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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



April 5, 2024



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City Council adopts FY2025 budget

The City Council adopted the City of Dover's fiscal year 2025 budget by a 7-2 vote during a special meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The final adopted budget is \$198,059,600 across all funds, an \$11,383,089, or a 6.1% increase, above the current fiscal year budget.

The General Fund portion of the budget, funded primarily through property taxes, is \$157,339,569. It is a \$7,779,303, or 5.2%, increase above the current fiscal year budget.

It is \$1,457,373 above the total amount allowed by the tax cap, requiring a two-thirds majority vote of the City Council to adopt the budget. The public education portion of the budget was \$1,636,019 above the tax cap calculation, with all other city departments \$178,646 under the tax cap.

3:30 p.m.

General Fund appropriations include \$55,648,201 for city operations, \$78,420,675 for School Department operations, \$12,554,186 for debt service obligations, and \$10,716,507 for the county tax. These General Fund appropriations represent a \$4,070,470 or 7.0% increase for city operations (inclusive of debt service), a \$3,276,857 or 4.0% increase for School Department operations (inclusive of debt service), and \$431,976, or 4.2% increase for the county tax payment.

The City Council reduced the City Manager's proposed General Fund appropriations by \$653,677. These General Fund reductions include \$153,577 from the city portion of the budget and \$500,000 from the school portion.

Councilors Robert Warach and Fergus Cullen voted against the amended budget resolution.

For the average residential property assessment of \$457,687, the estimated tax impact, based on the adopted budget, is a \$427 increase in property taxes. The estimated tax rate resulting from the adopted budget is \$19.63, a 93-cent, or 5%, increase above the current tax rate. The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration will certify the official tax rate later this year.

The budget adoption also included the FY2025 Schedule of Fees that goes into effect on July 1, 2024. The schedule of fees consists of a water rate of \$7.40, an 81-cent increase, or 12.3%, and a sewer rate of \$10.68, a 42-cent increase, or 4.1% above the current FY2024 Schedule of Fees.

The City Council did not increase fees for parking or the solid waste bag and tag system as originally proposed in the budget.

The FY2025 budget adoption at the April 4 special meeting followed several weeks of budget meetings and workshops, including a budget workshop immediately preceding the special meeting. Wednesday's budget workshop, special meeting, and documents can be viewed on the city's [FY2025 Budget Revealed online resource](#).



City Council to take up Gaza ceasefire resolution, design work for outdoor pool rehabilitation at April 10 meeting

The City Council meets next Wednesday, April 10, for its first regular meeting of the month.

The agenda includes a resolution, “Recognizing the impacts of the Israel-Hamas war on the residents of Dover, New Hampshire, and urging federal policymakers to push for an immediate ceasefire and the delivery and distribution of humanitarian aid; affirming the City of Dover’s commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community for residents of all backgrounds; and denouncing hate, bigotry, and discrimination in all of its forms,” co-sponsored by Councilors April Richer and Robert Warach.

Other agenda items include:

- Authorizing the expenditure of \$196,550 to Weston & Sampson for design engineering, permitting, bid assistance and construction administration for planned rehabilitation work to the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool. The City Council included \$2 million in the FY2025 Capital Improvements Program for the repairs to be made to the pool, anticipated to start in September.
- Authorizing awarding the annual street paving bid to Brox Industries, of Dracut, Massachusetts for \$2,048,830.
- Authorizing expending \$400,000 for contingency funding for the construction of the Pudding Hill Water Treatment Plant. The funding will allow the city to utilize unused amounts of a PFAS grant to be used to remediate the Griffin Well in the Pudding Hill aquifer. To date, the construction of the water treatment plant has been funded by contributions from the responsible private party and the NH Department of Environmental Services’ PFAS grant.

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

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

River Street closure begins Monday

River Street will close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic 24 hours a day starting Monday, April 8. The closure also includes a section of sidewalk at the northeastern edge of Henry Law Park and a section of Washington Street from the Makem Bridge. The closure is anticipated to continue through at least Labor Day in September 2024.

The closure will allow the contractor to install a new water main, stormwater drainage, and electrical duct bank related to the waterfront project and complete other roadway work.

Public parking will be prohibited on River Street when the closure occurs. Contact the Parking Bureau at 603-516-6132 for parking questions.

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



An example of debris properly left curbside for pickup after a formal service request is made.

City to provide curbside collection of woody debris from this week's storm

Submit requests through Service Request Portal online

The City of Dover is contracting with an arborist to help clear public rights-of-way from low-hanging and downed branches and limbs from this week's storm. The contractor will also collect and process limbs and branches from Dover properties placed curbside as time allows. Curbside collection is expected to begin next week.

