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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 23, 2024



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DOVER, NH**

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**City Hall  
hours:**

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

**Recycling  
Center hours:**

Tuesday,  
Thursday,

## **Budget sessions continue with public hearing on school portion FY2025 plan**

**Citywide audit results also before City  
Council at Feb. 28 meeting**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the public education portion of the proposed FY2025 budget at its Wednesday, Feb. 28 meeting. School Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni presented the School Department's budget at the Council's Feb. 21 budget workshop. A video recording of the workshop and videos of the School Board's budget review and associated school budget documents are posted to the [FY2025 Budget Revealed](#) online resource. The public hearing on all other aspects of the budget will occur at a City Council special meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Also at the Feb. 28 meeting, the City Council will receive a presentation on the fiscal year 2023 audit from an independent consulting firm and its annual comprehensive financial report compiled by the Finance Department

The City Charter requires an annual independent audit of all the city's financial accounts, and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) is published to fulfill the requirement for fiscal year 2023. The ACFR covers all funds the city has become obligated to administer in connection

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

with its responsibilities for providing services. The ACFR's financial statements have been audited by certified public accountants who will present their report to the City Council during the City Manager's Report.

There is also a public hearing on the resolution for the city to utilize a \$440,000 InvestNH grant for eligible workforce housing units. If approved by the City Council, the Ad hoc Committee to Address Housing Needs will develop recommendations for the grant's proposed use to be presented to the City Council in September 2024.

The final public hearing will be on the acceptance of the FY2025 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Action Plan and expenditures for the FY2025 CDBG Entitlement Funds, FY2024 Program Income and FY2024 Program.

The Council will also consider authorizing the installation of a public art display on Waldron Court – all the materials and labor are to be donated for the project. This community engagement project by the Dover Arts Commission invites the public to create yarn and other fabric wrappings for trees within Waldron Court. The installations would be displayed publicly in the spring, transforming Waldron Court into a dynamic art exhibit.

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

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



#### **Upcoming budget meetings and workshops**

**Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.**

City Council regular meeting  
School budget public hearing

**Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.**

City Council workshop  
Budget review: Police, Fire and Rescue, and Planning departments

**Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m.**

City Council special meeting  
City budget public hearing  
City Council workshop to follow the special meeting  
Budget review: Community Services and Recreation budgets

**Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m.**

City Council workshop  
General budget review  
Following workshop: City Council special meeting for budget

adoption

**Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.**

City Council regular meeting  
Fallback budget adoption date

**Sign up for the Budget Revealed newsletter**

The City Manager releases a weekly newsletter, Budget Revealed, which provides a host of information about the FY2025 budget process, including a recap of any budget presentations that week and a preview of what will occur the following week. Sign up for the newsletter here:

<https://bit.ly/doverdownload>. Select "Budget Revealed" from the list of newsletters.

An archive of the newsletters will be posted to the FY2025 Budget Revealed page.



A worker from Northeast Earth Mechanics places a stone on the toe wall.

## **Mild winter accelerates site work for waterfront development**

The transformation of land into the Cochecho Waterfront Development at Washington and River streets continues at a rapid pace, and the building of the first phase of private developments is on the horizon.

The relatively mild winter and lack of snow have helped these efforts, with crews from Northeast Earth Mechanics working on multiple fronts daily at the site: stabilizing the shoreline, building the public roadways, and installing the associated utilities, while also readying Pad C and D for private developer Cathartes to begin its construction, anticipated to start this spring. The installation of utilities includes water, sewer and a drainage system that includes a bioretention system that treats stormwater in its place, as

well as installing electrical conduit and duct banks.

In a little more than a month, the parcels on the site can be sold to Cathartes' business entity, CPI Management, as detailed in the land disposition agreement and associated amendments between Cathartes and the City of Dover. According to the third amendment to the land disposition agreement between CPI Management and the City of Dover, two parcels are set to be transferred in the sale set to close by April 5, 2024. This date may be extended, pending sign-offs required from the State of New Hampshire and CPI's financial institution.

