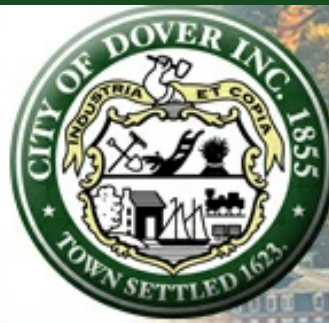


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 23, 2022



CITY OF
DOVER, NH

288 Central
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,



School Superintendent William Harbron, left, and Business Administrator Michael Limanni review the proposed school district budget with the School Board during this week's budget workshop. The School Board will continue its review of the budget Jan. 4.

School Board to continue budget deliberations Jan. 4

The School Board scheduled its fourth budget workshop for Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, to continue its deliberations as the board prepares to adopt its budget for fiscal year 2024.

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

The School Board held its third budget workshop on Dec. 19, reviewing enrollment data and considering reallocating staffing positions in its schools based on enrollment trends.

Videos of the budget workshops and the documents reviewed by the School Board are posted on the [Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Revealed](#) page.

[Click here](#) for the School Board's Jan. 4 workshop agenda.

Storm continues to bear down with strong winds and heavy rain

A strong storm system that began Thursday night, bringing heavy rains and strong winds, continues today, Friday, Dec. 23. Today's warmer temperatures will be followed by subfreezing temperatures tonight.

Widespread flooding is possible given the combination of rainfall and snowmelt. The rain will fall on frozen ground which will increase runoff and could produce flash flooding. The snowpack along the coastal plains will be significantly reduced if not completely melted out.

The National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning for Dover, which remains in effect through 2 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. NWS forecasts southeast winds from 25 to 35 miles per hour, with wind gusts up to 70 mph. Much of the wind will occur during the day today. Damaging winds will blow down trees and power lines, with widespread power outages expected, according to the NWS. Travel will be difficult, especially for high-profile vehicles.

To report an outage to Eversource, call 1-800-662-7764.

As a reminder, do not touch downed power lines, and treat all lines as live. Call Dover Emergency Dispatch at 603-742-4646 to report downed lines within the city.

A Flood Watch is also in effect for Dover through 7 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. According to the NWS, flash, urban, and small stream flooding is expected from widespread heavy rain and snowmelt. Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations. Travel in and out of the region could be disrupted due to flooding.

Use caution with generators

Generators can be helpful when the power goes out; however, it is critical to know how to use them safely to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning and other hazards. Each year, an average of 430 people in the country die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning

"Always use generators outside, away from doors, windows, and vents," said Fire Chief McShane. "Never use generators inside buildings or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation."

Other tips include:

- Make sure to install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

Warming Center activated tonight

The Warming Center of Strafford County at 31 Willand Drive, Somersworth, will be activated at 5 p.m. tonight, Friday, Dec. 23 and remain open through 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. The Warming Center will reopen at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24, and remain open through 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26. It will reopen again at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 26 and remain open through 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Due to the weather, SOS Recovery Community Organization has opened its offices today to provide a warm and dry space throughout the day. SOS is located at 4 Broadway, Dover, and 14 Signal St., Rochester. SOS is operating the Warming Center.

Visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/warming-and-cooling-centers.html> for more information about the Warming Center, including opportunities to volunteer or donate needed items. The page also includes information about city facilities where the public can find respite from the weather. This includes the Police Department lobby at 46 Chestnut St., which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information about the storm in Dover, visit the National Weather Service <https://go.usa.gov/xPGSn>.

Christmas holiday hours for City facilities, services

City administrative offices, including **City Hall**, will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The **Public Library** will be closed on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24; Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25; and Monday, Dec. 26.

The **Dover Ice Arena** will be closed on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

The **McConnell Center Recreation facilities** will close at 12 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25.

The **Dover Community Senior Center** will be closed on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24; Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25; and Monday, Dec. 26.

The **Dover Indoor Pool** will be closed on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25.