Although curbside collection requests can be made by calling Community Services at 603-516-6450, residents are strongly encouraged to submit requests via the Service Request Portal at service.dover.nh.gov/RequestPortal, which can also be accessed through the city's home page, www.dover.nh.gov, by selecting the "Contact Us" button on the upper right-hand corner. Submissions through the Service Portal allow residents to provide detailed information and photos and will create a trackable digital work order.

Service Request Portal instructions

To submit a service request:

- Go to service.dover.nh.gov/RequestPortal;
- Enter your name and email;
- Select "Public Works – Streets" from the drop-down menu of the "Select an Issue Category" field;
- Select "Trees" from the drop-down menu of the "Select an Issue" field;
- Enter your address;
- In the "Optional Description" field, please provide a brief description of what is being picked up and the quantity to ensure crews respond appropriately;

- Please provide a photo or photos if possible.

For those needing assistance with the Service Request Portal or for more information, call Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Curbside collection instructions

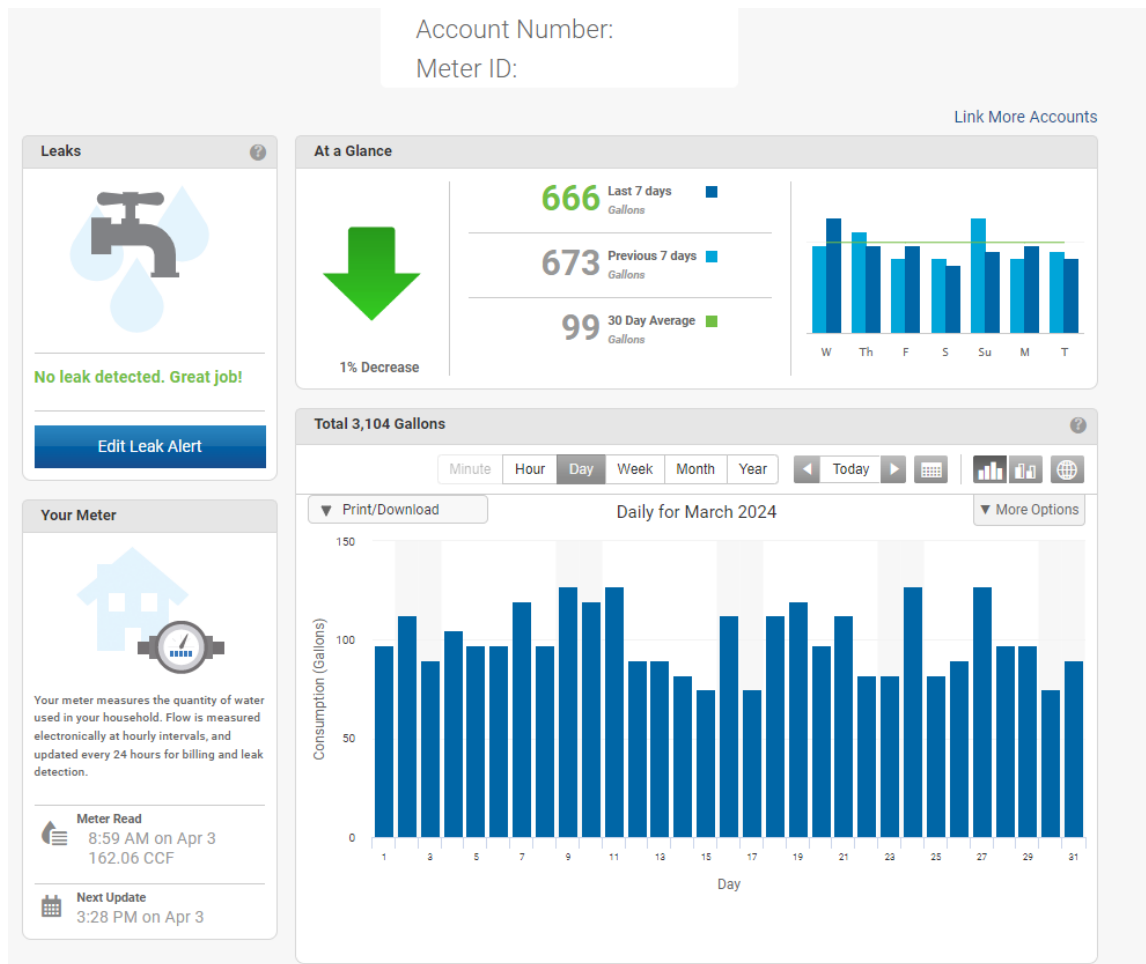
To ensure curbside collection:

- Stack branches as neatly as possible curbside, placing “cut ends” facing the roadway; crews may not be able to collect a mish-mashed pile;
- Separate all limbs 15 inches in diameter or larger. The smaller material will be chipped on site; the larger limbs will be hauled away for further processing.
- Only place woody debris from this week’s storm at curbside; other materials will not be collected.
- Please do not submit a request until the debris is ready to be collected.