### **Shoreline stabilization**

The shoreline stabilization is time-sensitive, as this work needs to cease by mid-March so as not to interfere with the spring salmon run. The stabilization requires crews to build a toe wall that borders the Cochecho River, which will retain soils from flowing into the river when completed. To build the wall, crews utilize metal sheathing to build a coffer dam to protect works from the river's tidal waters. Much of the stone utilized for the wall is repurposed from the old stone wall by Fish Ladder Park, rebuilt in 2018. Once completed, the toe wall will extend to near the Makem Bridge on Washington Street.

### **Blasting underway**

A blasting crew are mobilizing to the site to remove ledge in the area of the first phase of private construction; the work is estimated to take about a month to complete. Blasting will occur once or twice a day, generally between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The crew utilizes a series of whistles before each blast to warn workers and the nearby public: 3 long horns - 5 minutes to blast; 2 long horns - 2 minutes to blast; and 1 long horn - all clear, blasting complete.



**Northeast Earth Mechanics works to remove the hill where the private development will be constructed. The fire hydrant shows how high the new grade of the waterfront development will be once completed.**

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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Feb. 24, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the front entrance of Woodman Park Elementary School. 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 to loan if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://bit.ly/3SKTjIL>.

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# — Problem —

Where can I recycle soft plastics?

# — Solution —

NexTrex offers a community recycling program for soft plastics. Items such as plastic bags (grocery, bread, products, dry cleaning), case wraps, bubble wrap, all plastic shipping envelopes, air pillows can be dropped off at locations including Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, Aldi's, Market Basket, Shaws, Hannaford and Walmart and other retail locations.

**Brought to you by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee**



## **COAST Plans “Day It Forward” Campaign to Benefit Gather on Feb. 29**

Food, cash donations, and fares collected on ‘Leap Day’ will benefit food pantry

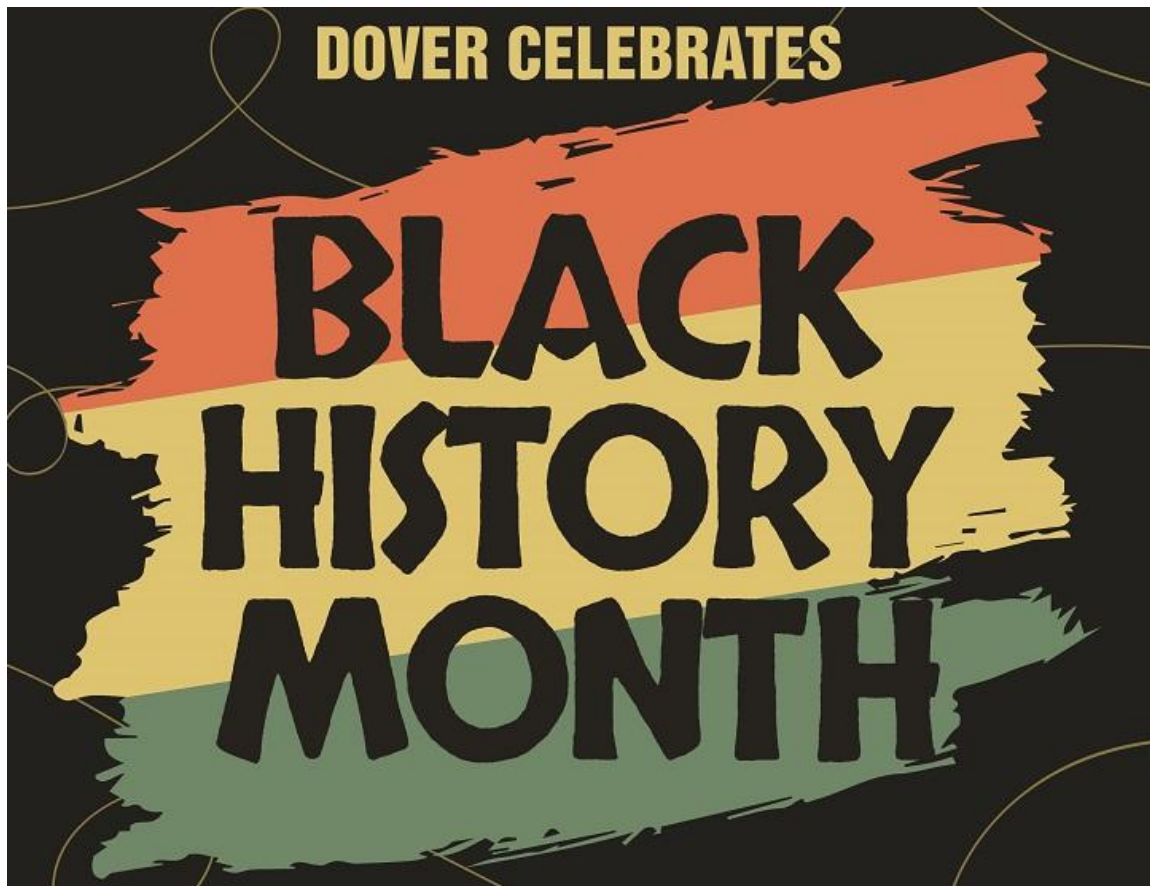
In honor of 2024 being a Leap Year, COAST is planning a “Day it Forward” campaign in support of fellow nonprofit Gather. All fare box collections on February 29 and contributions made by COAST staff will be donated along with non-perishable food and personal care donations collected during a Leap Day Stuff-A-Bus event at Hannaford on Central Avenue in Dover. In addition, COAST will match any bus tickets purchased and donated to Gather clients via COAST’s website now through Feb. 29.

