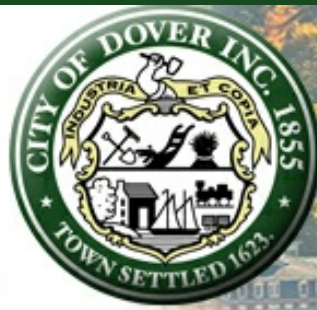


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 8, 2023



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**City Hall
hours:**

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

Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
p.m.

**Recycling
Center hours:**

Tuesday,

Utility infrastructure installation continues at city's waterfront site

A city contractor continues the installation of utility infrastructure on the waterfront development site on River Street. The utility work includes stormwater, water and sewer utilities as well as duct banks for future electrical utilities.

Workers have also cleared shoreline vegetation in preparation for the shoreline stabilization work needed before the buildings and park can be constructed. With most of the waterfront site now cleared, crews can be seen grading the site according to the contract plans.

The first part of the project is public improvements, including constructing a new street system for site access and establishing necessary utilities for the upcoming buildings. The project includes a new 3.4-acre public riverfront park, shoreline stabilization, site grading for projected sea-level rise, and a new stormwater management system with green infrastructure.

One priority for the contractor is readying pad site C, where private developer Cathartes plans to begin its work next year. The development plan includes three mixed-use buildings, two multi-family buildings, and three clusters of townhouses. Approved by the Planning Board in June 2022, the waterfront

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

development aims to revitalize the Dover waterfront and introduce approximately 26,000 square feet of commercial space and 418 residential units, comprising both rental and condominium units for sale.

For more information about the waterfront development project, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/cochecho-waterfront-development/>.

Temporary closure of River Street needed for utility work – closure dates to be determined

To facilitate utility work related to the waterfront project, River Street will be temporarily closed between Henry Law Avenue and Washington Street during daytime hours. The closure dates have not yet been determined but it is anticipated to occur after the December holidays. The work is estimated to take about a week.

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

CWDAC meets Dec. 19

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will meet next on Tuesday, Dec. 19. The meeting will be held in Room 305 at the McConnell Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The committee agenda has not yet been set. Once complete, the agenda [can be found here](#).



Public hearing, vote on CIP before City Council on Wednesday

Planning Board to also hold public hearing on CIP Tuesday

The City Council will consider adopting the FY2025-2030 Capital Improvements Program at Wednesday's Council meeting.

The CIP adoption includes three votes: one on the six-year plan itself, followed by authorization for appropriations for FY2025 CIP projects, including authorization for bonding and funding non-debt financed projects. The six-year CIP outlines significant capital expenditures over \$25,000 with a useful life of three years or more. This includes ongoing projects like street and sidewalk improvements, maintenance and upgrades to water and wastewater systems, procurement of police cruisers, and facility maintenance. The detailed CIP document is [accessible online](#) and available in hard copy at City Hall and the Dover Public Library. The Planning Board will also hold a public hearing on the CIP at its Tuesday, Dec. 12, meeting.

Also on the Council's agenda is public hearings followed by votes on whether the Council should accept and expend a \$120,000 InvestNH Municipal Per Unit Grant provided by the state, provide additional appropriation for the FY2024 fleet maintenance fund, and whether the City Council should enact a stormwater and flood resilience utility (see more about the utility in next article below).

Other items on the agenda include FY2025 budget guidance, awarding construction management service to the Dover Public Library for planned renovations, authorizing the replacement of the library's boilers, awarding the bid to a firm to help update the Conservation and Open Space Chapter of the Master Plan, and whether to recognize traditional foraging rights on the city's public conservation lands.

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

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

Public hearing, possible vote on proposed stormwater utility on City Council Agenda

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, the City Council will hold a public hearing followed by a possible vote on a proposed ordinance to create a stormwater and flood resilience utility.

