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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 1, 2024



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

Upcoming budget workshop focuses on Police, Fire and Planning departments

The City Council will hold its next budget workshop on Wednesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

At the workshop, the Council will receive budget presentations from the Police, Fire and Rescue, and Planning departments.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda. The workshop will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

The final departmental budget presentation will be from Community Services on Wednesday, March 20. Immediately before that presentation, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the city portion of the budget, which includes all portions of the budget except the School Department's.



Upcoming budget meetings and workshops

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.

The newsletters are posted to the FY2025 Budget Revealed page once published.

School Board workshop with legislative delegation on Monday

The School Board will hold a workshop on Monday, March 4 to receive an update from members of Dover's legislative delegation about education bills this legislative session that could impact Dover public schools.

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

The workshop begins at 6 p.m. in School Board Chambers, Room 306 of the McConnell Center. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



Dover Police open house is Monday

The Dover Police Department is hosting a community open house on Monday, 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.

Ward 4 state representative special election March 12

A special election will be held to fill the Strafford District 11 state representative seat on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. District 11 represents Dover Ward 4, Lee and Madbury.

The polling place for Ward 4 is Garrison Elementary School at 50 Garrison Road. Polling hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Need an absentee ballot? [Click here](#) for an application or visit the Dover City Clerk's Office in City Hall's Customer Service Center, located on the ground floor.



The two candidates on the ballot are Democrat Erik Johnson of Lee, and Republican Joseph E. Bazo of Madbury. [Click here](#) for a sample ballot. A special primary election was held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

The special election will fill the seat that became vacant after the death of Rep. Hoy Robert Menear of Lee in November 2023.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018, visit the city's dedicated [election webpage](#), or the New Hampshire Secretary of State's [election webpage](#).

Property tax credits and exemptions available for veterans, elderly, blind, deaf, disabled, and solar energy systems

The City of Dover offers property tax exemptions for qualified property owners that include veterans, the elderly, the blind, the deaf, the disabled, and those with solar energy systems.

To qualify for tax exemptions, a person must apply and demonstrate they meet requirements set out by state law, such as residency, asset, and income limits. The deadline to apply for exemptions for the December 2024 property tax bill is Monday, April 15, 2024.

Applications for tax exemptions are available at the Tax Assessment Office in City Hall. The applications are also available online at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/applications/>.

Tax Credit for Veterans

The City of Dover offers credits for qualified veterans, their spouses, or surviving spouse, including:

Veterans' Credit provides up to \$750 per year for those who served on active service in a qualifying war/conflict with applicable awards. This credit also encompasses service members who have served on active service in a qualifying war/conflict and remain on active duty, and includes training for active duty by a member of the National Guard or Reserve member.

All Veterans' Credit provides up to \$750 per year for those who served or are currently serving and are not eligible for the Veterans' Credit. This also includes training for active duty by a member of the National Guard or Reserve.

Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit, providing up to \$4,000 annually to veterans totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability; double amputees or paraplegics due to service-connected injuries also qualify.

Please refer to RSA 72:28, RSA 72:28-b, and RSA 21:50 for specific state law language regarding eligibility for these credits. Veterans and active service members are encouraged to contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014 with questions about veteran tax credits and/or eligibility.

Elderly Tax Credit

Provides at least \$166,000 off the assessed property value for those who meet age, income, asset, and residency requirements.

- For ages 65 to 74, the exemption is \$166,000
- For ages 75 to 79, the exemption is \$234,000
- For ages 80 and older, the exemption is \$300,000.

Blind Exemption

Provides \$166,000 off the assessed property value for those who are legally blind. Must meet residency requirements

Deaf Exemption

Provides \$166,000 off the assessed property value for those who are deaf or have a severe hearing impairment. Must meet residency, income, and asset requirements.

Disability Exemption

Provides \$166,000 off the assessed property value for those who are eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled. Must meet residency, income, and asset requirements.

