haystack Jump," where, for 25 cents, children could splash into a pile of hay in search of small prizes. Apple Harvest Day in 1990 attracted so many people that festival organizers were scrambling to bring in more supplies to meet the crowd's demands. Apple Harvest Day is still going strong and is now bigger and better than ever. This year, Dover celebrates the 41st annual Apple Harvest Day on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event now features 300 vendors, live entertainment, food courts, children's amusement areas, and a bustling street festival that spans several city blocks.

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## This Week at the Library

**Saturday, Oct. 4, All Day**  
**Library closed for Apple Harvest Day**

**Monday, October 6, 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, October 6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Driving Toward Zero - NHDOT Traffic Safety Program**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Eliminating deaths on New Hampshire's roadways is an important vision and the driving force behind the work of the New

Hampshire "Driving Toward Zero"

(NHDTZD) campaign, it is also an

important vision for all who travel New Hampshire's roadways – by motor vehicle, truck, bicycle or even by foot day

and night under all types of weather

conditions. The NHDTZ's mission is to create a safety culture where even one

roadway fatality is one too many.

*Registration appreciated.*

**Tuesday, October 7, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Adult Knitting Group**

**McConnell Center Cafeteria**

This group is open to anyone who has a love for knitting, crocheting, and related

fiber arts. All levels are welcome, no

instructions provided! Bring your works-in-progress and any finished objects you

would like to show off to the group.

**Tuesday, October 7, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Baby Storytime**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book is *The Fires of Vesuvius* by Mary Beard.

**Wednesday, October 8, 3:30 to 4:30 pm**

**Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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

**Wednesday, October 8, 3:30 to 4:30 pm**

**Art Forgery Group: The Scream**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Do you dream of being an art forger? Give it a try! Each month we will take on replicating a famous work of art. Come every time, or just come for the pieces that interest you. We'll start off with a brief

history on the piece, as well as an

overview of the techniques and the medium. We will have pastels,

watercolors, colored pencils, markers, and more at your disposal to render your

imitation. Feel free to bring your own art supplies as well. This is not a class. We

will have a reference photo on the

overhead projector. Just come paint, draw, relax, and socialize. This program

is intended for teens and adults. This

month painting is Edvard Munch's *The Scream*. *Registration required.*

**Thursday, October 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Arts and Crafts 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, October 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Genealogy Group**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Whether you're new to genealogical research or a seasoned pro, this group is a great way to meet others who share the same passion, can give you advice in your research, and listen to your newly-discovered family histories.

**Wednesday, Oct. 8, 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.

**Wednesday, October 8, 11 am to 12 pm  
All Abilities Club: Bingo**

**Great Bay Services**

Join us for a fun hour of Bingo! Small prizes will be awarded.

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

**Thursday, October 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Reading Rainbow Book Group**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *Bad Cree* by Jessica Johns. Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

**Friday, October 10, 2 to 3 p.m.  
Creepy Cookie & Cupcake Decorating**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to drop in and decorate some creepy cupcakes and cookies with us! All supplies will be provided, and teens will provide their creativity! *No registration required.*





# Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

## SMART THERMOSTAT SETTINGS CAN REDUCE ENERGY DEMAND WITHOUT SACRIFICING COMFORT

### Did you know?

- Lowering your thermostat by just 3°F can lead to real energy savings.
- Each degree you lower the heat saves about 2% on heating energy.
- Research shows that reducing the temperature by 3°F doesn't affect how warm you feel.
- Program your thermostat to lower the temperature when you're asleep or away to save energy.
- In New England, 30%–50% of annual home energy costs go to heating.



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## 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 Sept. 25 update shows Strafford County, including Dover, remains in severe drought, while more than 30 percent of New Hampshire is now in extreme drought. City officials say Dover's aquifers are beginning to feel the effects of the prolonged dry conditions.

### 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.

Many neighboring communities, including Exeter, Epping, Hampton and Lee, have adopted mandatory restrictions, while Dover continues to rely on voluntary measures.

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

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# Wanted: One majestic tree to light up Dover's Henry Law Park this Christmas

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](mailto:k.hebert@dover.nh.gov) or Assistant Recreation Director Rick Conway at 603-516-6401 or [r.conway@dover.nh.gov](mailto:r.conway@dover.nh.gov).

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## 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](mailto:E.Bassegio@dover.nh.gov)

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HILLTOP FUN CENTER, Somersworth, NH

WEDNESDAY, October 8, from 5-8pm



# Join us for **Putt-Tober** Mini Golf for Mental Health ~2025~



JOIN US FOR A CHARITY MINIGOLF TOURNAMENT TO  
BENEFIT DOVER MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE!

*Register* **\$25 PER PERSON / \$20 for kids 12 & under**  
REGISTRATION INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF MINI GOLF,  
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A COMMUNITY THAT IS EDUCATED,  
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For more information email Suzanne Weete at  
[suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org](mailto:suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org)

## THE GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES:



The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce held ribbon-cutting ceremonies recently to recognize new Chamber members.

## Belletete Ballet Studio

Belletete Ballet Studio is a dance studio that specializes in instilling joy in every dancer. Styles of dance taught include acro, adaptive dance, aerial, ballet, contemporary, hip hop, jazz, and tap.

Belletete Ballet Studio is located at 865a Central Ave. in Dover. To learn more about Belletete Ballet Studio, visit their website at [www.belleteteballet.com](http://www.belleteteballet.com) or call 603-727-4320.

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## Cochecho Friends

Cochecho Friends is a nonprofit seeking to contribute meaningfully to the Dover community. Their primary endeavor over the past several years has been coordinating the Dover Holiday Parade.

To learn more about Cochecho Friends, visit their website at [www.cochechofriends.com](http://www.cochechofriends.com) or email [cochechofriends@gmail.com](mailto:cochechofriends@gmail.com).

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## Matthew Bossler

Matthew Bossler is an individual seeking to acquire a small business in the New Hampshire Seacoast region. He is searching for a manufacturing business, a trade-based business, or a business that provides a technical service.

To contact Matthew Bossler, call 860-966-8126.

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## Reflections Salon & Esthetics

Reflections Salon & Esthetics is a salon specializing in lash extensions, color correction, and waxing.

Reflections Salon & Esthetics is located at 364 Central Ave. in Dover. To learn more about Reflections Salon & Esthetics, visit their website at [www.reflections-salon-esthetics.square.site](http://www.reflections-salon-esthetics.square.site) or call 603-343-2079.

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

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## 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

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

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## 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:

- Ski Coach
- District Special Education Administrative Assistant
- Third Grade Teacher
- Substitute Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- District Float School Nurse
- Substitute Nurses
- Attendance Secretary
- Noon Aides/Recess Monitors
- Interventionist
- DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)
- DALC Teacher of Adult Foundational Skills and HSE Preparation
- Noon Supervisors

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

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