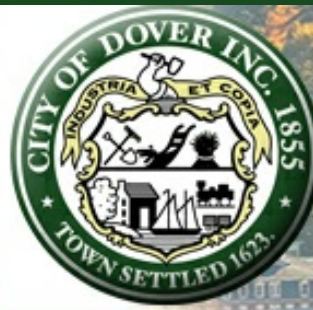


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 26, 2025



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Monday-
Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to
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City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr., left, reviews the results of the 2025 National Community Survey at the Wednesday, Sept. 24, City Council meeting. Seated next to the city manager are, from left, Mayor Robert Carrier and Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan.

Dover residents report high quality of life, economic concerns, survey shows

Dover residents continue to experience a high quality of life and feel safe in their community, though affordability challenges persist in the local economy, according to results from the National Community Survey, [presented to the City Council](#) on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr. told councilors that the 2025 survey results revealed safety as the highest-rated facet of community livability, with 73% of residents giving it

positive marks. The natural environment ranked second at 71%, followed by health and wellness at 70%.

"Dover residents continued to feel safe in their community," Joyal said during his presentation. "This is an item that over the last several surveys has ranked very well."

The survey, conducted every two years since 2004, randomly sampled 3,000 Dover households between May 19 and July 7, 2025. Of those contacted, 467 residents responded, providing a 16% response rate and a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5%. The survey was also open to all residents beginning in June.

Overall, 87% of residents rated Dover as an excellent or good place to live, while 80% gave positive ratings to the overall quality of life in the city. More than 80% of residents indicated they plan to remain in Dover for the next five years.

However, the survey also highlighted economic concerns. Only 53% of residents rated the city's overall economic health positively, marking an 8-percentage-point decline from 2023. Employment opportunities saw a drop of 13 points to 39%.

"Affordability is a challenge with our local economy," Joyal said. "I don't think that comes as a surprise to anybody. And that's actually consistent across the country."

The survey also revealed lower ratings for the cost of living, at 17% positive, and the availability of affordable housing, at just 11%, both of which are below national benchmarks. The availability of affordable, quality childcare dropped to 25%, while affordable healthcare fell to 58%, both showing declines from 2023.

The survey benchmarks Dover against more than 500 communities nationwide. Of 123 items evaluated, Dover performed similarly to other communities on 116 measures but scored lower on seven, including parks and recreation, variety of housing options, and residents' opinion of the federal government, which received a 23% rating.

Safety services received particularly strong marks, with fire services at 92%, ambulance and emergency medical services at 91%, and fire prevention education at 78%. However, animal control services saw a decline from previous years to 80%, something Joyal said the city needs to investigate further.

Transportation and mobility ratings remained consistent with national averages, though some areas showed improvement. Notably, ease of travel by bicycle increased to 44%, up from 37% in 2023. Public transportation usage also rose, with 33% of residents reporting they had used buses or other public transit instead of driving, earning Dover a "higher" rating compared to the national benchmark.

Education and cultural opportunities maintained strong support, with public library services receiving 86% positive ratings and opportunities to attend special events and festivals at 70%. The timing of the survey during Dover's arts festival and following the city's 400th anniversary celebration may have influenced these positive responses, Joyal noted.

Parks and recreation emerged as an area needing attention, scoring lower than the national benchmark at 61% positive. Joyal attributed this, in part, to concerns about the condition of playgrounds, and basketball and tennis courts.

The survey serves multiple purposes for city planning, Joyal explained.

"It gives us some measure of performance from one period of time to another," he said. "It is information to help inform us about where the community feels priorities are in terms of the budget or for planning purposes."

The complete survey results are available on the city's website at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/executive/city-manager/national-citizen-survey/>.

High School Athletic Complex Project receives Planning Board approval

Construction manager issues bid this week

The Dover High School Athletic Complex Project received Planning Board approval and went out to bid this week.

The Planning Board [reviewed](#) the Joint Building Committee's plans, granting the two conditional use permits the JBC sought and the site plan amendment. The project amends the new Dover High School's site plan approved in 2016, as the athletic complex is a renovation and reconstruction project.

Also this week, the construction manager hired by the JBC, Eckman Construction Company, Inc., has released the bid packet based on the engineering specifications prepared by design consultant Tighe & Bond, Inc. JBC Chair and City Councilor Fergus Cullen said he expects the committee to receive and begin to review bid proposals in late October. Different parts of the job, such as site work and the construction of components, are likely to be awarded to different companies.