“This year we have an extra day to do something good and make the world a better place,” said Vanessa Polychronis, COAST Community & Employee Relations Manager. “COAST and Gather serve many of the same people and communities. This year’s ‘Day it Forward’ campaign is a chance to make sure that Gather can respond to those who are experiencing food insecurity this winter. Let’s work together to do something good with the extra 24 hours we have this year.”

Those wishing to participate in the “Day it Forward” campaign can do so in three ways: Drop a cash donation in any COAST fare box on February 29; donate nonperishable food or personal care items during the Leap Day Stuff-A-Bus event between 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hannaford, 833 Central Ave. in Dover; or purchase bus tickets to donate to Gather clients, which COAST will match. Tickets can be purchased at <https://coastbus.org/give>.

Gather’s mission is to offer innovative programs that build food security in welcoming and dignified ways. For over 20 years, Gather has provided fresh, healthy food to individuals experiencing food insecurity in Greater Seacoast communities. Gather distributes food via mobile markets, fresh food bus, and food pantries in Portsmouth, Rochester, Somersworth, Dover, Farmington, Kittery, Seabrook, Hampton and Hampton Falls.

More information about COAST, including schedules and fares, can be found at [www.coastbus.org](http://www.coastbus.org).



**Dover among first in New Hampshire to take strong position against slavery**

Dover has a history of anti-slavery activism, notably associated with the influential newspaper "The Morning Star" and Abolitionist Senator John Parker Hale.

The city was the site of "The Morning Star," a radical anti-slavery newspaper produced by Freewill Baptists and first published in 1848. The newspaper vigorously campaigned for the complete abolition of slavery, despite opposition, even within their own denomination. The newspaper's editor, William Burr, led a concerted campaign against slavery, despite Dover's economic reliance on the cotton trade, which indirectly depended on slave labor in the South. The principled move plunged the newspaper into financial crisis, but as the public mood became more receptive to the abolitionist message, its circulation figures picked up. The newspaper's anti-slavery stance was a bold decision, especially in an overwhelmingly white community where the major employers were large cotton mills. The city's prosperity was largely dependent on the cotton trade, making its anti-slavery position particularly remarkable. When Abraham Lincoln visited Dover in 1860, editor William Burr was among those invited to join him on the speaker's platform.