The **Recycling Center** on Mast Road will close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24.

Because Christmas falls on a Sunday, there is **no delay for curbside trash and recycling pickup**.

Chestnut Street bridge to close Jan. 3

Bridge to reopen by May 19 at the latest

The Chestnut Street bridge will close to all traffic on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, to allow a contractor to rehabilitate the 47-year-old bridge. The bridge will open to two lanes of traffic and at least one pedestrian sidewalk by Friday, May 19, 2023.

Chestnut Street vehicular traffic will be detoured via Washington Street, Third and Fourth streets, Central Avenue and Main Street. Any one-way side streets will retain their one-way travel.

The pedestrian path that travels underneath the Chestnut Street bridge is expected to remain open except for a few days at the beginning and end of the project as contractors mobilize.

The project consists of removing the pavement, membrane and sidewalks on the bridge, repairing deteriorated concrete in the bridge deck, reconstructing the bridge sidewalks, and installing a new bridge membrane, new bridge pavement and new wearing-course pavement.

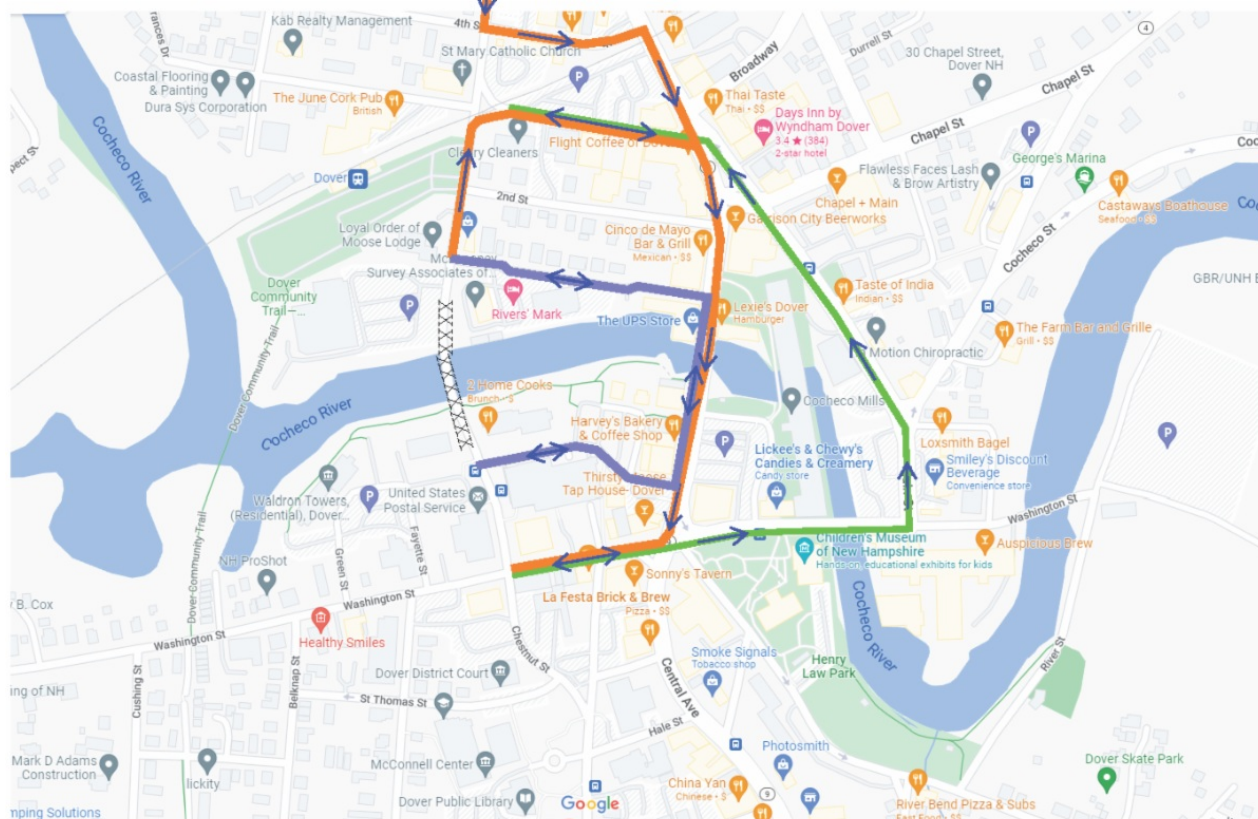
Earlier this month, the City Council awarded a \$2.1 million bid for rehabilitating the Chestnut Street bridge to New England Infrastructures, LLC. The Transportation Advisory Commission reviewed and approved the bridge closure plan at its May 23, 2022, meeting.