The arborist completing the work is SaveATree / Urban Tree Service of Rochester.

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

The Service Request Portal can also be utilized for all non-emergency public works or infrastructure issues, such as reporting a pothole or a street light out.



Dover’s public drinking water users can now access their water usage through a new online portal.

Monitor water usage, set leak alerts with new online portal

Residents and businesses connected to the city's public drinking water system can now monitor daily water usage and receive alerts of potential water leaks with a new online service.

Called Eye on Water, the service provides customers direct access to their water consumption data and provides tools to help manage water use, updating usage four times daily. The tools allow consumers to view their daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly usage activity and provide a better understanding of how they use water. The app allows customers to set text/email alerts based on water usage to help detect leaks in the system quickly. Eye on Water also provides a mobile phone app for iPhone and Android users.

To sign-up, visit <https://eyeonwater.com/signup>. Customers will need their water service account number, which is printed on the water bill.

The new online portal was a result of new water meters that city staff have installed incrementally in recent years, which allows water usage to be read remotely.

For more information, contact Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.

Deadline approaches to apply for property tax credits, exemptions

City Council recently increased exemptions for elderly, blind and disabled

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. The deadline to apply for the exemptions and credits for the December 2024 property tax bill is Monday, April 15, 2024,

The City Council increased the property tax exemptions for the elderly, blind and disabled at its March 27, 2024 meeting.

Elderly Tax Credit

The City Council increased the property tax exemptions for the elderly who meet the age, income, asset, and residency requirements to the following:

For ages 65 to 74, the exemption is \$206,000

For ages 75 to 79, the exemption is \$291,000

For ages 80 and older, the exemption is \$373,000.

Blind Exemption

The Council increased the property tax exemption for those legally blind to \$206,000. Applicants must meet residency requirements

Deaf Exemption

The Council increased the property tax exemption for those who are deaf or have a severe hearing impairment to \$206,000. Applicants must meet residency, income, and asset requirements.

Disability Exemption

The Council also increased the property tax exemption to \$206,000 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.

There are also tax credits available 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.

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.



Planning Board to hold public hearing on next

Community Development Block Grant plan

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the fiscal year 2026-2030 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Consolidated Plan on April 9, 2024, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Eligible activities under the CDBG program include property acquisition, public facilities and improvements, clearance or demolition, public services, water and sewer lines, historic preservation, and special economic development activities. Each planned activity must meet one of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) three national objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate-income people;
- Elimination of slums and blight;
- Urgent needs.

To implement the CDBG program, the City of Dover must create and adopt a five-year Consolidated Plan. The Plan identifies the community's affordable housing needs, community development needs, and market conditions. This information is used to develop priority goals and objectives to be addressed over the next five years through the annual allocation of funds to programs and initiatives.

As a CDBG entitlement community for over 20 years, the City of Dover must hold public hearings and encourage public input at all stages of the community development program. The HUD program provides annual grants to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income people.

Entitlement communities like Dover develop their own programs and funding priorities. Previous projects funded under the program in Dover include public service agency operating costs, public facility and residential accessibility and energy efficiency improvements, and economic loans.

The City encourages questions and public participation in the development of needs, the review of proposed activities, and the review of program performance. For more information about program eligibility or Dover's CDBG program, call the Department of Planning and Community Development at 603-516-6008 or visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/>.

Upcoming Meetings:

Conservation Commission, April 8, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, April 8, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on



- 1. CITIZEN FORUM
 - 2. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
 - Check for 2024 Regular Agenda Items
 - 3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Consideration and approval of the proposed Consolidated Plan for the fiscal year 2026-2030. The full text of the consolidated plan is available at the Planning Department page.
 - b. Consideration and approval of the proposed amendments regarding the Federal Housing Community Relations Chapter 17 of the Dover Zoning Ordinance. The full text of the amendments is available at the Planning Department & Public Information page.
 - 4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Consideration and approval of an Amendment to Dover Zoning Ordinance Chapter 17, Part 1, Section 17.03 to allow for 100% lot coverage. The full text of the amendment is available at the Planning Department & Public Information page.
 - b. Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing public input regarding the CDBG program. The development of a five-year CDBG Consolidated Plan and associated need and opportunity study is now underway by the Planning Department. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The full text of the consolidated plan is available at the Planning Department & Public Information page.
 - 5. NEXT MEETING
 - 6. MISCELLANEOUS
 - 7. ADJOURNMENT
- Notice: Due to the application accepted for discussion, the public hearing will be held the same evening. Due to the nature of the consolidated plan, the public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The full text of the consolidated plan is available at the Planning Department & Public Information page. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The full text of the consolidated plan is available at the Planning Department & Public Information page.