Dover's anti-slavery sentiment extended beyond the newspaper. The city was the first in New Hampshire to send strongly abolitionist representatives to the State Legislature and one of the first in the U.S. to send an openly abolitionist senator to Washington. John Parker Hale was first elected to the United States Senate in 1855, and re-elected in 1859, serving until 1865. Hale began his Congressional career as a Democrat but helped establish the anti-slavery Free Soil Party and eventually joined the Republican Party. In the Senate, he maintained his antislavery activity and was regarded as one of its leaders. Hale's prominence in the antislavery movement led to his receiving the presidential nomination of the Liberty Party in 1847.

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Conservation Commission, Forest Management Subcommittee, Feb. 26, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission's Forest Management Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### Transportation Advisory Commission, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Police Department Community Room, 46 Chestnut Street, Dover.

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



## On the Agenda: Planning Board, 2/27/2024

In this video, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=MsVUJ21QxbUXuSyl>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 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](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.



## Planning Board, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

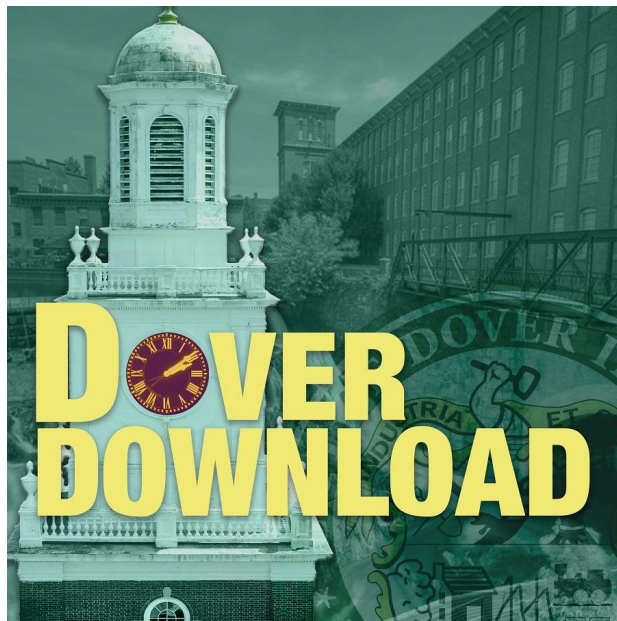
To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

## City Council, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024, 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-meetings/>.



## Inside Dover's FY2025 Budget Proposal

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with City Manager J. Michael Joyal about the municipal budgeting process. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3OMUqAe>.



## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

## Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your

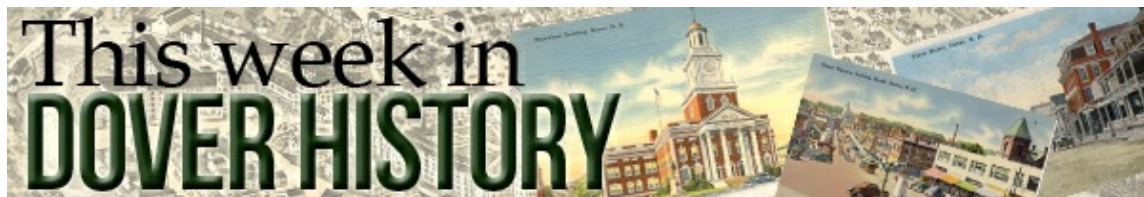
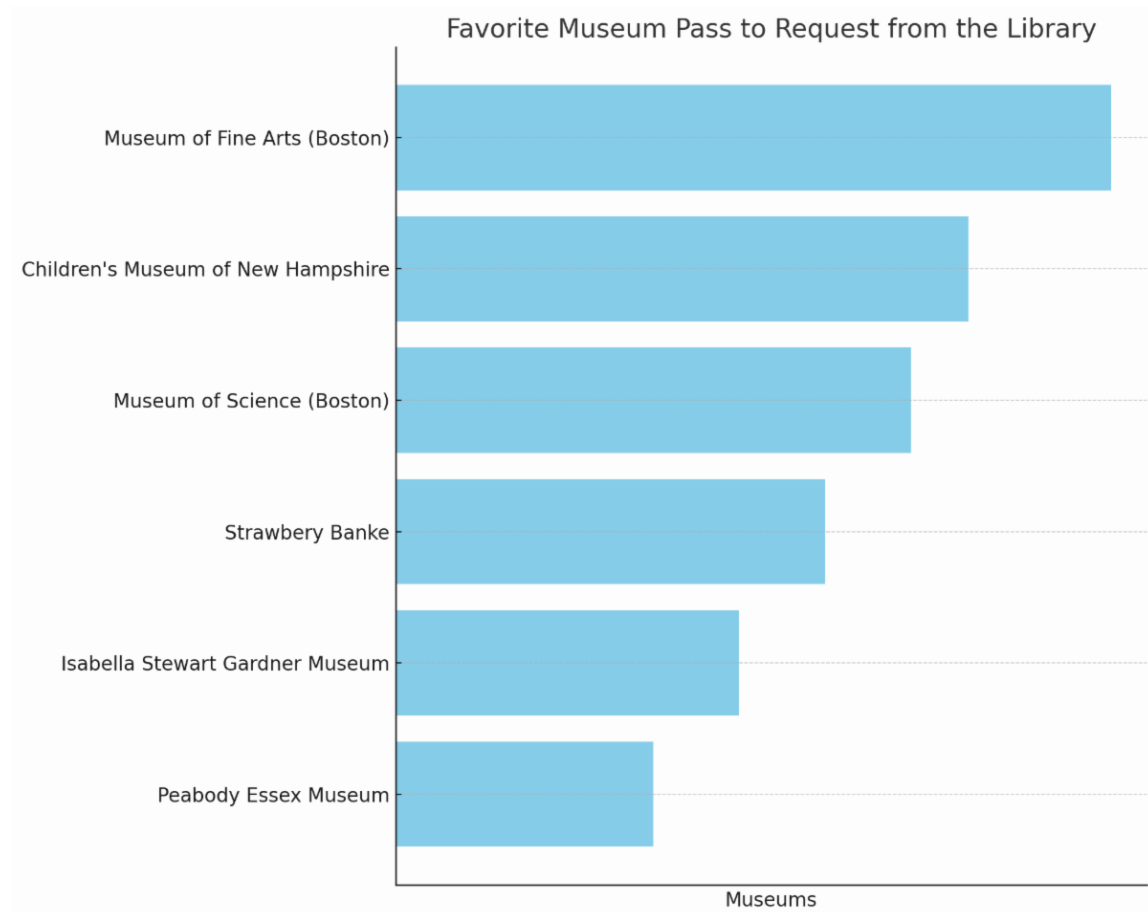
response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **"What is your favorite annual event in Dover?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/fcw3wq>.

*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.*

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "What is your favorite museum pass to request from the library?"



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](#).

**Feb. 28, 1664** — Philip Chesley and Patrick Jemison were chosen to lay out the highways from Oyster River to Cochecho, make them fit for horse and foot, and bring an account of their charges to the Townsmen.