Sign-up for email alerts

The project will significantly affect traffic, and the City of Dover will release regular updates about the project and related traffic impacts. To sign-up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Project update: Chestnut Street bridge repairs" to your current email subscription list.

Project documents and updates will be posted to the dedicated project page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/cityoperations/community-services/current-projects/chestnut-street-bridge-repairs/>. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Bridge detour routes



- - North Vehicle Detour
- - South Vehicle Detour
- - Pedestrian Detour

Respiratory illnesses on the rise, including influenza and Covid-19

Wash hands and stay home when sick to slow the spread

Fire Chief Michael McShane, who serves as the city's Emergency Management Director, reminds the public that respiratory illnesses are rising, including influenza (flu), common colds,

and Covid-19. With the winter holidays, there are more public gatherings, providing more opportunities for these illnesses to spread with ease.

McShane urges the public to use common sense and remember that respiratory illnesses, such as colds, flu and Covid-19, spread the same way.

“Wash your hands,” McShane said. “Cover your mouth when you cough. Stay home if you feel sick, and wear a mask if you must interact with others.”

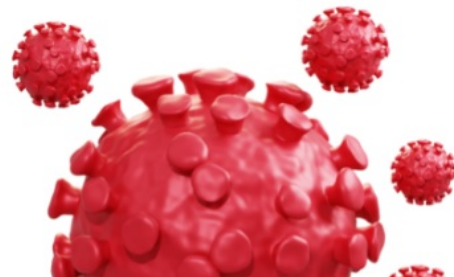
McShane said those who have had fevers should not return to a public setting until they’ve been without a fever for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication.

“The more diligent we are in taking care of ourselves, the better we will come out of this flu season without taxing our health care system,” McShane said.



Get a flu Vaccine

There’s still time to get a flu vaccine if you haven’t yet this season. You can get a flu vaccine at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine.



Upcoming Meetings:

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

The School Board will hold a workshop on Monday, January 4, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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



**Planning Board
Technical Review
Committee, January 5,
10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

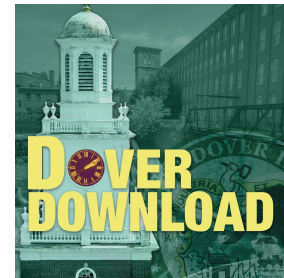
Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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 podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past with a look back at the week in Dover's history.



The podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh>.



The following events are from a variety of 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](#).

Dec. 25, 1692 — "A doeful and tremendous noise was affirmed to be heard in the air nigh Capt. Gerrish's garrison, which continued with a little intermission near half an hour."

Dec. 23, 1757 — Samuel Heard of Dover, a soldier in the Crown Point Expedition, in Col. Nathaniel Meserve's regiment, having represented to the Assembly his indigent circumstances and his not being able to subsist himself by reason of the loss of his leg in May 1756, and the late grant made him by the government being spent, it was voted that he be allowed the sum of 30 pounds, to be delivered him as occasion may require, by Capt. Thomas Waldron.