DONNA BENTON

On the Agenda: Planning Board, 4/9/2024

In a video released this week, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=fx2iGDELZMkIB7Hu>.

Monday, April 8, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

School Board, April 8, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, April 9, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

City Council, April 10, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, April 11, 10:30 a.m.

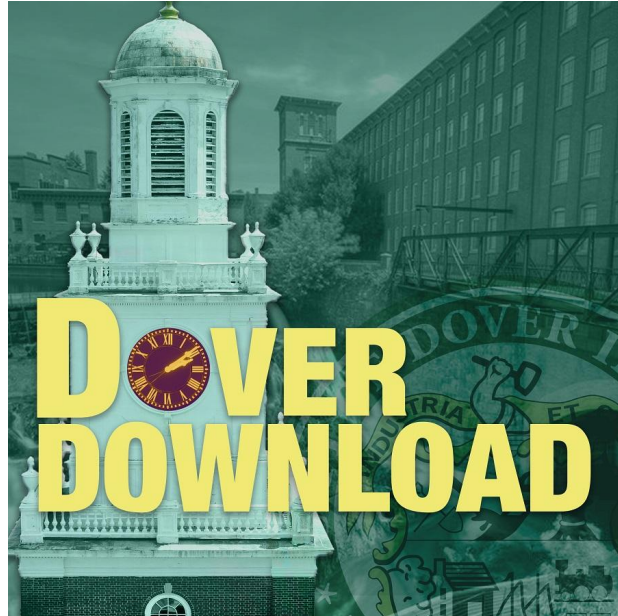
The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

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 and select Dover Planning Review.



Public Meeting Roundup: March 2024

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Brian Early and Erin Basseigio about the activities of Dover's boards, commissions, and committees in March. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/43DJqLX>.



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[meetings/](#).

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'

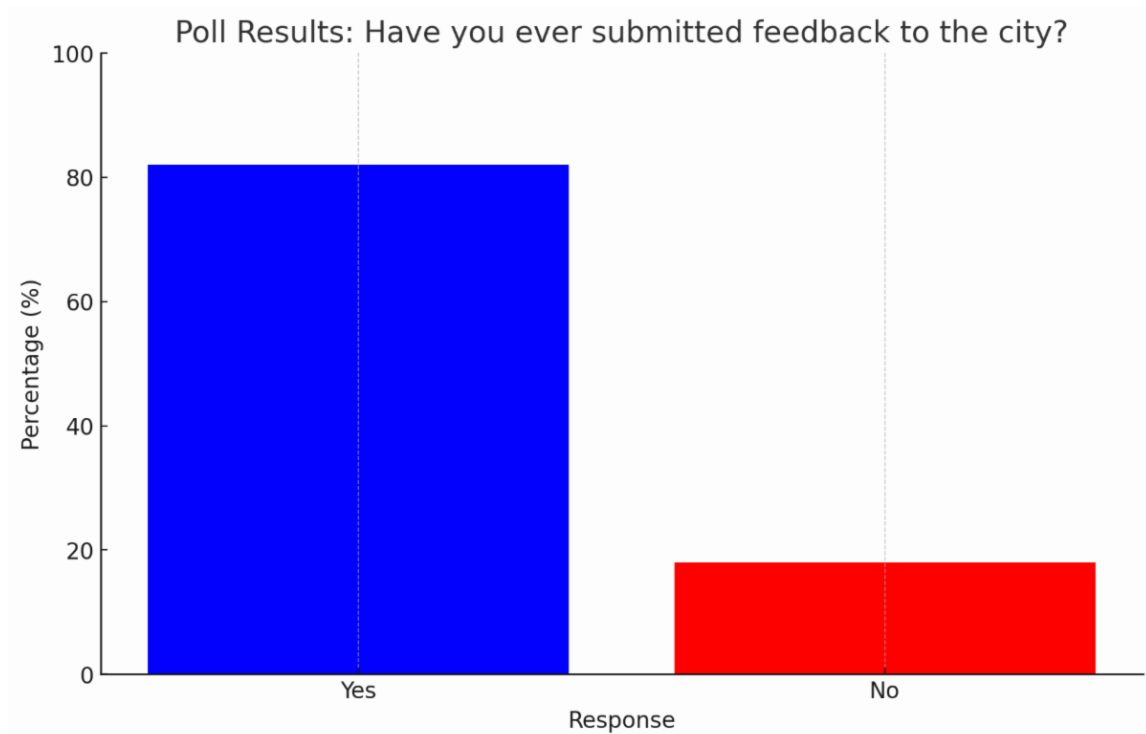
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **"Have you switched to LED lightbulbs in your home?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/my7mae>.