Exemption for Solar Energy Systems

Provides up to \$30,000 off the property's assessed value of a solar energy system. As defined by RSA 72:61, a solar energy system utilizes energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building that includes one or more collectors and a storage container. It also means a system that provides electricity for a building using photovoltaic panels. The amount of the exemption is the assessed value of the solar energy system, up to \$30,000.

For questions or more information, contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014.



Put A Lid On It!

The recycling bin the City sells comes with a lid to minimize recyclables blowing out and becoming litter. Available for purchase (\$8 per bin) at:

- Recycling Center
- Community Services
- City Clerk's Office

For information, call (603) 516-6073.

Brought to you by the
Solid Waste Advisory Committee



Recycling is picked up curbside in Dover, on different days of the week, depending on your location. Please remember that trash/recycling must be placed CURBSIDE by 7 a.m. to be picked up.

Don't know what day your trash and recycling are picked up? Find out [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

**School Board, March 4,
6 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a workshop on Monday, March 4, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in

School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, March 6, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, March 7, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

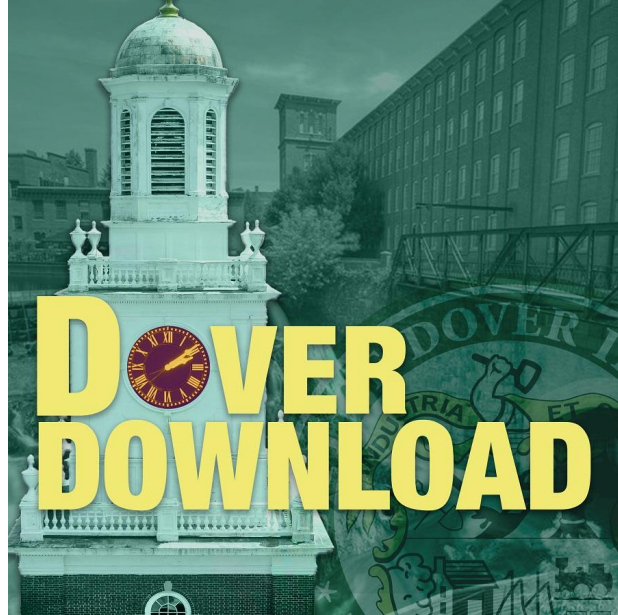
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Library Board of Trustees, March 7, 4 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Dover Public Library.

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/>.



Regional Spotlight: Town of Newmarket

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Steve Fournier, Town Manager of Newmarket, about economic and business development strategies. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3wsfLZE>.



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 to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

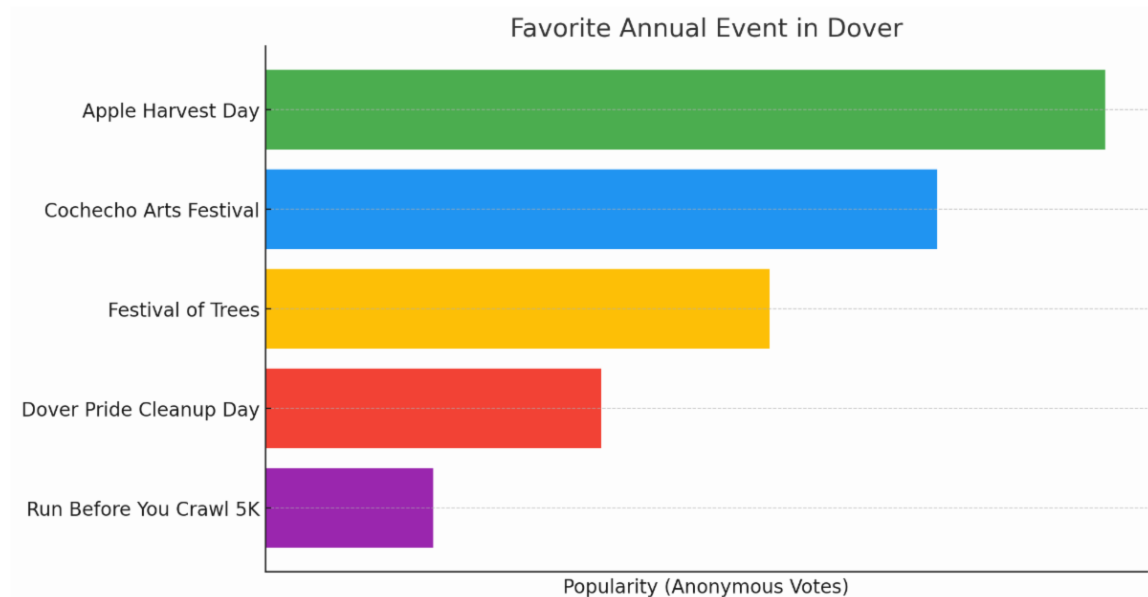
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **"Do you bring reusable bags when shopping?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mt2qyn>.