Currently, funding for stormwater infrastructure is through the city's general fund. Under the current funding approach, 55% of the property tax revenue used to fund the city's stormwater costs comes from residential property owners though these properties account for only 25% of the city's impervious cover area. If enacted, the proposed stormwater and flood resilience utility fee would be based on the amount of impervious cover area per parcel, to more accurately reflect each parcel's impact or contribution to the municipal stormwater system maintenance, water quality protection and flood resilience needs. The stormwater utility would affect all properties within the city, including residential, commercial, government and non-profit-owned properties.

One key aspect of the utility is the fee credit system to encourage and financially incentivize property owners to implement various stormwater management practices on their property via various credit options which reduces the property owner's utility fee and reduces the stormwater management burden that Dover may have to do city-wide.

The City Council [held a workshop](#) on the proposed ordinance, entitled Municipal Stormwater Utility, on Nov. 15, where city staff and consultants reviewed all aspects of the stormwater utility, including the need for the ordinance, how it would work, the utility fee structure, and available credit options. The presentation also included the work and findings of the Council's ad-hoc stormwater funding committee. The Council held a first reading of the proposed ordinance at its Nov. 8 meeting. As currently proposed, the stormwater utility would begin on July 1, 2024, the beginning of the city's 2025 fiscal year.

The city's [Stormwater Management webpage](#) has a video of the Nov. 15 workshop, presentation slides, the proposed ordinance, and all other stormwater-related documents. Information on this page includes but is not limited to how a stormwater utility would work and its need, a link to frequently asked questions, and prior presentation materials. The stormwater page also includes presentation slides and links to the audio recording of the Dec. 5 presentation on the proposed stormwater utility given to the Dover Industrial and Business Development Authority.



Stormwater

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The City Council's Dec. 13 meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.

City provides responses to public workshop questions on stormwater utility

At the [Oct. 17, 2023 public workshop](#) about the proposed stormwater and flood resilience utility, members of the public submitted questions and comments about the proposal. The city posted the responses this week to the [Stormwater Management webpage](#).

[Click here](#) to read the submitted questions and the city's responses.

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

State certifies Dover's tax rate; tax bills to be mailed early next week

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) certified the City of Dover's property tax rate for fiscal year 2024 (tax year 2023) on Dec. 4, 2023, at \$18.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Tax bills are being prepared and will be in the mail to property owners by Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, with the first half of the tax bill due Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, and the second half of the tax bill due on Monday, June 3, 2024.

The tax rate set by the DRA represents a decrease of \$1.14 or a 5.75% decrease over the prior year.

The average residential property is now assessed at \$458,334 (\$418,706 last year), which includes all single-family, multi-family units, condos, and manufactured housing, with a tax bill averaging \$8,571, an increase of \$264 or 3.2%. The average single-family residential property assessed at \$513,892 (\$471,406 last year) has a total tax bill of \$9,610, an increase of \$257 or 2.8%.

"The certified rate represents a decrease of \$1.14 or a 5.8% decrease from last year," City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. said in an email to the City Council about the tax rate. "It should be noted that the overall tax rate would have been \$0.94 more than last year's rate if assessments had remained unchanged given solely the budgetary impacts of \$0.39 for the City portion of the tax bill, \$0.55 for the School portion and \$0.00 (no impact) for the County.

"The certified rate for this year was instead significantly reduced due to the overall increase in assessed value of nearly \$750 million or a 14.4% increase realized from the combination of increased market value and the new construction value added within the community this past year," Joyal said.

To calculate property tax for a specific parcel, multiply the tax rate (\$18.70) by the assessed value and divide by 1,000. Find assessed values and gross tax amounts due for all property parcels in Dover at www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/assessment-reports/.

There are four components of the tax rate: the city portion, local education portion, state education, and Strafford County. The tax rate of \$18.70 is broken down as follows:

- **City:** \$6.69, a decrease of 53 cents over the previous year;
- **Local education:** \$8.97, a decrease of 69 cents over the previous year;
- **County:** \$1.78, a decrease of 16 cents over the previous year;
- **State education:** \$1.26, an increase of 24 cents.



Dover Main Street's Santa Drive is Sunday

Other events planned this month

Dover Main Street has announced a series of public events to celebrate the holiday season.