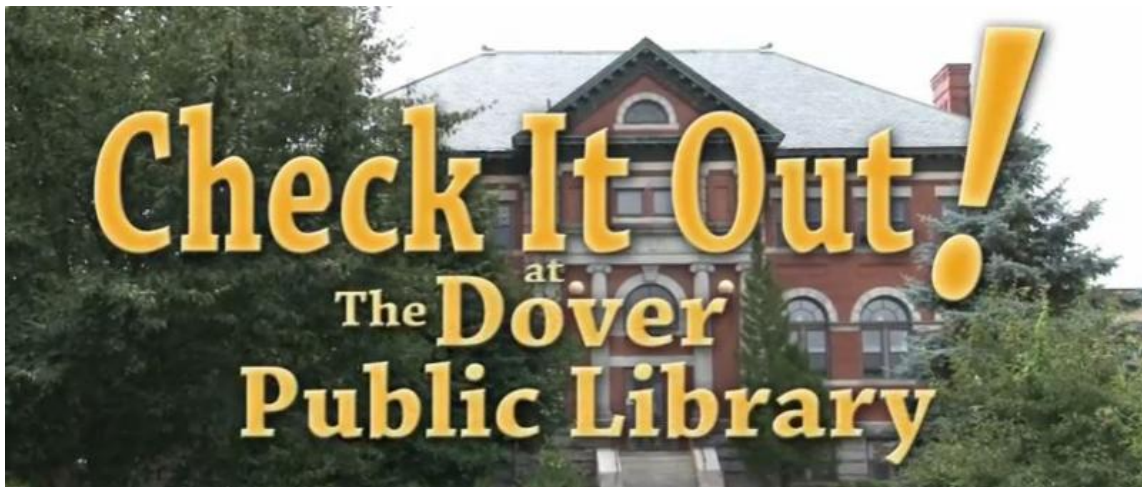
**Feb. 25, 1804** — William Hurd and John Jones were sentenced by the Supreme Judicial

Court, held in Dover, "to sit one hour in the pillory, pay a fine of \$200 each, and costs of prosecution, and to stand committed until sentence be performed," for passing counterfeit \$10 bills of the New Hampshire Bank.

**Feb. 26, 1828** — Publication of the Dover Enquirer began on this day.

**Feb. 25, 1924** — More than 1,000 people attend the opening of a new municipal ski jump at Garrison Hill. Four New Hampshire University (University of New Hampshire) Outing Club members held a ski exhibit during the event. The group was led by Gunnar Michelson, an intercollegiate ski champion, whose longest jump of the day was 63 feet.

**Feb. 24, 1999** — With Amtrak already committed to providing passenger rail services from Portland to Boston, which would become the Downeaster, a Dover committee met on this day in 1999 to discuss what they would like to see in a Dover train station. The station would eventually open as the Dover Transportation Center and remains in operation today.



## **Film screening of "Regenerating Life" with panel discussion to follow**

The Dover Public Library, along with the Seacoast N.H. Permaculture group, will host a viewing of the film "Regenerating Life" on Sunday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the library's lecture hall. Options for virtual attendance are also available by going to the library's event calendar to register to receive the virtual link. This event is part of a worldwide series of community screenings. Following the film viewing, a panel discussion will take place featuring:

- Amy Antonucci, moderator, Seacoast Permaculture
- Jim Laurie, representing Bio4Climate
- John Feldman, filmmaker [virtual]
- Zuska Mulkerin, panelist who speaks for water [virtual]

"Regenerating Life" takes an ecological approach to unraveling the climate crisis. It challenges the prevailing idea that carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels are the primary cause of this crisis and offers a new narrative. The film proposes that it is humankind's relentless destruction of the natural world that has caused the climate crisis. This is because nature – the vast biodiversity that exists on our planet – regulates and balances Earth's climate.

Filmmaker John Feldman dives into the economic and political systems that have encouraged this destruction of Earth through the relentless quest for wealth and dominion, but stresses that we can reverse this destructive process by regenerating life.

John visits people who are developing solutions. By working with nature, they are restoring the forests, fields, wetlands and oceans. They are regenerating soils to grow healthy food and build healthy communities. This is the solution to the climate crisis.

"Regenerating Life" invites audiences to rethink their assumptions about climate change and humankind's relationship to nature. Through community screenings and discussions, people may be inspired to come together to make changes in their own communities to help restore regional forests, parks and waterways and support the emergence of community gardens and locally grown nutritious food.

For more information about this screening, go to [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov). For more information about the film, go to <http://hummingbirdfilms.com/regeneratinglife/> or contact Hummingbird Films at [susandavies@hummingbirdfilms.com](mailto:susandavies@hummingbirdfilms.com).

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 603-516-6050.

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## Free Irish music concert at the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library welcomes musical duo "JuBilly" to the library for a performance of Irish and other traditional folk music on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m., titled "Keeping Irish Heritage Alive Through Music with Hands Across the Ocean."