Dec. 26, 1812 — John Wheeler notified the proprietors of the Dover Cotton Factory to meet at Mrs. Lydia Tibbetts' home on the 19th of January, 1813, at 5 p.m. for the purpose of organizing under their act of incorporation. The "Dover Cotton Factory," which was incorporated this year, with a capital of \$50,000, was the first attempt at manufacturing on an extensive scale in the town. As the lower falls were supposed to be fully occupied with the saw and grist mills, the first

Factory was built two miles up the river and was long known as the Upper Factory. Like most new enterprises it was but moderately successful to its projectors. John Williams was agent of the corporation.

Dec. 30, 1996 — A new million dollar traffic intersection in Dover, formerly the Weeks Traffic Circle, is completed this year and renamed Weeks Crossing.

Dec. 25, 2002 — A Christmas Day storm drops more than a foot of snow on Dover.

Demand for COAST service grows

Ridership on COAST's fixed route and advance reservation demand response services grew by 7.6% over their past fiscal year (October 2021 through September 2022). This despite providing significantly less fixed-route service due to ongoing service suspensions implemented earlier in 2022. This demonstrates that despite reduced service options demand is increasing. Luckily the tide is turning for COAST and they have been incrementally lifting suspensions through the fall.

During the final quarter of FY22, COAST's average weekday fixed route ridership was at its highest level since March 2020. This is a key ridership measure that has thus far continued into the first part of FY23. Over the past year fixed route ridership grew by 6.6%. It is hoped that when service suspensions are lifted, which has slowly been happening through the fall, ridership will grow proportionately but that may also take some time.

Ridership on COAST's demand response services, generally targeted to older adults and individuals living with disabilities, grew 21.4% over the previous year and has been hovering just below or at pre-pandemic ridership levels over the past few months. Prior to 2020, these services had been seeing the strongest ridership growth and it appears that trend is beginning again.

COAST's recently approved FY23 operating budget was developed with the goals of rebuilding their workforce and resuming more suspended services. The budget included notable wage increases that should significantly increase COAST's competitiveness in the highly competitive job market for bus operators, including the addition of a second shift pay differential.

"With significant improvements to bus operator wages and benefits, COAST expects to be able to rebuild our workforce on the timeline we have established. We have already seen a significant uptick in applicants through referrals from our own employees," said Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director. "At this point we are planning on lifting more service suspensions in mid-January as in the last few weeks we have successfully hired and are now training a number of new staff."

Riders can now follow COAST buses in real-time on the Passio GO! app. The Passio GO! app can be downloaded from free from the Google Play or App Store. More information is available at <https://coastbus.org/PassioGO>.

Purchasing bus tickets to donate to area non-profit agencies for the holidays? As part of the COAST Cares program, COAST will match individual contributions this holiday season, doubling the impact of these generous gifts. Simple actions with meaningful impacts can go a long way to helping those in need, especially in today's economy.

Nichols commented, "We have done this for years, and always to the surprise of those who are generously donating these tickets to area nonprofits."

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. COAST is a non-profit agency, operating a regional public transit system that relies primarily on federal and local government support to operate. COAST is governed by a board of directors representing the communities served, two regional planning commissions, and many local and state agencies. COAST's vision is to be an innovative leader in providing a broad range of public transportation services, connecting, and coordinating a robust network of transportation options for everyone.

Last day for Santa's Castle

Dover Youth to Youth is hosting its 15th annual Santa's Castle at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover for its final day today. Children and their families are able to tour several rooms in Santa's Castle and meet Santa and many of his elves.

The Castle's hours today, Friday, Dec. 23, is 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

During the tour, students from Youth to Youth, acting as elves will guide visitors through Rudolph's stable, Santa's toy room, Mrs. Claus's Kitchen and other parts of the Castle. The tour culminates with a visit with Santa. Along the tour, children will be entertained by the elves and will collect small gifts in each room. Families are welcome to bring a camera and take pictures or video during the tour and with Santa.