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 results from last week's poll, which asked, "Have you ever submitted feedback to the city?"



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](#).

April 9, 1785 — A small schooner was pulled across the ice and brought onto land just a short distance below the lower bridge at Dover Landing. The schooner had been built by Captain Richard Tripe at Garrison Hill. Remarkably, at the time the ground was covered by at least 3 feet of snow. Transporting the newly constructed ship while dealing with such deep snow cover was arduous. Nevertheless, the crew succeeded in their effort to haul the 50-ton vessel over the ice and position it on shore near the bridge.

April 5, 1848 — The Boston & Maine Railroad freight house in Dover was destroyed by fire, a loss of \$15,000 to \$20,000, or over \$400,000 today.

April 10, 1852 — A severe storm began on this day and continued for nearly a week, causing rivers to overflow and factories to suspend work. The flooding damaged numerous bridges and buildings.

April 1984 — Two struggling artists living in Dover -- Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird -- release a self-published, black-and-white comic book created in their living room. After a United Press International story about the comic book, interest in the comic book skyrockets. The comic book, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," would go on to spawn a lucrative franchise that includes comic books, toys, and television series and feature films. Two historic markers were installed in Dover in 2023 to commemorate the creation of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in Dover. To see a video of the unveiling of the markers, visit <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=m8Jib177dW4E8gbW>.

April 12, 1996 — Former Dover Police Chief Charles Reynolds, who was also a City Councilor at the time, traveled to Atlanta to inspect security preparations for the upcoming Summer Olympics as part of his role with the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Reynolds, then 56, was scheduled to attend an Olympic security briefing by former Los Angeles police official William Rathburn, tour venues including the equestrian site, and meet with Atlanta police chief Beverly Harvard. The visit allowed the IACP leadership, including Reynolds, a rare glimpse into the massive security undertaking before the Atlanta Games began.

City survey seeks experiences from those trying to obtain housing

What is your journey to obtain housing in Dover? Tried to look for a place in Dover recently? Or trying to make room for an aging parent or college graduate? Please share your experiences in the City of Dover's [Housing Survey](#).

The city, in partnership with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) and the University of New Hampshire, is conducting a regulatory audit to identify the barriers and opportunities present in the available housing choices in Dover. The response from the Housing Survey will help inform the solutions recommended to help increase attainable housing in Dover. There is also an option at the end of the survey to leave your contact information if you would like updates on the project.

Access the Dover Housing Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZSPQRHG>. The survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

For questions about the project, please contact Housing Navigator Ryan Pope at R.Pope@dover.nh.gov or Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio at E.Bassegio@dover.nh.gov.

(Editors note: This release ran last week; however, the link went to a different survey.)

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Open to high school
students who
reside in NH-01

Deadline to Enter:
Friday, April 26
at 5:00 p.m.



2024 Congressional Art Competition open to high school students

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

The competition is open to high school students. Students should enter the competition in the district they reside, not where they attend school. Artwork must be the creation of a single student, meet the contest [guidelines](#) and be submitted with a release [form](#) by Friday, April 26, at 5 p.m.

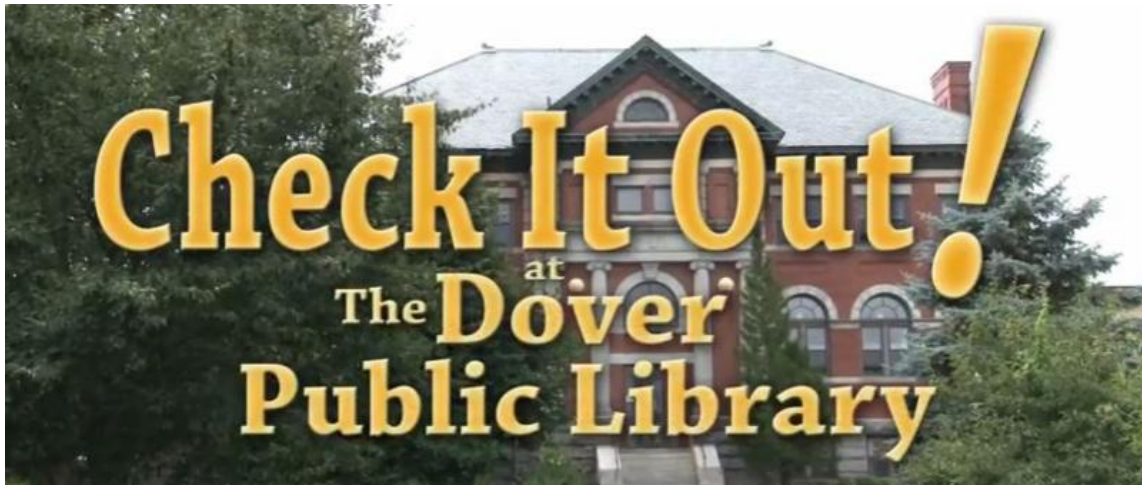
Students submit entries to their representative's office, and panels of district artists select the winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

Learn more about the competition and view the 2023 New Hampshire winners [here](#).

