

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 19, 2025



## CITY OF DOVER, NH

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Avenue  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

### City Hall hours:

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

### Recycling Center hours:

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

## Dover Chamber accepting 2026 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 provide an opportunity for GDCC member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to 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, Feb 12, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Regatta Banquet and Conference Center in Eliot, Maine. The 2026 Annual Awards Gala will be underwritten by Newburyport Bank.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to reflect about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider [nominating them](#) for one of the Chamber awards. All nominations are due by Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. The deadline for student scholarship applications is March 10.

"Our educators, advocates, dedicated residents, nonprofit organizations, and businesses are true assets of our community," said Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce 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

Sunday (through  
Dec. 7):  
8:30 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m.

of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination.”

To nominate a candidate, visit [www.dovernh.org/awards](http://www.dovernh.org/awards).

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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## Upcoming holiday hours for City facilities

**City administrative offices**, including **City Hall**, will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday. In addition, administrative offices will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24.

The **Public Library** will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26.

The **Dover Ice Arena** will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25.

The **McConnell Center Recreation facilities** will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25. McConnell Center Recreation facilities will be open on Friday, Dec. 26, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. only.

The **Dover Community Senior Center** will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26.

The **Dover Indoor Pool** will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25.

**Inspection Services** on Mast Road will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26.

**Curbside trash and recycling pickup** will be delayed by one day on Thursday, Dec 25, and Friday, Dec. 26.

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## Community Power rates to increase Feb. 1

The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) announced its default “Granite Basic” residential electricity supply rate for Dover customers at 14.663 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), effective Feb. 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026. The new rate is a 1.244-cent increase above current kWh rates.

The coalition’s board of directors adopted the new rates at its Dec. 18 meeting based on CPCNH’s cost of service, which includes a community reserve adder sufficient to retire financing obligations in 2026, CPCNH announced in a press release.



**COMMUNITY  
POWER COALITION**  
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
*For communities, by communities.*

“Community Power rates transparently reflect the organization’s cost requirements to serve our communities,” said CPCNH Board Chair Kimberly Quirk in a prepared statement. “Our commitment to enhancing community joint reserves will help position CPCNH to continue to realize the long-term value of community power, which is rooted in local decision-making and developing a more resilient energy future. This is a marathon,

not a sprint, and CPCNH will continue to support our communities with the benefits that come from enhanced local control, customer choice, market innovation, project development, and public advocacy.”

According to a Dec. 17 Eversource [press release](#), the company expects its default electricity supply rate to increase from 11.2 cents per kWh to 11.3 cents, effective Feb. 1, 2026. However, final Eversource rates are dependent on the New Hampshire Public Utility Commission, which has not yet ruled on Eversource’s petition for rate adjustment.

In addition to electricity supply rates, there is an electricity delivery rate component that is charged to all energy customers by the utility provider, regardless of a customer’s energy supplier. Eversource is the utility provider for Dover residents and businesses.

Dover’s energy customers may choose which firm supplies their electricity, including Dover Community Power, third-party options, and the utility provider, Eversource. The New Hampshire Department of Energy [has a webpage](#) to help customers shop for competitive energy power suppliers.

To opt in, out, or select a Community Power option with more renewable energy content, customers can:

- Use Community Power’s [online portal](#)
- Call [1-866-603-7697](tel:1-866-603-7697) (POWR) or email [Info@CommunityPowerNH.gov](mailto:Info@CommunityPowerNH.gov)

Please note that it may take one to two billing cycles to reflect the change. To complete the change, customers will need their Eversource account number

### About Community Power

The Community Power program is authorized under state law RSA 53:E. It allows municipalities and counties to aggregate retail electric customers to “access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services” on a voluntary basis. The program is self-funded through revenues generated by participating customers and does not use taxpayer funds to cover program expenses.

Since launching in early 2023, Community Power has introduced more competition and product options to an increasing number of electric customers in New Hampshire. Customers can easily choose from options including 33%, 50%, or 100% renewable energy on a month-to-month basis and can move between Community Power, utility supply options, and third-party providers.

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## Dover Fire and Rescue warns public of ambulance billing text scam

Dover Fire and Rescue is alerting the public to a phishing scam, where scammers impersonate the department and warn the recipient about overdue ambulance billing.