JuBilly (Jules and Billy) enjoy playing traditional Irish music and international folk songs in Ireland and America. Jules, from the Dover area, met Billy in his hometown of Cobh County Cork in Ireland, while on a cruise bound for Iceland. Due to stormy weather, the cruise ship sheltered overnight in Cork, and Jules met Billy singing in a pub. Billy is a welder by trade and has recently written a book about his exploits around the world entitled "The Life and Times of a Hairy-Arsed Welder."

Billy (Buster) plays guitar and is famous for singing traditional Irish ballads, while Jules smiles and plays the accordion. The duo enjoys entertaining people of all ages, and Billy is renowned for his storytelling ability and jokes.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 603-516-6050.

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## This Week at the Library

### **Sunday, Feb. 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m.** **Silent Reading Group**

It's a book club with no assigned reading, no expectations, and no rules. Share light discussion on the book you brought and enjoy the quiet, productive space of the library. Bring a snack.

Bring a friend. Come read!

### **Monday, Feb. 26, 10 to 10:45 a.m.** **Vacation Storytime!**

Explore Winter weather and FUN, through stories and songs. All ages with caregivers are welcome, and no registration is needed.

### **Monday, Feb. 26, 2 to 3:15 p.m.** **Swiftie Party**

Celebrate all things Taylor Swift! Make beaded bracelets, play Taylor-themed

### **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10 to 11 a.m.** **Lego Club - Vacation Style**

Come build at a special vacation edition of Lego Club! This will be a make-and-take event. You get to take your Lego creation home! Bring your imagination and building skills. This is a family event for people age 5-99. CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 11 am to 12 pm** **All Abilities Club: Board Games**

Join us for some friendly competition. We will provide board and card games.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 3 to 4 p.m.** **Decorate a Picture Frame**

Join for a fun, simple, and creative activity! We'll be painting and decorating

games, and share your love of all things T-Swift. Feel free to dress in an outfit inspired by your favorite era! No registration required. This event is for teens in grades 6-12 only.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 3 to 4 p.m.**  
**Tech Help**

Do you need help with basic computer or technology skills? There will be teen volunteers available to assist you during this time. We will have library computers available for use or bring your own device (laptop, phone, or tablet).

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 3 to 4 p.m.**  
**Crafternoon for Kids: Diary of a Wimpy Kid Crafts**

Are you a fan of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney? Celebrate the recent release of Diary of a Wimpy Kid: No Brainer with some Wimpy Kid crafts! Kids in grades K and up, and preschoolers with an adult caregiver, are welcome to join, while supplies last.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**  
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, strategy, and imagination. The group will meet every Tuesday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Americans for the Arts**  
The Dover Arts Commission will host a PowerPoint presentation in the Library Lecture Hall with data from the 2022 Arts and Economic Prosperity survey we conducted through the Americans for the Arts. The survey results detail the direct economic benefits of arts and culture in the non-profit sector in Dover.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7 to 8 p.m.**  
**Celebrating the 30th Book Anniversary of "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" with Laurie R. King**  
It's been 30 years since the most amazing Sherlock Holmes retelling, "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" came out. And the newest in the series, "The Lantern's Dance", was just released! Join author Laurie R. King for a discussion of the origin story to this series, the taking on of an icon, the twists and turns of storytelling, and the impact (cultural, social, political, etc) of Holmes and Russell on our collective consciousnesses!

wooden picture frames using all different kinds of materials, just bring your imagination. This event is for children in Grades 2-4. Registration required.

**Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Get Lit! Book Club**

Join us at Roost (50 Pointe Place, Dover) to discuss *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!

**Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**  
**Chess Group**

Adults and teens are invited to drop in to play a game or two and meet other folks interested in all things chess. Please bring a chess set if you have one!

**Thursday, February 29, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Tote Bag Painting**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to drop in and paint a canvas tote bag (while supplies last)! All supplies will be provided. No registration is required.