Site work can't start until the JBC receives an alteration of terrain permit from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, which the department is reviewing now. Cullen anticipates approval to occur in November.

"The big question is whether we will be able to get underway before winter sets in, and how much progress we are able to make before spring," Cullen said. "To paraphrase Lincoln, it is the progress of our site work upon which all else chiefly depends."

While final project details will be determined based on bids and available funding, the current plan includes shifting the position of Dunaway Field, installing synthetic turf and a new track, ADA-compliant seating and amenities, and improved lighting. The shifting of Dunaway Field allows the rotation and expansion of the baseball field to create a second multi-purpose athletic field at Dover High School. The City Council in June authorized \$18 million for the project.

For more information about the project, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/joint-building-committee-athletic-complex/>.



Candidates set for municipal election

The filing period for candidates seeking elected office in Dover's 2025 municipal election has closed.

Voters will decide on candidates for mayor, City Council, School Board and election officer positions in the municipal election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. All positions are for two-year terms beginning in January 2026.

A full list of candidates, along with additional information about the election, including sample ballots, is available on the [2025 Municipal Election webpage](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018.

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 graduates are encouraged to initiate discussions with other residents as well as business and government leaders, and contribute their knowledge, imagination and energy towards the betterment of the community," says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce.

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.

“Citizens Leadership Academy is a great opportunity to learn more about local governance in Dover and discover how to become a better informed and involved citizen,” says Dover City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr. “The program provides participants with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the various city departments and a behind-the-scenes look at how these departments each support and contribute to the quality of life we enjoy in our community.”

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. For more information, call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218 or email events@dovernh.org.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.

City contractor sealing pavement cracks next week

Parking restrictions, rolling lane closures will be in work areas

A city contractor will begin sealing pavement cracks on select city streets starting on Monday, Sept. 29, and continue for about five days, weather permitting.

On-street parking restrictions will be in effect where work will occur. There will also be rolling lane closures; flaggers will be on hand to assist with alternating traffic through the work zone.

Crack sealing will occur on sections of the following streets: Beacon Circle, Belknap Street, County Farm Cross Road, Elm Street, Fieldstone Drive, Garrison Road, Hamilton Street, Labrador Lane, Long Hill Road, New Rochester Road, Old Rochester Road, Old Stage Road, Richardson Drive, Summer Street, Tolend Road and Watson Road.

Crack sealing is part of the city’s street preservation maintenance to extend the lifecycle of this critical infrastructure. Roadway cracks allow water to seep under pavement and begin to undermine gravel base layers, potentially creating potholes. Hot-poured crack sealant is applied to hinder further pavement deterioration.

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

City reminds residents to conserve water as drought persists

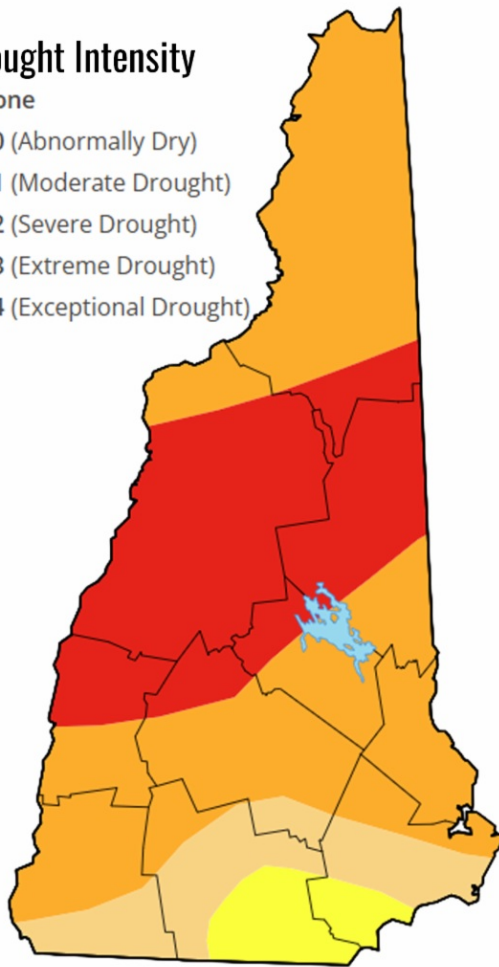
The city is reminding residents to conserve water as drought conditions continue across the state. Voluntary restrictions remain in place, first issued by the Dover Utilities Commission on Sept. 15.

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.