In one example, a resident received a scam text message stating, “Your Dover Fire and Rescue is past due,” followed by a fraudulent website link to steal financial information.

Fire Chief Perry Plummer urges the public to be vigilant about this and similar scams that aim to steal personal financial information. “We use a professional billing service and never send texts seeking payment,” said Chief Plummer. “Never click on the text link and give personal information. If you have questions, give us a call. ”

Dover Fire and Rescue contracts with Quick Med Claims, LLC to bill for ambulance services. Quick Med Claims never requests payment through text messages. They do offer an online patient portal for service payment. Quick Med Claims can be contacted at 800-901-1155.

Did you receive a scam text or have questions? Contact Deputy Fire Chief Brendan Driscoll at 603-516-6154.

+1 (585) 318-8035

Friday 2:08 PM

This is FFR. Your Dover Fire and Rescue acct is past due. Go to <https://payffr.com/s/gECPd2X5Jzd/Tkif?s=t&id=1899714>. Txt STOP to opt out.

Today 2:21 PM

This is FFR. Your Golden Cross Amb Inc acct is past due. Go to <https://payffr.com/s/vKnK93KgfG/TFMm?s=t&id=1922087>. Txt STOP to opt out.

The sender is not in your contact list.

[Report Junk](#)

## City receives preservation grant for 1888 Dover Water Works Pumping Station

The City of Dover was awarded a \$12,500 preservation grant from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP) to support a building assessment of the historic Dover Water Works Pumping Station on Lowell Avenue.

Constructed in 1888, the Pumping Station was the city's first municipal drinking water pumphouse. It was erected on Page's Field, a site with a natural spring that had belonged to the Dover Landing Aqueduct Company, one of three private water utility companies purchased by the city, authorized by voters in 1887.

The building filtered water received from Willand Pond through a sand filter, and then propelled it to an open reservoir at the top of Garrison Hill via a steam pump powered by coal-fired boilers. Pumping water to the top of Garrison Hill immediately improved Dover's quality of life by providing water pressure around the city for drinking and fighting fires. The site was deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places based on a 2011 review, which stated the building "is a true and exceptional example of the Queen Anne style, combining a variety of pronounced architectural features representing several styles."

The LCHIP grant sought by Dover's Planning and Community Development Department will fund a comprehensive building assessment and structural review to better understand the structure's condition and the potential feasibility of preserving and readapting the pumping station.





Dover's Heritage Commission has supported efforts to explore preservation options for this historic building.

"This grant is a step in the right direction," said Heritage Commission Chair Jeff Spires. "We're looking forward to seeing what comes from this assessment."



Gov. Kelly Ayotte celebrated the preservation grant for the historic Dover Water Works at a statehouse ceremony on Dec. 9. From left, Deputy Mayor and Mayor-elect Dennis Shanahan, Mayor Robert Carrier, LCHIP Executive Director Paula Bellemore, LCHIP Board Chair Richard Lewis, Gov. Kelly Ayotte, and Dover Assistant City Planner Makayla Edgecomb.

The Dover Water Works preservation award, which requires a match from the city, was among the more than \$3.5 million in matching grants to support 31 land conservation and historic preservation projects across the state announced during a ceremony in the statehouse with Gov. Kelly Ayotte on Dec. 9. These LCHIP awards aim to help communities restore historic landmarks, conserve working forests, and protect natural and cultural resources.

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is an independent state authority providing matching grants to New Hampshire's municipalities and non-profits, helping to preserve the state's most important natural, cultural, and historic resources and ensure their contribution to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hampshire. LCHIP grants are funded by a \$25 fee assessed when deeds, mortgages, and plans are recorded at the state's ten registries of deeds. Since 2001, LCHIP has awarded 646 grants, totaling over \$68 million. As of July 2025, the program's investment has helped to conserve 247,000 acres of land and rehabilitate 192 historic structures across 206 communities in the state. Learn more about LCHIP at [LCHIP.org](https://www.lchip.org), on [Instagram](#), or [Facebook](#).