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 top five results from last week's poll, which asked, "What is your favorite annual event in Dover?" (Ranked in order from most votes received)



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](#).

March 4, 1806 — A new three-day-a-week stagecoach line launched this day between Boston and Portland, with a stop in Dover, aiming to better accommodate travelers. Coaches departed both cities at 6 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, met that evening at a Durham tavern to exchange passengers, and then returned the next day. To manage demand, early sign-ups got boarding priority. The maximum capacity was set at nine passengers per coach. Nathaniel Ela of Dover co-founded the service, one of 10 proprietors looking to improve regional transportation options.

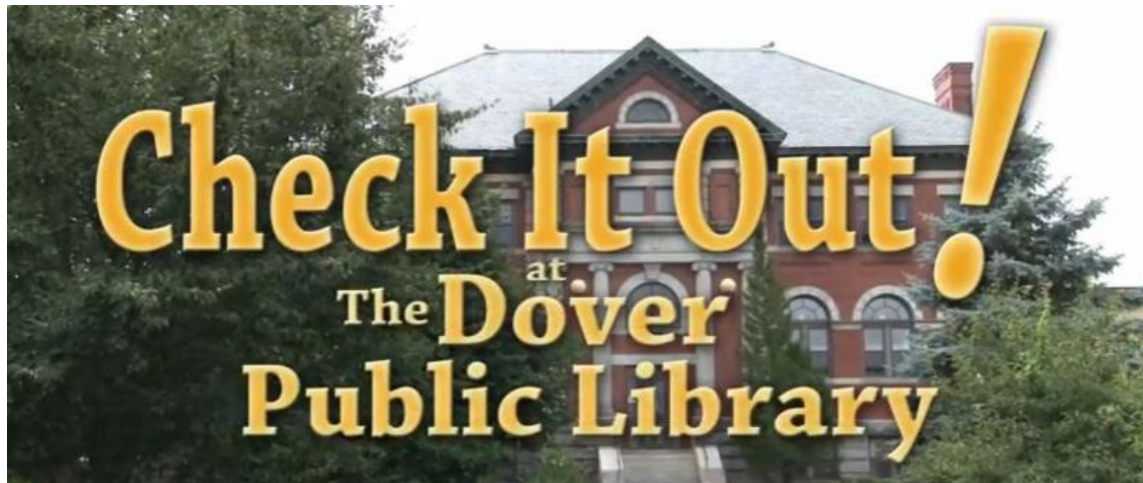
March 4, 1834 — The Cocheco Manufacturing Co. stopped operating for three days after female workers walked out to protest a reduction in pay.

March 2, 1860 — Abraham Lincoln, a Republican presidential candidate, stopped in Dover on this day during his only campaign trip to New Hampshire. He arrived by train to a welcoming crowd, then rode by horse and buggy to the home of a local mill owner. That

evening, Lincoln delivered a two-hour speech on slavery to over 1,500 people crammed into City Hall.