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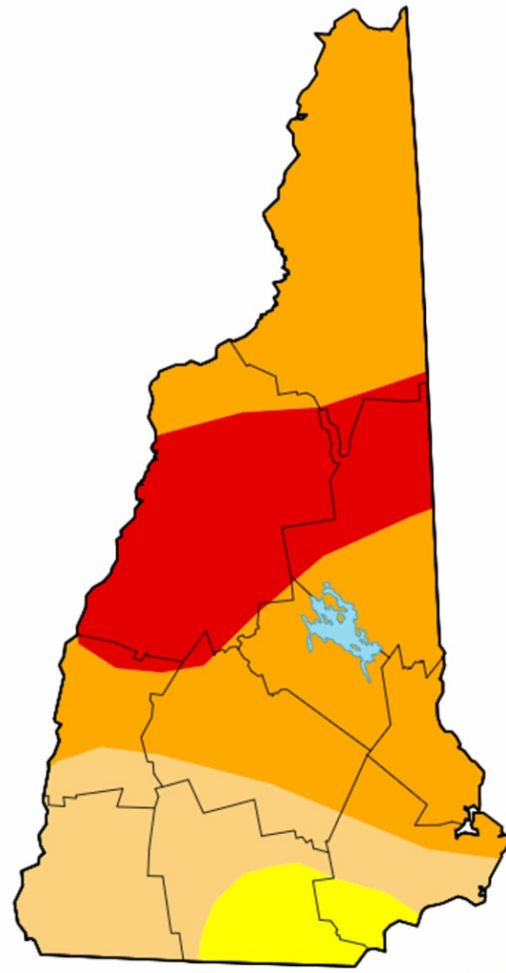
LAST WEEK

Drought Intensity



Map released: Thurs. September 25, 2025

Data valid: September 23, 2025 at 8 a.m. EDT



Map released: Thurs. September 18, 2025

Data valid: September 16, 2025 at 8 a.m. EDT

The U.S. Drought Monitor showed worsening drought conditions statewide this week. Nationwide conditions are published weekly at <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

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](#).



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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Sept. 27, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at Restoration Church, 80 Rutland 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/4gFD0Cf>.



Volunteers needed for Apple Harvest Day

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to support Apple Harvest Day on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025. A variety of opportunities are available throughout the day, with most shifts lasting only three hours.

Volunteers will receive:

- A long-sleeve Apple Harvest Day volunteer shirt
- The opportunity to promote their business by wearing branded gear during their shift
- Networking opportunities with fellow community members
- A complimentary food voucher from Slush King

Apple Harvest Day is an excellent opportunity for student organizations to complete volunteer hours while being part of one of Dover's most popular community events.

To learn more and sign up, visit: <https://www.dovernh.org/form/view/36180>

Help knock out Community Trail knotweed

Also learn how to manage it on your property

Join members of the Community Trail Advisory Committee on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 9 to 11 a.m., and help cut back and properly dispose of Japanese knotweed on the trail. Wendy Schibner, a forestry field specialist with the University Cooperative Extension, will also be on hand to share tips and answer questions on how to best manage Japanese knotweed on your own property.

Meet at the Fisher Street trailhead. Bring gloves and hand-cutting tools (loppers, pruners, or shears) if you have them, and extras if you can share. A limited supply of gloves will be available.



Reynoutria japonica, known commonly as Japanese knotweed, is an aggressive invasive plant that can threaten local ecosystems.

Event updates will be posted on the Community Trail Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/share/1CSp3dYEGp/>

Learn more about knotweed and management techniques from UNH Extension <https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2018/05/invasive-spotlight-japanese-knotweed>

For any other questions, please contact Erin Bassegio at e.bassegio@dover.nh.gov.

Upcoming Meetings:

Energy Commission, Oct. 1,

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

6:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Library Board of Trustees, Oct. 2, 4 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, beginning at 4 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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.

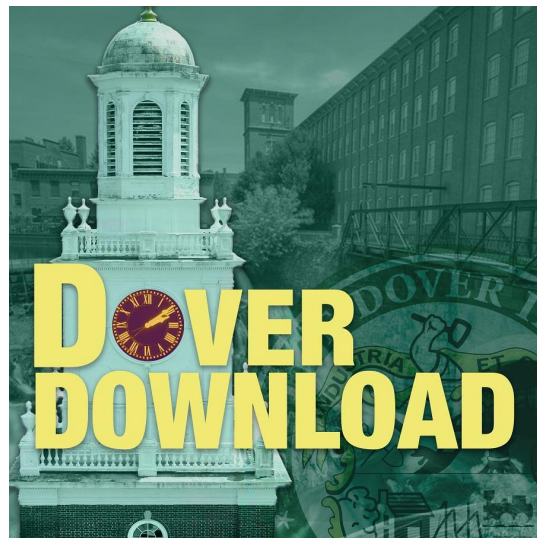
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

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

- [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.