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## Accessible dwelling unit use renewal required annually by Jan. 1

City ordinance requires property owners with an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) to renew their certificate of use annually by Jan. 1. There is no cost to renew.

Renewing the certificate of use is a simple, quick process that may be completed online through the City of Dover's [permitting portal](#). New permit portal users will need to create an account. For questions, or for assistance with the process, contact the Planning Department at [603-516-6008](tel:603-516-6008).

If the certificate of use is not renewed, city staff will follow up with a notice indicating that the certificate is no longer valid, and the ADU use must cease. If a ADU is no longer in use, please inform the Planning Department to update its records.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at [603-516-6450](tel:603-516-6450).

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## Warming Center open Christmas Eve, Day

Regardless of the weather conditions, the Emergency Warming Center at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth will be open on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.

The Warming Center will remain open through Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25, and close at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 26.

The Warming Center will also be open on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 4 p.m. It will remain open through New Year's Day, and close at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2.



For more information, visit the [Warming Center of Strafford County Facebook page](#).

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### Upcoming Meetings:

No meetings scheduled for the week of Dec. 22.

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

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### Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

### Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Dispatch Alarm Modernization](#)
- [Professional Consulting Services - Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan](#)
- [Sale of City Surplus Property](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

For more information, contact the Finance and Purchasing Office at 603-516-6030.

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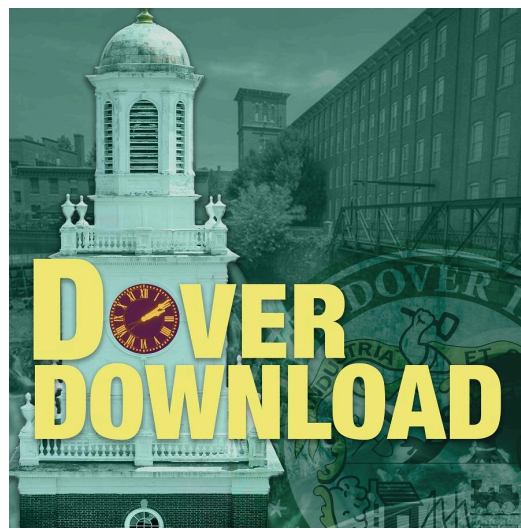
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Conservation Commission
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Waterfront TIF
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/)

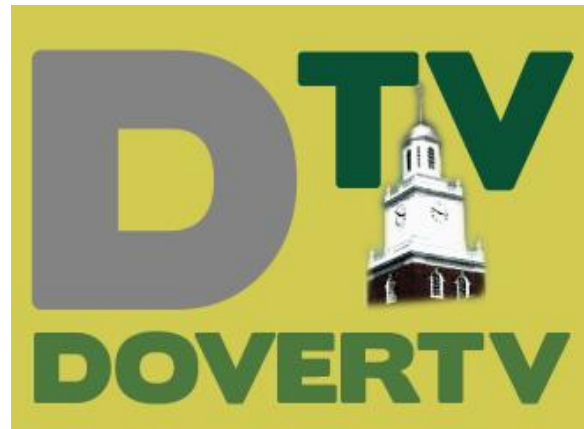
To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vanslyvong-Bizier at [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.bizier@dover.nh.gov). Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission.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



## Preparing to Serve: Inside Dover City Council's Orientation Process

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. about the upcoming orientation process for newly elected City Councilors and School Board members. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/48TOMp4>.



## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

Simply visit [dovernh.viebit.com](http://dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for 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 results for the previous week. Participating is easy. Click on the link below to cast your vote.