**Thursday, Feb. 29, 5 to 8 p.m.**  
**Magic the Gathering**  
Join every Thursday to play Magic the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels welcome. No materials required.

**Thursday, Feb. 29, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**BeTWEEN the Pages - Leap Into a Graphic Novel**  
Calling all graphic novel fans ages 9-12! Celebrate Leap Day with us as we discuss our favorite Graphic Novels. We will talk about what exciting graphic novels are coming out in 2024 to get your holds list ready! We will have popcorn and cookies while we work on our graphic art/craft project.  
*Registration is required.*

**Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.**  
**Meditation Class**  
Try this free meditation series to learn how to be more relaxed and mindful. The Lift Method, created by Dover resident, Thomas McGreavey, is an enhancement to traditional mindfulness meditation that can soothe anxiety and ease the flight/fight/freeze response on the spot. This class is being offered over six sessions. Come to as many as you'd like.



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## Dover Police to hold open house March 4

The Dover Police Department is hosting a community open house on March 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will take place at the Police Department, located at 46 Chestnut St.

The open house will allow residents to go behind the scenes of the police department and learn about its daily operations. Attendees will be able to explore the facilities, meet patrol officers and detectives, and learn about various divisions like the school resources unit and prevention services.

There will be no formal agenda. The goal is to foster connections between community members and law enforcement through informal interactions.

Police Chief William Breault will be available to answer questions about public safety, the department's policing approach, and any other topics.

The open house is open to all.

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## Dover schools seek community input on strategic priorities

The Dover School District seeks community feedback on the district's strategic priorities through an online survey. The 2.0 Strategic Plan Steering Committee, which has been meeting since last fall, developed the survey to update the priorities in the district's strategic plan.

The survey asks community members to review several proposed focus areas and rank them in order of importance for the district's success.

In addition to the community survey, separate surveys have been sent to students, parents, and staff.

Community members are asked to complete the strategic plan survey before March 1. Feedback will help shape district priorities and decision-making in the years ahead.

The strategic plan is the topic of a School Board workshop on Monday, Feb. 19, beginning at 6 p.m. in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

Take the survey at:  
<https://app.sli.do/event/cbnZBzsc2buZSMgnepTams>

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## Dover Chamber accepting annual award nominations

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, David K. Bamford Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, and Nonprofit of the Year. The GDCC also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.



These awards allow GDCC member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the GDCC's Annual Awards Gala, scheduled for Thursday, May 9, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Red Barn at Outlook Farm in South Berwick, Maine. The 2024 Annual Awards Gala will be underwritten by Newburyport Bank.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to reflect on individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit a nomination, visit [www.dovernh.org/awards](http://www.dovernh.org/awards). All nominations are due by March 18 at 5 p.m.

"Our educators, advocates, dedicated residents, nonprofit organizations, and businesses are true assets of our community," says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. "If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination."

The GDCC Annual Awards Gala serves as a marketing and sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorship in connection with the Annual Awards Dinner, email GDCC President Margaret Joyce at [margaret@dovernh.org](mailto:margaret@dovernh.org).

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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## 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:

- Energy Commission
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee
- Library Board of Trustees
- Pool Advisory Committee

- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission

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 Vanslyvong-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.

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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:

- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor**
- **Planning Division Supervisor**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Enterprise Systems IT Administrator**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities**
- **Maintenance Specialist**
- **Water Exercise Instructor**
- **Account Clerk**
- **Laborer, Utilities**
- **Truck Driver, Utilities**
- **Human Resources Office Assistant**

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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:

- **Day Porter at Dover High School**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Dover Middle School Girls Head Lacrosse Coach**
- **Dover Middle School Head Baseball Coach**
- **Dover High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional**
- **Long term maternity leave - 3rd grade**
- **Literacy Interventionist Specialist**
- **DALC Teacher-Adult Foundational Skills and High School Equivalency Preparation**



- **Dover High School Boys Head Tennis Coach**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional**
- **Dover Middle School Boys Head Lacrosse Coach**

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