How to enter

1. [Contact your representative](#) to confirm your district's participation and obtain specific guidance.
2. Review the [2024 Rules for Students and Teachers](#).
3. Complete the [2024 Student Release Form](#).

4. Submit the Student Release Form and any other required materials to your [representative](#) by Friday, April 26, at 5 p.m.
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Eclipse viewing party is Monday

The Dover Public Library will hold an eclipse viewing party from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 8, on the library's front lawn to watch the solar eclipse.

The all-ages event will feature activities while waiting for the moon to overshadow the sun, including experimenting with shadow drawings, making eclipse viewers and creating corona art. Refreshments will be served. The library also will have a telescope with a special sun filter for viewing the eclipse.

This year's solar eclipse will feature totality in northern New Hampshire and a 95% partial eclipse in Dover. New Hampshire is one of only 13 U.S. states that will experience a total solar eclipse. Total solar eclipses are rare in New Hampshire. Over the past 155 years, the state has had only two total solar eclipses, in 1932 and 1959.

There will not be another total solar eclipse visible in New Hampshire until 2079, when Dover will be in the path of totality.

Since Dover's view is not of a total eclipse, glasses must be worn the entire time when viewing the sun. The library has been handing out free eclipse glasses on Wednesday nights, until supplies last. To ensure an adequate supply, glasses are limited to one per couple, two per family.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050.

Earth Fest 2024 coming to Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library will host the first-ever Earth Fest on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The family-friendly event will feature several local community groups working to make the world a better place. Groups represented include Dover Plastics Reduction Group, Replenish Refillery of Dover, Don't Trash Dover, Mr. Fox Compost, Clean Energy NH, Seacoast Beekeepers, UNH Marine Docents, Dover High School Earth Action, Energy Commission of Dover, Plastic Recycled, UNH Extension Forest Resources, Surfrider, Seacoast NH Permaculture and the Refill Station from Portsmouth.

Attendees can enjoy hands-on activities and purchase merchandise from participating organizations. The event aims to inform and entertain community members about environmental initiatives.

Earth Fest 2024 is free and open to the public. For more information, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050.

Learn to minimize food waste for your family

Looking to reduce the amount of trash your family generates each week? Curious about composting or other ways to minimize food scraps?

The Dover Public Library is hosting a virtual program, "Minimizing Food Waste for Families," on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. The event, presented in collaboration with the Ashland, Massachusetts, Public Library, is open to all ages. Registration is required on the Dover Public Library's website to receive a link to the livestream.

In this presentation, Sarah Robertson-Barnes, founder of the Sustainable in the Suburbs blog, will discuss how families, especially those with children, can minimize or eliminate food waste. Robertson-Barnes will provide ideas for taking small steps to save, use or compost food scraps to prevent them from ending up in landfills.

Robertson-Barnes believes a sustainable lifestyle with children is not only possible but critically important for the future. She hopes that by sharing what works for her family, she will inspire others to make changes in their daily lives.

Robertson-Barnes is a freelance writer, educator, and consultant. She lives with her husband, two children, and a rescue dog outside Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Her blog, Sustainable in the Suburbs, is a resource for living a low-waste life with children in a culture of convenience.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Weds., March 13 - Weds., April 17 22nd Annual Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 22nd Annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for seacoast area residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and adults ages 18 & older. Poems will be judged on originality, style, and creativity. Deadline for entry is April 17. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library or online at library.dover.nh.gov.

**Monday, April 8, 2 to 4 p.m.
Solar Eclipse Viewing Party**
Snacks, crafts and music will all be part of the fun, as we view this rare phenomena together. Bring a lawn chair, grab a snack and eclipse glasses, or make a viewfinder, and discover and explore with

Wednesday, April 10, 6 to 8 p.m. Beat the Librarians Trivia Night at Garrison City Beerworks

Think you have what it takes to defeat the Dover Public Library staff at trivia? In honor of National Library Week, test your knowledge (along with some literary questions thrown in, of course) and enjoy food, drinks, and fun! All are welcome!

Wednesday, April 10 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!

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Forest Bathing 101 with Aimee Dion

Have you ever heard about "forest bathing" and wondered what it mean? This program is the perfect way for you to find out more from Dover resident Aimee

us. Dover will experience 95 % totality of the sun, as the moon moves between it and the earth. All ages are welcome at this family friendly event.