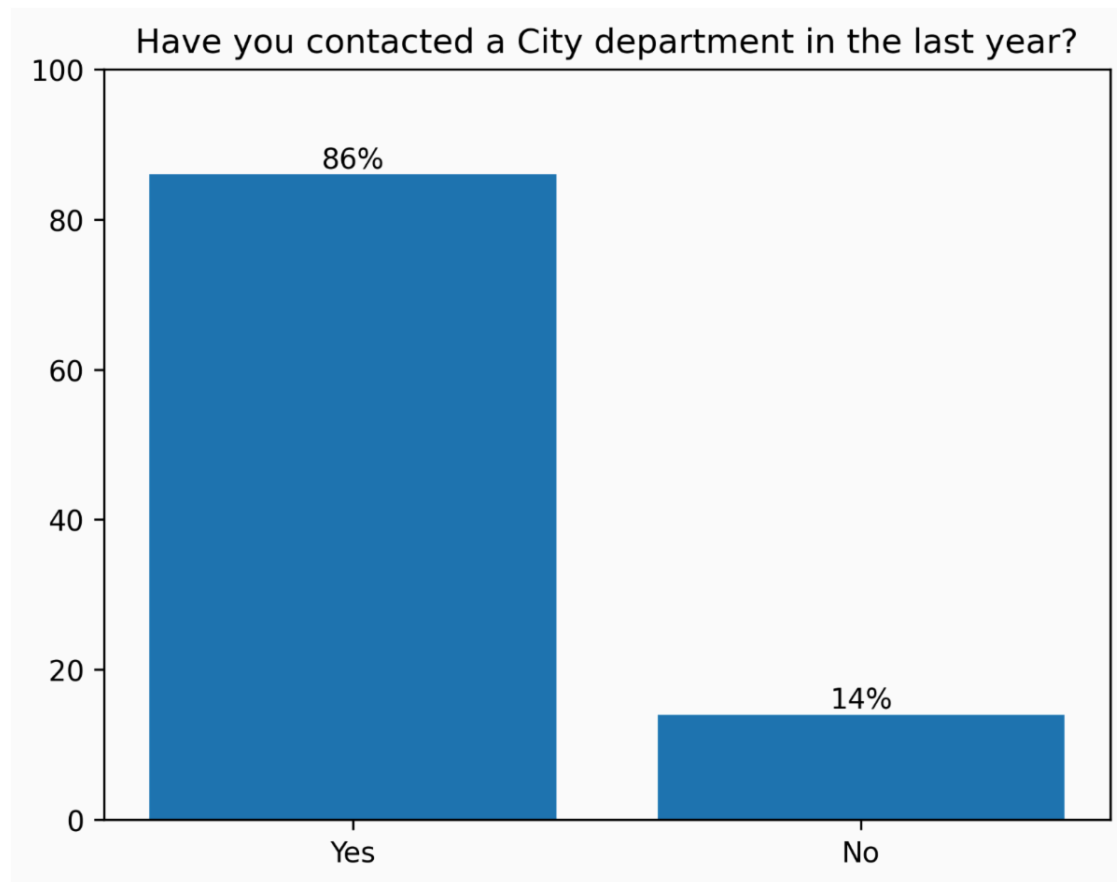
This week's question:

**"What is one City resource you think more residents should know about?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/fx6c94>

*Please note that if you don't already have an account with Polco, the city's polling system, you will be asked to create one. Responses are anonymous.*

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you contacted a City department in the last year?"**



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



**Dec. 21, 1658** — On this day, Dover residents voted to make significant improvements to the meeting house on Dover Neck, the center of both religious and civic life in the community. The town agreed to strengthen the building's foundation, finish and seal the exterior with wooden boards, install a proper pulpit and seating, and purchase a bell to call residents to worship and town meetings. The cost of these improvements was to be covered by a tax assessed on each man's property, as permitted under colonial law. In 17th-century New England, meeting houses were the primary gathering places for worship, public meetings, and important civic decisions.