Serving Dover: A Farewell to Police Chief Bill Breault

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with William Breault, who is concluding nearly 27 years with the Dover Police Department. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4nKZ54R>

- 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 Vansylyvong-Bizier at j.bizier@dover.nh.gov. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

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



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

CITY OF DOVER OPEN LANDS COMMITTEE

CONSERVATION LAND PHOTO CONTEST

CONTEST START DATE

SEPT. 1ST

CONTEST END DATE

SEPT. 30TH



WINNERS
DISPLAYED AT
APPLE
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OCTOBER 4

GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!

For general entry rules and detailed photo criteria, please visit the Open Lands facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/DoverOpenLandsCommittee/>



Show your photography skill & love for the outdoors with this Conservation photo contest! Take photos on the two following Conservation Parcels within the City and submit to the Open lands email.

1- Dover Community Trail
2- Bellamy Wildlife reserve

Submit to:
OpenLandsPhotoContest@dover.nh.gov

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.

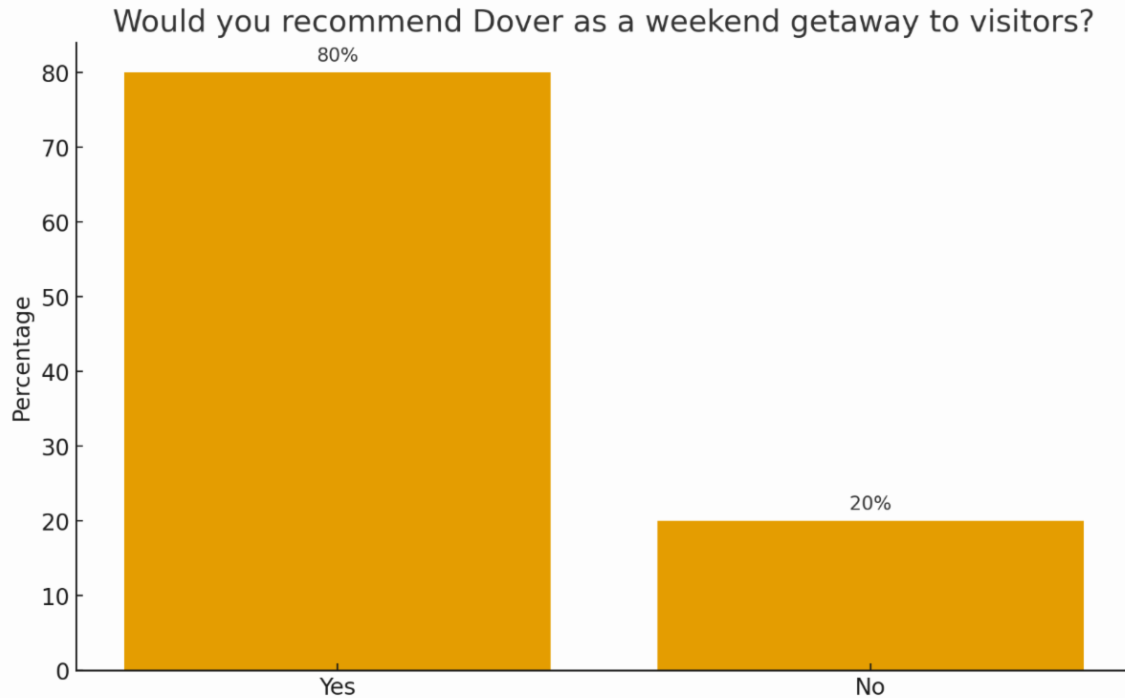
This week's question:

"Have you ever travelled the Cochecho River by boat, kayak, or paddleboard?"

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

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, **"Would you recommend Dover as a weekend getaway to visitors?"**



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](#).

Sept. 27, 1648 — The town ordered that anyone who missed a town meeting without a valid excuse would be fined six shillings. At this time, town meetings were not just civic gatherings, they were the foundation of local government in colonial New England. Town meetings carried the weight of both lawmaking and daily community management, deciding everything from land distribution to church affairs. Attendance was considered a duty and absence was viewed as neglect of communal responsibility. The fine of six shillings was no small sum in 1648. For comparison, laborers in the Massachusetts Bay Colony at the time often earned about two to three shillings per day. Missing a meeting could therefore cost a worker the equivalent of two or more days' wages.