Monday, April 8, 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 children stay at home.

Tuesday, April 9, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Mother Goose on the Loose

For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30-minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

Tuesday, April 9, 6 to 8 p.m.
18+ Dungeon World

Drop in and play Dungeon World with Game Master Dave! This 18 & 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday night of the month, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library
As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$20 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as cultural events for the community.

Wednesday, April 10, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, April 10, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Club: Art for All

This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with disabilities as we

Dion who is certified as a mindful outdoor forest therapy guide. Forest bathing reconnects people with nature and claims to have many benefits, such as: reduce your stress levels and blood pressure, strengthen your immune and cardiovascular systems, boost your energy, mood, creativity, and concentration, and even help you lose weight and live longer.

Thursday, April 11, 10 am to 12 pm
Piece by Piece Puzzle Club

What can improve your memory, reduce stress and help you make new friends? Cooperative puzzling. Come to relax, chat with fellow puzzlers and of course make the puzzle Piece by Piece.

Thursday, April 11, 10 to 10:45 am
Arts and Crafts Storytime

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. 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, April 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Reading Rainbow Book Group
Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group to discuss *Pageboy* by Elliot Page. Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Thursday, April 11, 7 to 8 p.m.
Virtual: Minimizing (or Eliminating!) Food Wastage for Families with Sarah Robertson-Barnes

Sarah Robertson-Barnes will discuss how to minimize or eliminate food wastage in your family, especially with kids. Sarah will have all kinds of ideas to take baby steps to save, use, or compost food scraps so none (or little) goes into landfills! All ages are welcome. *Register to receive live stream link.*

Saturday, April 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Meaningful Conversations

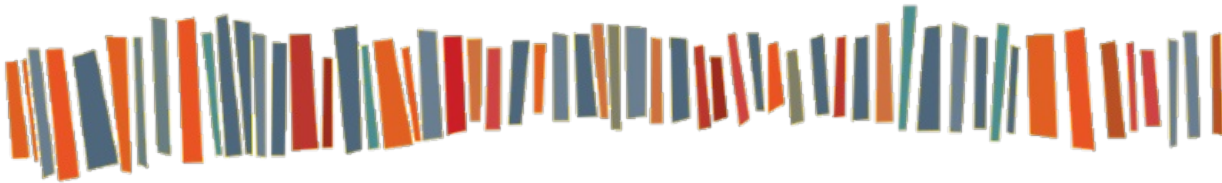
Meaningful Conversations can be a personally satisfying experience for everyone and these conversations can bring people together in friendship with a feeling of human connection. These weekly conversations, focused on such topics as "The Arts as Inspiration," "Healing Racism," and "Mind Full or Mindful?" began during the pandemic as part of a national initiative to bring people together in conversation about moral and social matters.

create art and craft projects. Each session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

Wednesday, April 10, 2 to 3 p.m.
Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club
This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *How to Invent Everything* by Ryan North. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Earth Fest 2024

Meet representatives from several local environmental groups including City of Dover Planning Department, Don't Trash Dover, Plastics Working Group, Mr. Fox Compost, Clean Energy NH, UNH Marine Docents, Replenish Refillery, and more. There will be activities to participate in and merchandise for sale at this family friendly event.



Children's Museum hosts Pete the Cat for Books Alive event

The groovy, musical Pete the Cat will be visiting the Children's Museum of New Hampshire today, April 5, and Saturday, April 6, for the museum's Books Alive literacy event.

During the 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. play sessions each day, a costumed Pete the Cat character will greet young fans, while museum educators read aloud from the popular book series. Children can get hugs, high-fives and photos with Pete.

Literacy, math and craft activities inspired by Pete the Cat books will be available for all guests. The event is free with museum admission.

Members can attend an exclusive meet-and-greet with Pete the Cat from 8:30-9 a.m. on April 6.

Books Alive aims to encourage families to make reading together a regular habit. It is sponsored by Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Piscataqua Savings Bank, Eastern Bank Foundation, Shaheen & Gordon P.A., and Newburyport Bank.

Families can reserve spots for the morning or afternoon play sessions online at www.childrens-museum.org.

Citywide street sweeping now under way

Community Services is began its annual street sweeping operations this week. Street sweeping will continue through early June.

Downtown streets are scheduled to be cleaned first before moving to the rest of the city.

Street sweeping typically starts at 3 a.m. and may require temporary parking restrictions.

Signage, email, and social media will provide advanced notice of any parking restrictions. To sign up for these and other alerts, add "Dover Alert: public safety alerts and special announcements" to your current email subscription list here: <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>.

In addition to beautifying the city, street sweeping helps reduce the number of pollutants entering the stormwater system. Throughout the year, the city estimates street sweeping reduces the annual nitrogen load that flows into the Great Bay Estuary by 43 pounds.