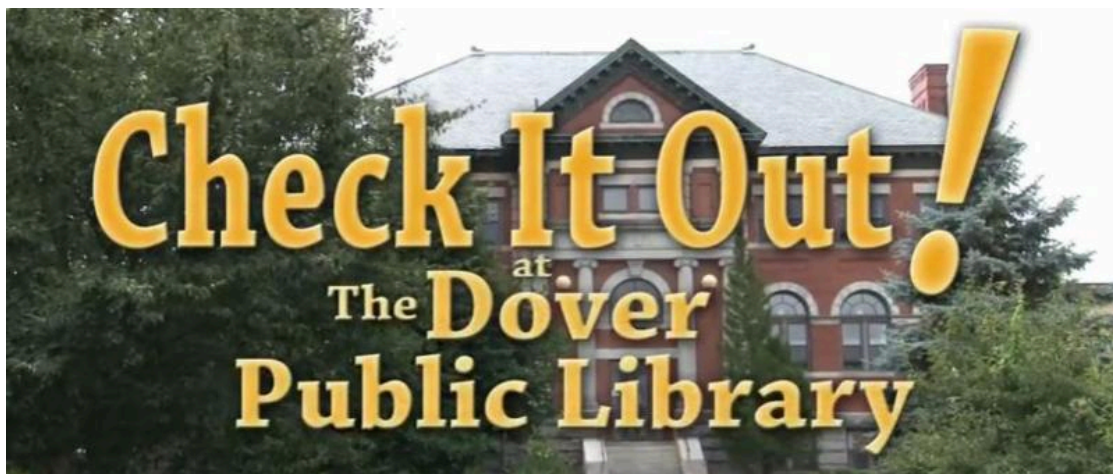
**Dec. 24, 1715** — Concerned that the growing number of taverns was contributing to public disorder, the New Hampshire Assembly passed a law sharply limiting how many licensed public houses could operate in each community. Under the new regulation, Portsmouth was allowed six taverns, Hampton three, Dover two, Oyster River one, Exeter two, New Castle two, and the parish of Newington one. All other unlicensed or informal drinking establishments were ordered to close.

**Dec. 20, 1976** — Roland "Buddy" Jenkins, longtime editor of Foster's Daily Democrat in Dover, announced his resignation to become press secretary to New Hampshire Gov. Meldrim Thomson Jr. Jenkins, who was 56 at the time, said he would begin his new role on Jan. 1, 1977, with an annual salary of \$18,000. A native of Amesbury, Mass., Jenkins spent most of his life in Dover and Somersworth and built a career spanning print and broadcast journalism. His experience included serving as managing editor of the Somersworth Free Press, news director at radio station WHEB in Portsmouth, and city editor, managing editor, and editor of Foster's Daily Democrat. Jenkins succeeded Carolyn D'Entremont as the governor's press secretary following Gov. Thomson's re-election earlier that fall.

**Dec. 18, 1992** — David C. "Bud" McIntosh, a lifelong Dover resident whose work left a lasting mark on wooden boatbuilding, died on this day at 85. Born in 1907, McIntosh grew up in Dover and graduated from Dover High School before attending Dartmouth College and later completing graduate work in English literature at Harvard University. Despite his academic background, his life's work unfolded along the riverbanks of Dover. In 1931, he established a small boatyard on the Bellamy River near Sawyer Mills, relocating in 1935 to the Piscataqua side of Dover Point. There, he spent decades designing and building wooden boats. McIntosh became nationally known for his 1987 book, *How to Build a Wooden Boat*, in which he distilled more than 50 years of hands-on experience into a practical guide for builders. His work reflects Dover's long maritime tradition, when river access and skilled craftsmanship supported boatyards, mills, and coastal trade that shaped the city's economy and identity.

**Dec. 21, 2011** — A. Harvey Knepp, the longest-tenured principal in Dover High School history and a defining figure in the city's public education system, died on this day at age 91. A quiet, steady presence, Knepp was widely remembered not only for his leadership but for his compassion, humility, and calm demeanor. Born in 1920 in Pennsylvania, Knepp was a gifted student, graduating high school as valedictorian at 16. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, including assignments in England, Hawaii, and Germany, he earned a physics degree from Harvard University and later a master's degree in science and education. He joined Dover High School in 1950 as a physics teacher, became assistant principal in 1956, and was appointed principal in 1962, a role he held for 13 years. Colleagues and former students remembered Knepp as an even-tempered mentor who valued academic excellence and thoughtful administration. His influence shaped generations of Dover students and helped establish traditions that continue at Dover High School today.