Sept. 29, 1820 — William King Atkinson, a leading figure in Dover's early civic life, died at

age 56. Born in Portsmouth, Atkinson came from a prominent family with deep ties to colonial New Hampshire. His uncle, George King, inherited the estate of Theodore Atkinson, one of the wealthiest and most influential men in the province, who had died in 1779. To secure the inheritance, George King adopted the Atkinson name. When George Atkinson died without heirs, the vast Atkinson estate passed to his nephew, William King, who also took the Atkinson name. William King Atkinson graduated from Harvard in 1783, just after the American Revolution, and began practicing law in Dover around 1786. He quickly rose to prominence, serving as Register of Probate for Strafford County from 1787 to 1819, as Attorney General of New Hampshire, and later as a Judge of the Superior Court. His combination of wealth, family influence, and legal authority made him one of Dover's most distinguished citizens of the early 19th century.

Sept. 29, 1922 — A Brentwood man was arrested, tried and fined \$30 for driving his automobile faster than 25 miles per hour on Central Avenue.

Sept. 28, 1925 — A major strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite coal fields has led to a severe shortage of hard coal in New Hampshire, with supplies in Dover reported to be 50 percent below normal. Local dealers said demand for heating fuel this winter will far exceed what is available, forcing many households to rely on substitutes such as bituminous coal and coke. Dover's largest dealer reported that no hard coal had been delivered in the past two weeks. Although the shortage was serious, coal prices in Dover had not spiked dramatically. They rose only by the customary annual increase that took effect on September 1, regardless of the strike. Prices for hard coal remained about the same as the previous winter. Gov. John G. Winant and state fuel officials met with dealers to discuss rationing, but no decision was made to restrict coal use. Instead, officials allowed dealers to manage the situation on their own.

Sept. 28, 1965 — On this day, Dover residents cast a decisive vote to keep the city's council-manager form of government. The referendum, known as "Plan 2," passed with an overwhelming margin of 3,688 to 1,073, marking a strong endorsement of the system that had been in place since 1954. Foster's Daily Democrat hailed the results as the most emphatic victory yet for the council-manager form of government. City Manager Donald E. Chick, a central figure in the debate, was credited with helping demonstrate the system's effectiveness, particularly through his popularity and administration. The win was considered not only a personal triumph for Chick but also a clear message from voters that the nearly 60-year-old system, first adopted in the U.S. in Staunton, Virginia, in 1908, would remain Dover's choice for modern governance. The Foster's Daily Democrat editorial board praised the victory, calling it a moment of civic maturity and a sign that Dover residents valued competence over politics. The result also solidified Dover's place among New Hampshire's earliest adopters of the council-manager model, which by the mid-20th century had become increasingly popular across the United States.



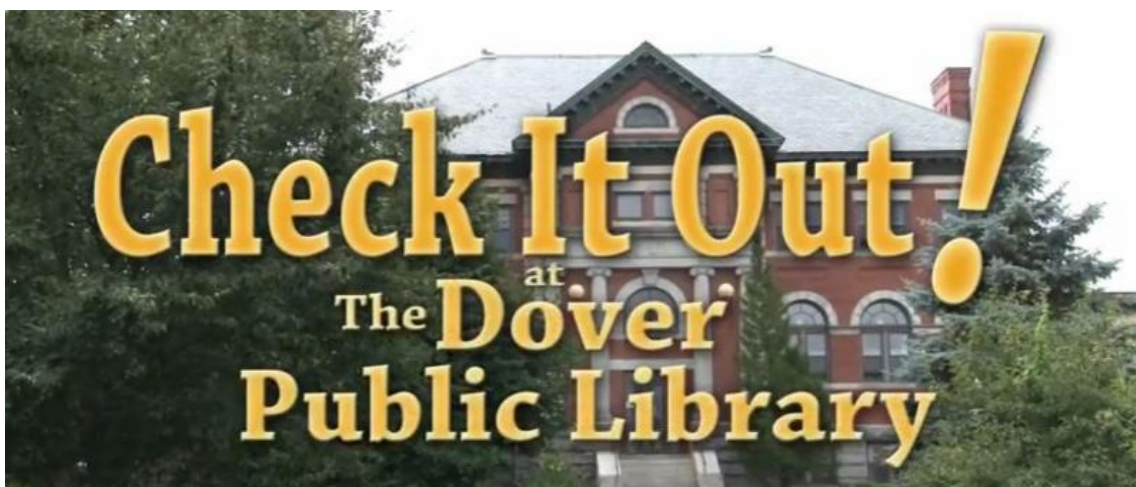
Wanted: One majestic tree to light up Dover's Henry Law Park this Christmas

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@doover.nh.gov or Assistant Recreation Director Rick Conway at 603-516-6401 or r.conway@doover.nh.gov.