March 4, 1999 — On this day, the City Council heard details of a pilot study testing bacteria to clean up contaminants at the Tolend Road Landfill, which closed in 1979. Using bacteria to digest harmful chemicals through a process called bioremediation was estimated to save Dover millions compared to traditional capping methods. The bacteria break down contaminants into harmless forms. The EPA assessed the ongoing study, which initially yielded promising results.

March 7, 2002 — Dover Recreation held its annual volunteer recognition event on this day, honoring those who dedicate themselves to local youth recreation. Then-Mayor Alex Nossiff praised the "heart and soul" volunteers who make the community's sports leagues possible. The Volunteer of the Year award went to Bob Keays, who had volunteered with Dover Northside Cal Ripken Baseball League for 42 years and at the time of the award was still serving as vice president. Keays fondly reminisced about his four decades of volunteer service, during which he has seen many children through the baseball program. Keays, who also served on the City Council, died in 2008.



Plastic pollution topic of virtual program at Public Library

Much of what you've heard about plastic pollution may be wrong. Recycling is more complicated than we were taught, and plastic pollution isn't confined to the open ocean. Did you know that less than 9 percent of the plastic we create is reused? Or that it's in much of the air we breathe and food we eat?

Join the Dover Public Library virtually on Monday at 7 p.m. as author, photojournalist and scientist Erica Cirino shares her findings and current work communicating science-backed facts and solutions to plastic pollution as well as images from the frontlines of the plastic crisis.

This program is presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library in Massachusetts. Signup is needed on the Dover [library's website](#) to receive a virtual talk link.

In Cirino's book "Thicker Than Water: The Quest for the Solutions to the Plastic Crisis" she brings readers on a globe-hopping journey to meet the scientists and activists telling the real story of the plastic crisis. She hopes by sharing these facts immediate action can be taken to help our communities and protect our health from plastics.

Cirino is a science writer and artist exploring the intersection of the human and nonhuman

worlds. Her widely published photojournalistic works depict how people connect to nature and shape planet Earth.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.



Join three-time Iditarod participant Karen Land and her sled dog Noggin

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to ride the runners behind a team of dogs, steering a loaded sled across the vast Alaskan tundra?

Find out on Wednesday at 6 p.m. when the Dover Public Library presents “Mush! Noggin the Sled Dog (and her Human).”

Musher Karen Land, a three-time participant in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, will be accompanied by her Alaskan husky Noggin, Iditarod dog sled, mushing gear, and Arctic clothing to answer questions like what it takes to care for a team of Alaskan huskies and how you prepare for a highly competitive race through mountainous terrain.

Land is a writer and public speaker and has competed in many sprint and endurance races, including ones in Alaska, Canada, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Maine.

This year's Iditarod starts with a ceremonial start in Anchorage on Saturday, with the official start taking place the next day in Willow. The annual Alaska long-distance sled dog race began in 1973 and covers over 1,000 miles from Anchorage to Nome. Mushers have a team of 12 to 14 sled dogs and race from eight to 15 days in extreme weather, including blizzards, white-out conditions, sub-zero temperatures, and gale-force winds.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Sunday, March 3, 1:30 to 4:45 p.m.
"Regenerating Life" Documentary

This feature-length film takes an ecological approach to unraveling the climate crisis. It shifts away from the dogma that carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels are the primary cause of this crisis and offers a new narrative. A panel discussion will follow

Sunday, March 3, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Intuitive Journaling Club

Learn more about journaling for self-development in a neurodiverse, LGBT+, and recovery safe space. Don't forget to bring a notebook and pen or pencil.

Monday, March 4, 7 to 8 p.m.
Author Erica Cirino Discusses
"Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis"

As plastic pollution piles up, time to negotiate real solutions is running out, and meanwhile plastics' impacts on the Earth and our health grows worse. Erica hopes to share important facts and immediate action we can take to help our communities and protect our health.

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Genealogy Group

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.

Weds, March 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

Weds, March 6, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
All Abilities Chapter Book Club
Join the All Abilities Club! These weekly programs are geared towards adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their caregivers. We will be reading *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. All are invited.