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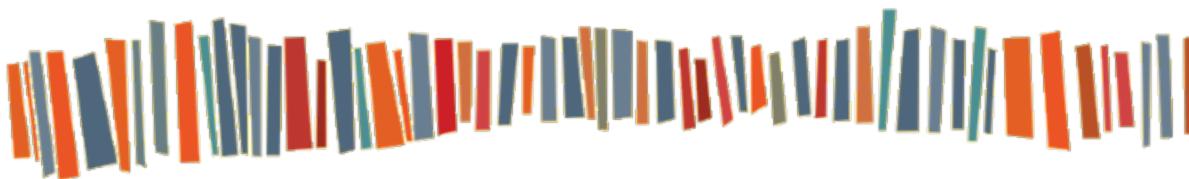
## This Week at the Library

**Wednesday, Dec. 24**  
**Library closing at 2 p.m.**

**Thursday, Dec. 25 - Friday, Dec. 26**  
**Library Closed for Christmas Holiday**

**Saturday, Dec. 27, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**Learn to Use Libby: Drop In Session**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Discover Free Audiobooks & Ebooks with Libby! This easy-to-use app lets you borrow thousands of audiobooks and ebooks straight to your phone, tablet, or laptop with your Dover library card. Drop by our casual help session with Nick and Rachel, who'll walk you through getting Libby set up on your device. No registration, no stress — just bring your device, your library card.





Community members join local Rotarians making fleece mittens for the unhoused.

## Community joins local Rotarians in mitten-making project for unhoused

Over 30 community members joined Dover Rotarians for a successful project making mittens for the unhoused on Saturday, Dec. 13, in partnership with Abby Lamothe, founder of Seacoast Sweet Stitches.

A young woman from South Dover said she noticed the flyer in town and thought she could do her part to help others during the holidays and learn to sew at the same time. Another family with young children cut up old sweaters to be used for mittens, and other volunteers cut strips of donated fleece for the die-cutting team to create the 3-piece mitten sections. Lamothe provided instruction, encouragement, and enthusiasm during the two-hour session.

The event was part of Dover Rotary's Gifts of Warmth projects, chaired by Rotarian Jim Munro.

"I was pleased with the great turnout at this busy time of year and glad to be making a difference for people suffering through this frigid weather."

Munro also thanked Lamothe for sharing her time and talent to bring warmth to our needy neighbors.

All supplies were donated, including yards of fleece, a die-cutting system, and sewing machines (for those with some sewing ability). Leftover bits and pieces of fleece would be used by volunteers at the Hope Memorial shelter to make dog beds.

Lamothe said, "Nothing goes to waste."

In addition to the mitten project, Dover's Rotary club members hold an annual shopping day in December to purchase over \$3,000 in hats, gloves, coats, toiletries, tarps, and other necessities for the unsheltered, distributed by Strafford County Community Action.

The Rotary Club of Dover was highlighted in the [Dec. 16 issue](#) of Down to Business, a weekly e-newsletter produced by the city's Office of Business Development.



# Simple attic fixes that help lower energy bills

Your attic can be fully insulated, but even small gaps act like an open window — letting heat escape fast. Seal cracks and fill every space before insulating to keep heat in, critters out, and energy bills down. Check out these simple steps on how to install insulation correctly.



## Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

### HOW TO INSULATE YOUR ATTIC

#### Measure → Cut → Fit → Cover

1. Measure the Space: Check the distance between the attic joists.
2. Cut to Fit: Trim insulation so it fits snugly—no gaps.
3. Lay It In: Place batts between joists. If the insulation has paper, face it down toward the living space.
4. Add a Second Layer (If Needed): Lay the next layer crosswise on top to cover the joists and keep heat from escaping.



## Critical need for blood donors

Every day, thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant.



**American  
Red Cross**

More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and regular medical treatments, including for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer.

Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](#), or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Many people [are reluctant](#) to make their first blood donation, but once they do, they find the donation process to be easy and gratifying. [Learn more about](#) the donation process.

### Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Monday, Dec. 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Point Road
- Tuesday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Wentworth-Douglass Hospital](#), 789 Central Ave.
- Tuesday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.



## **Fish and Game urges the public to refrain from feeding deer**

As winter brings more snow across the Granite State, deer have changed their activity patterns, and more numerous and larger groups of deer can be observed. New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Deer Project Leader Becky Fuda offered the following caution to anyone thinking about feeding deer.

“Although people may feel badly for deer and want to help, the Fish and Game Department would like to remind the public to never feed deer as it may actually harm them,” said Fuda.