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

POWER OF AN HOUR

A ONE-HOUR VOLUNTEER LITTER COLLECTION EVENT IN DOVER, ORGANIZED BY WARD

WHEN & WHERE

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

9:30 TO 10:30 AM

ARRIVE BY 9:15

A GROUP PHOTO WILL BE TAKEN AT EACH LOCATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER



WARD 1: FRANCES G. HOPKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

78 Horne Street

WARD 2: DOVER ICE ARENA

110 Portland Avenue

WARD 3: WOODMAN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

11 Towle Avenue

WARD 4: GARRISON SCHOOL

50 Garrison Road

WARD 5: DOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

16 Daley Drive

WARD 6: HELLENIC CENTER

219 Long Hill Road



HOW IT WORKS

Arrive at your ward by 9:15 AM with a safety vest or bright clothing, gloves, and closed-toe, flat-heeled shoes. No sandals or flip-flops. If you have a litter tool and/or a wagon, bring it. Turn in or complete a waiver. Sign in on clipboard, too, because the Ward with the most, second most and third most participants wins bragging rights and a group trophy.

Get your bag and pick up as much litter as possible in your Ward. Walk facing traffic. Respect private property. Do not go beyond "No Trespassing" or "Private Property" signs. Use caution when collecting. Do not attempt to collect litter that is in any location that may pose a danger. Do not touch or pick up needles/syringes.

Do not handle any hazardous or potentially hazardous materials. If you find appliances, televisions, furniture, or other large items, please make a note of the item and location and report to the site leader when you return.

Keep an eye on the time and make sure to return to your Ward location by 10:30 AM with all the litter you collected for the group photo.

Note: Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. Bags will be provided.



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Radio Fun Day celebrates Amateur Radio Month

Great Bay Radio Association will host Radio Fun Day on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Henry Law Park in Dover. The free event celebrates International Amateur Radio Month.

Amateur radio is a hobby with personal and community service aspects. Operators are involved in activities like local nets, international contacts, community events and radio sports such as Parks On The Air. Amateur radio operators also assist with emergency communications when requested.

At Radio Fun Day, amateur radio operators will have radios set up for local and long-distance communication using battery packs, antennas and handheld radios. A "Get On The Air" station will allow people of all ages to make radio contacts.

Bottled water, soda and packaged snacks will be available. The event will be set up after the park's pool and playground area with tables, canopies and a club banner displayed.

The public is invited to stop by and see (hear) what Amateur Radio can do.

Dover Senior Center planning trip to NYC

The Dover Community Senior Center is offering a two-day trip to New York City on May 19-20, 2024, featuring visits to iconic sites, including the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the 9/11 Memorial Plaza.

The tour departs from the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool and includes deluxe Yankee Line motorcoach transportation to New York. Highlights of the first day include free time at Rockefeller Center and Times Square, followed by a group dinner at Hurley's restaurant. Accommodations for the night are at the Sheraton Lincoln Harbor in Weehawken, New Jersey, offering views of the New York City skyline.

On the second day, participants will take a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island before visiting the 9/11 Memorial Plaza at the former World Trade Center site. Travelers will have the opportunity to view the memorial pools set within the original Twin Towers footprints and see 1 World Trade Center, the tallest building in the United States at 1,776 feet.

"This trip offers an incredible opportunity to experience some of New York City's most famous landmarks," said Dover Community Senior Center director Linda Jarvis. "From the historic immigration story to the solemn 9/11 memorial, it's a chance to connect with the city's rich history and culture."

The \$525 per person double occupancy price includes deluxe accommodations, transportation, a group dinner, ferry tickets, baggage handling, and taxes/gratuities. A \$100 deposit is required, with the balance due April 12. At least 20 passengers are needed for the trip to run.

To sign up or request more information, contact the Dover Community Senior Center at 603-516-6420 or l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov.

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
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Water Exercise Instructor
- Account Clerk
- Fire/Life Safety Inspector
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Seasonal Maintenance Worker
- Account Clerk, City Clerk Tax Collection
- Children's Room Circulation Desk Assistant
- Afternoon Library Page
- Seasonal Library Page
- Gym Attendant

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:

- Paraprofessionals
- Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Teacher
- Middle School Principal 5-8
- Language Arts Teacher
- Visual Arts Teacher
- Mathematics Teacher
- Spanish Teacher
- Wellness Teacher
- Science Teacher
- District School Psychologist
- Special Education Teacher/Case Manager
- Social Studies Teacher
- Substitute Teachers

- **Speech Language Pathologist Assistant**
- **DALC Administrative Assistant**
- **Special Education Paraprofessionals**
- **Day Porter at Dover High School**

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

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