Pre-registration is required. Groups making a reservation must be no larger than six people and include family members only. To insure the safety of all guests and performers, the tour will be spaced out more than in the past.

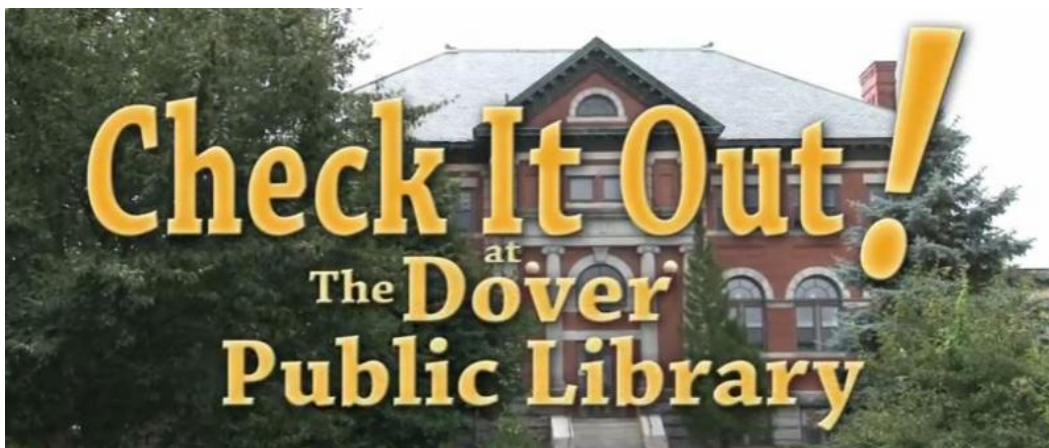
To make a reservation, visit <http://dovery2y.org/newsevents/santas-castle/>.

Santa's Castle is designed for children ages 9 and under, but the whole family is invited. The cost is a flat fee of \$25 per reservation.

Entrance to Santa's Castle will be from the Saint Thomas Street side of the McConnell Center (Door #7). Parking is available in the parking lot located behind the Dover Public Library and on the street by the Dover District Court.

For additional information, go to the Dover Santa's Castle Facebook page, Youth to Youth's web site at www.DoverY2Y.org or call the Dover Police Department's Community Outreach Bureau at 603-516-1501.

Proceeds support the drug and alcohol prevention activities of Dover Youth to Youth. Dover Youth to Youth is an organization made up of middle and high school students who meet after school to conduct activities and events that promote a drug-free life style. Youth to Youth is coordinated by the Dover Police Department with support from the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.



Read and win prizes this winter

Experience all the feels this winter with Dover Public Library's Winter Reading Challenge.

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 1, all ages (yes, you too adults) are invited to sign up and receive an emoji bingo card. For every hour read or activity completed, cross off an emoji on your bingo board. Get a bingo in any direction on your card and win a \$5 gift card to La Festa, Lickee's and Chewy's, or Harvey's Bakery and Coffee Shop (while supplies last). The fun doesn't stop with bingo. Complete your entire bingo card and be entered into the grand prize raffle.

The Winter Reading Challenge lasts until Tuesday, Feb. 28. Miss the start date? Sign up is welcomed and encouraged throughout the program.

Participants can pick up a physical bingo board at the library to do by hand, or they can visit the library's Beanstack website (doverpublic.beanstack.org) to participate virtually. Through Beanstack, participants can choose to record on their computer or through an app on their phone.

Looking for a longer challenge? Join Dover Public Library's 2023 Book Challenge. Also available in-person or virtually through Beanstack. Can you read all 16 themed books in a year? Expand your world view by reading books and genres outside your usual stack. Win books for completing a bingo and filling out your board. This challenge takes place January 1 to December 31, 2023.

Both book challenges are free, open to the public, and all ages are invited to participate.

If you do not have a library card, let this be a sign to get one. Dover Public Library cards are free to all Dover residents, as well as anyone who works or goes to school in Dover (must be 5-years-old to get a card). Bring a photo ID and proof of address to 73 Locust Street in Dover to sign up – or visit our website to do it from the comfort of your own home.