The deer are all right, even in the winter. Deer have developed several adaptations to help them survive severe winters, which means they do not need supplemental food. Deer have a highly insulative winter coat to keep them warm, they store large amounts of body fat to use as energy reserves, they will voluntarily reduce both their food intake and daily activity to conserve energy, and most importantly, they migrate to a specialized habitat known as a deer yard, a forested shelter that allows them to better cope with winter conditions.

Since over 80% of the state's forestland is privately owned, much of the Department's management of this critical habitat is done through cooperative agreements with landowners. Feeding deer also puts these management efforts at risk by drawing deer out of wintering habitat and removing the incentive for private landowners to conserve and manage deer yards on their property. “It is tough to convince a landowner to expend money and resources managing a deer yard if all the deer have been drawn out to supplemental feed sites,” said Fuda.

Conservation and management of natural winter habitat is the key to long-term survival of deer in the Granite State, not the placement of human-provided food sources. Supplemental feeding can harm our deer. Although most people who feed deer are well intentioned, they do not realize there are a number of potential negative consequences that are associated with feeding deer.

Feeding deer the wrong type of food or at the wrong time can lead to sickness and even death. This was the case in 2015, when twelve deer were found dead around a feed site in South Hampton after being given food they could not digest.

Deer depend on microorganisms in their stomach to aid in digestion. As a deer's diet naturally and gradually changes with the seasons, so do the microorganisms that are required to help digest these foods. This gradual change can take several weeks. A rapid transition from a high-fiber diet of naturally woody browse to human-provided foods high in carbohydrates can cause a rapid change in a deer's stomach chemistry, disrupting the microorganisms present. This can reduce the deer's ability to properly digest food and cause the release of toxins which are then absorbed into the deer's system. Many of the most common supplemental foods people provide deer with in winter are high in starches and they create a great risk for deer.

"Aside from death directly resulting from inappropriate foods, several other negative consequences are associated with winter feeding of deer," added Fuda. "These can include an increased likelihood of vehicle collisions, over-browsing of local vegetation and ornamental plants, enhanced risk of predation, and an increased risk of disease transmission, which is why Fish and Game strongly discourages the practice."

For more information on the risks associated with feeding deer, visit [www.wildlife.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt746/files/inline-documents/sonh/more-harm.pdf](http://www.wildlife.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt746/files/inline-documents/sonh/more-harm.pdf).

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## State motor vehicle fees increase on Jan. 1

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2026, numerous state motor vehicle registration fees will increase as part of the state's biennial budget that was adopted earlier this year. Local municipal fees will not be increasing, so only the state portion of registration costs will be affected.

The new fee schedule is [available online](#).

Some of the fee schedule changes include:

- A \$10 increase for new titles, title transfers, and duplicate titles.
- A \$10 increase for 20-day temporary registrations.
- Vehicle registration fees increase \$4.80 to \$10.80, depending on the weight of vehicles 8,000 pounds and under. Above 8,000 pounds, the rate will increase 10 cents per 100 pounds.
- Fees for trailers under 8,000 pounds will increase 30 cents to \$3.60, depending on the weight. Above 8,000 pounds, fees will increase 6 cents per 100 pounds.
- Motorcycle registration fees will increase \$15.
- Moped registration fees will increase \$11.
- Vanity plate fees will increase \$20.

The Dover City Clerk's [webpage has information](#) on how the Clerk's Office can assist Dover residents in processing motor vehicle registrations. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 603-516-6018.

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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:

- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **General Legal Counsel**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Utilities Laborer**



- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Seasonal Snow Plow Driver, Part-Time**
- **Lab Technician - Water Resources**
- **Utilities Supervisor**
- **Engineering Secretary**
- **Health/Fire Life Safety Officer**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Maintenance Specialist - Streets**

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

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## Dover School District employment opportunities

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

- **Childcare Coordinator-Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC)**
- **Credit Recovery Proctor**
- **ESOL - Newcomer Interventionist (One Year Only)**
- **Long Term Substitute - Anticipated Speech Language Assistant**
- **Long Term Substitute - Speech Language Pathologist**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Noon Supervisor**
- **Paraprofessionals- Special Education**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Substitute Nurses**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Summer School Proctor**

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

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