Wednesday, March 6, 6 to 7 p.m.
Quiet time: A Group for Parents and Caregivers of Young Children
Parents and caregivers of young children are invited to this relaxed, open forum community group. We'll discuss a variety of topics, from navigating childcare to going back to work. Feel free to bring a light snack along with you to enjoy, and we'll provide tea. Lap children are welcome, but we kindly ask that older

Weds, March 6, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Irish Music Concert featuring "JuBilly"

JuBilly (Jules and Billy) enjoy playing Traditional Irish music and International Folks Songs both in Ireland and America. Billy (Buster) plays guitar and is famous for singing Traditional Irish ballads, while Jules plays the accordion.

Wednesday, March 6, 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, March 7, 10 to 11 a.m.
Cover 2 Cover Book Group
Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. March's selection is *Alive, Alive Oh!* by Diana Athill. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

Thursday, March 7, 4 to 5 p.m.
Multilingual Book Group
Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center lead this group that features a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. This program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3 (other ages OK).

Thursday, March 7, 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, March 7, 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.
Two Eyed Cyclops: Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club
Join for a lively discussion of *Gideon the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir.

Friday, March 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
WORKREADYNH Information Session
WorkReadyNH is a tuition-free professional skills course to help you enhance your resume, improve your interview, communicate more effectively, prevent and resolve workplace conflicts, and develop other essential skills. Stand out to NH employers with the skills they want most. Dawn Hamdi from Great Bay Community College will be here to talk about this program that is FREE and available to anyone age 16 and older.

Saturday, March 9, 5 to 8 p.m.

children stay at home.

Crafter Morning for Kids:

Sock Bunnies

Kids ages 6 and up are invited to join us in the activity/storytime room to make a sock bunny. *Registration required.*



Shop Local Late on First Fridays in Dover

Starting today, March 1, participating downtown local merchants will extend their shopping hours until 8 p.m. on every First Friday of the month.

If you're thinking about hitting the town for dinner, or have a busy schedule that makes it hard for you to get out during the day, this is your time to get out to some of your favorite places.

For a full list of participating businesses and hours, [click here](#).

If you're a Dover retailer and want to join the fun, email hipfindssco@gmail.com, and they will add your business as an event co-host.



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.

Feedback will help shape district priorities and decision-making in the years ahead.

The strategic plan was the topic of the School Board's Feb. 19 workshop, [available here](#).

Take the survey at:

<https://app.sli.do/event/cbnZBzsc2buZSMgnepTams>

Dover Senior Center plans to hit Myrtle Beach for Senior Spring Break

Join the Dover Senior Center on Spring Break in Myrtle Beach, April 27-May 3, 2024.

The tour includes Deluxe Yankee Line motor coach transportation; first-class hotel accommodations for six nights; 12 meals (six breakfasts; one box lunch; four dinners while in Myrtle Beach, and a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant in Virginia overlooking the Potomac); admission and reserved seating to three popular music shows including, "ICONIC" The Show at the Alabama Theatre, The Carolina Opry, and Charles Bach Wonders Theatre from Las Vegas – The Biggest and Best Magic Show in Myrtle Beach; tour of Brookgreen Garden; and much more.

Pricing is based on occupancy and number of bedrooms. A \$100-per-person deposit is due upon sign-up. The balance is due on or before March 15, 2024.

For more information about the trip, pricing, and how to register, contact Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6420.

Deadline for Dover Chamber annual award nominations is March 18

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.



All awards will be presented at the GDCC's Annual Awards Gala, scheduled for May 9.

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. All nominations are due by March 18 at 5 p.m.

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:

- Arena Commission
- Energy Commission
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee
- Planning Board
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board

- Utilities Commission

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.

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
- Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities
- Water Exercise Instructor
- Account Clerk
- Laborer, Utilities
- Truck Driver, Utilities
- Fire/Life Safety Inspector
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Summer Camp Supervisor
- Adult/Children Circulation Desk Assistant
- Director of Recreation

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

Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- 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

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

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