For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

Presentation to offer ways to save energy and money when heating and cooling your home

High electricity and fuel bills taking a bite out of your wallet? Want to learn how to save money by saving energy?

Wes Golomb, clean energy expert, will share his expertise from decades of work in "Saving Energy and Money Heating and Cooling Your Home" on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dover Public Library. This event will be held in-person, but will have a virtual option for those who wish to watch from home. Sign up is needed to receive a link if you wish to watch online.

In this program, Golomb will help you save money on energy bills and create a more comfortable home. With energy prices spiking this year, and funding available from the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, now is a great time to think about cost effective ways to tighten up your home to save money.

As the former administer of New Hampshire's Energy Codes for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and founder of the first Energy Services degree program in the Northeast, Golomb will cover a wide range of topics from sealing leaks to heat pumps. Whether you are looking to build or retrofit your home to become "net-zero energy", or simply learn ways to cut your energy bill and get help paying for it, join this event and hear from a respected energy leader.

This event is geared toward the lay person, so there is no need for a background in building or energy to understand the content.

"NH's electric rates just doubled, making them the second highest in the country," Golomb said. "With effective efficiency measures available, advanced green technologies and significant funding through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, there has never been a better time to get off the energy roller coaster."

The program is free and open to the public. Golomb will be selling copies of his book "Warm and Cool Homes: Building a Comfy, NetZero Home You'll Want to Live in Forever" at the

event.

For more information or to sign up to receive a link to watch online, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

The Week at the Library

**Saturday through Monday
December 24-26
Library closed for Holiday**

**Tuesday, December 27, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, 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.

**Wednesday, December 28, 2 to 3 p.m.
Teen Crafternoon: Origami Star Jars**
Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to make origami star jars! You can use the origami stars to keep a to-be-read list for the new year, or just display your star jar as a fun decoration. All supplies will be provided.

**Saturday through Monday
December 31 - January 2
Library closed for Holiday**



BE INFORMED

**Sign up for
parking ban
alerts today**

Text DoverNH to 99411 to receive parking ban alerts

Sign up for text alerts at bit.ly/dovercodered

Sign up for e-mail alerts at bit.ly/doverdownload

Current ban status: bit.ly/doverban or 516-PARK



 **CodeRED™**

Recycling Center begins accepting Christmas trees next week

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will accept Christmas trees, during regular hours, beginning next week.

Trees must be free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, tree bags and tree stands or they will not be accepted.

Trees can be placed in the brush pile.

The Recycling Center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Recycling Center is closing at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24.

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

DOVER TURNS 400 IN 2023

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
KICK OFF THE YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION AT THE

FIRST OF THE 4th GALA EVENT

DECEMBER 31, 2022

6:30PM - MIDNIGHT

9:00PM FIREWORKS

CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

HORS D'OEUVRES BY MEZZANINE CATERING

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY TO
THE BLACK AGNES BAND

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER TICKETS.](#)

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL.

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:

- Special Education Teacher – Dover High School
- Special Education Paraeducators – Dover High School
- STEM Teacher – Dover Middle School
- Special Education Paraeducators - Dover Middle School
- Special Education Teachers – Dover Middle School
- Lunch Supervisors- Dover Middle School
- Special Education Teacher – Garrison Elementary School
- Special Education Paraeducator – Garrison Elementary School
- Special Education Paraeducator – Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School
- STEM teacher – Dover Middle School
- Custodian
- Nurse-RN (floating position)

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

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
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Firefighter / EMT
- Maintenance Mechanic - Utilities
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic / Automotive Technician
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor I
- City Planner
- Arena Attendant
- Utility Systems IT Administrator
- Public Safety Systems IT Administrator
- Community Housing Navigator
- Working Foreman / Public Works
- Outreach Social Worker

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