This Week at the Library

Monday, Sept. 29, 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.*

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 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, Sept. 30, 4 to 5 p.m.

Inked In: Graphic Novel Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids in Grades 3-5 are invited to join us 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 September we'll be reading *The Baby-Sitters Club Book #1: Kristy's Great Idea* by Raina Telgemeier. Copies of the book will be available at the Children's Circulation Desk. *Registration required.*

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 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, Oct. 1, 6 to 7:30 pm

Medicare Basics: How to choose the right plan with Tim Harrigan

McConnell Center, Room 306

Are you turning 65 or thinking about retiring? Do you have questions about Medicare? This informative session will help you understand the basics of Medicare, how to avoid penalties and how to select the plan best suited to your needs and budget. Each attendee will leave with a clear plan for taking their next steps into Medicare.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Arts and Crafts Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Thursday, Oct. 2, 10 to 11 a.m.

Cover 2 Cover Book Group

Residence at Silver Square

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. October's selection is *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members welcome.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 4 to 5 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

McConnell Center, Room 306

Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Open to the public.

Friday, Oct. 3, 10 to 11 a.m.

Family Place Workshop

City Hall Auditorium

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable 5-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. *Registration for this event has now closed.*

Saturday, Oct. 4, All Day

Library closed for Apple Harvest Day



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The 2025

Dover Holiday Parade

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Dover Holiday Parade announces first sponsors

Organizers still seeking additional community support

The Dover Holiday Parade announced this week that Dover Honda; Hanlon & Zubkus, Attorneys at Law; Orpheum Apartments; Dover Main Street; and Raiche & Company have signed on as the parade's first sponsors of the 2025 season.

Organized by the Cochecho Friends, the Dover Holiday Parade is inviting other local businesses, organizations, and individuals to support the event through sponsorship opportunities.

Each year, thousands of residents and visitors line the streets of downtown Dover to celebrate the holidays, making the parade one of the region's most cherished traditions and a valuable opportunity for community exposure.

Sponsors of the Dover Holiday Parade enjoy valuable benefits, including promotion at an event that draws thousands of attendees, exposure on the parade's website with a direct link to their business, recognition in print and social media materials, on-site signage and banners, and the advantage of tax-deductible contributions. There are three sponsorship levels: Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500), Gold Sponsor (\$1,500), and Silver Sponsor (\$500). Individual donations are also welcome in any amount.

"Every year, the Dover Holiday Parade is made possible by the generosity of our community partners," said Dover Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan, who is also a member of Cochecho Friends. "Sponsorship not only keeps this tradition alive, but also connects

businesses and organizations with thousands of families who come out to celebrate together.”

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, volunteering, or participating in the parade, please contact the Dover Holiday Parade Committee via the Cochecho Friends at cochechofriends@gmail.com or visit www.CochechoFriends.com.

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

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,
pizza before we play, dessert and raffle prizes after!

Sponsor

\$1,000 TITLE-IST UNDERWRITER

- Your logo on all scorecards
- Our lunch sponsor
- Sponsorship on two holes, #1 & #18
- Press release mention
- Shout-outs on social media
- 4 free registrations

\$500 BIRDIE SPONSOR

- Your company name on all scorecards
- Sponsorship on one hole
- Shout-outs on social media
- 2 free registrations

\$250 PUTT-PUTT SPONSOR

- Sponsorship on one hole
- Shout-outs on social media



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by September 29*



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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**
- **Wastewater Pump Station Operator**
- **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

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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:

- District Float School Nurse
- Paraprofessionals
- Platform Manager
- Substitute Nurses
- MTSS Building Coordinator
- Attendance Secretary
- Interventionist
- DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)
- DALC Teacher of Adult Foundational Skills and HSE Preparation
- Ski Coach
- Noon Aides
- District Student Support Counselor
- Freshman Boys Soccer Coach
- Girls Middle School Volleyball Coach
- Freshman Girls Soccer Coach

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