Santa Drive: On Sunday, Dec. 10, from noon to 3 p.m., Dover Main Street and the city's fire and police departments will escort Santa Claus through Dover neighborhoods. Residents can view Santa's planned route and track his location in real-time on the [Dover Main Street website](https://www.dovermainstreet.org).

Food Drive: Dover Main Street has also launched its annual food drive to benefit the Dover Food Pantry. Through Dec. 15, patrons dining at Dover restaurants or shopping at local stores are encouraged to donate nonperishable items that volunteers will collect and deliver to the food pantry. Participating businesses include Bending Bodhi Yoga, Blue Latitudes, Chapel + Main, Cinco de Mayo, Dover Jewelers, Earth Harmony Wellness, Erin Claire Boutique, Fire On The Mountain, Inside Out Beauty Salon, Jewelry Creations, June Cork Pub, Kendall Pond Pizza, Market Square Jewelers, My Country Store, Natalie's Boutique, Roost, Ross Furniture, SEH Studios Art Gallery, SoL Yoga and Pilates, and Upright Wellness Acupuncture.

Scavenger Hunt: A new scavenger hunt -- Gnome for the Holidays -- will be held from Dec. 10 to 16. Using a mobile app and QR code, participants can follow daily clues to find 10 hidden gnomes at local shops and eateries. Those who complete the hunt will be entered in a drawing to win one of three \$50 prizes. Visit the [Dover Main Street website](https://www.dovermainstreet.org) for more information.

Dover Dollars: Finally, Dover Main Street sells Dover Dollars gift certificates redeemable at most downtown businesses, with proceeds supporting the local economy. The community is reminded that any outdated certificates can be replaced by contacting Dover Main Street. Have outdated Dover Dollars? Email info@dovermainstreet.org for replacement Dover Dollars.

More details on all events are available on the Dover Main Street website, www.dovermainstreet.org.

Dover Main Street's holiday events are sponsored by First Seacoast Bank.



David Graf of Tower Clock Repair & Restoration explains how the clock mechanism works now with the repaired motor, and how it used to work when the clock was driven by weights.

City Hall clock back in operation

The City Hall clock tower clock is back in operation as of Thursday morning.

David Graf of Tower Clock Repair & Restoration of Kittery, Maine, installed the rebuilt Bodine Synchronous electric motor that drives the clock mechanism, which seized on Oct. 31.

The E. Howard & Co. clock, made in Boston, is original to the 1935 City Hall building. It's located within the clock tower that, using gears, moves the hands on the four exterior clock faces that keep the time. Originally, the clockwork mechanism was driven by weights but was later upgraded to utilize an electric motor.

Upcoming Meetings:

Conservation Commission, Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

School Board, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

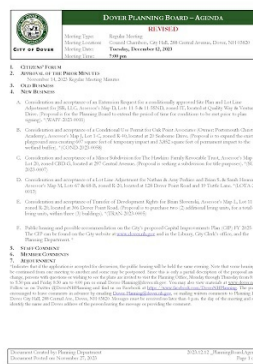
Planning Board, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Cemetery Board, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

The Cemetery Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., at



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 12/12/2023

In this video, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=vvqTLfzyTKmksP2U>.

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.

New NHDES website helps public properly dispose of waste

Have questions about how to dispose of a certain household product? New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' Solid Waste Management Bureau answers those questions and more with its new "Managing My Waste" webpage. This is a site dedicated to helping the public know how to manage the waste they create. The page includes an A to Z list of recycling and disposal information for aerosol cans, different types of batteries, fireworks/flares, fluorescent light bulbs, medicine, propane tanks, smoke detectors, tires, and more. Find it at <https://www.des.nh.gov/waste/solid-waste/managing-my-waste>.

the City of Dover Facilities and Grounds facility, 145 Court St.

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

**City Council, Dec. 13,
7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

**Solid Waste Advisory
Commission, Dec. 14,
6 p.m.**

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

**City Council and School
Board, Dec. 14,
7 p.m.**

An orientation session for the incoming City Council and School Board will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. The orientation session is open to the public.

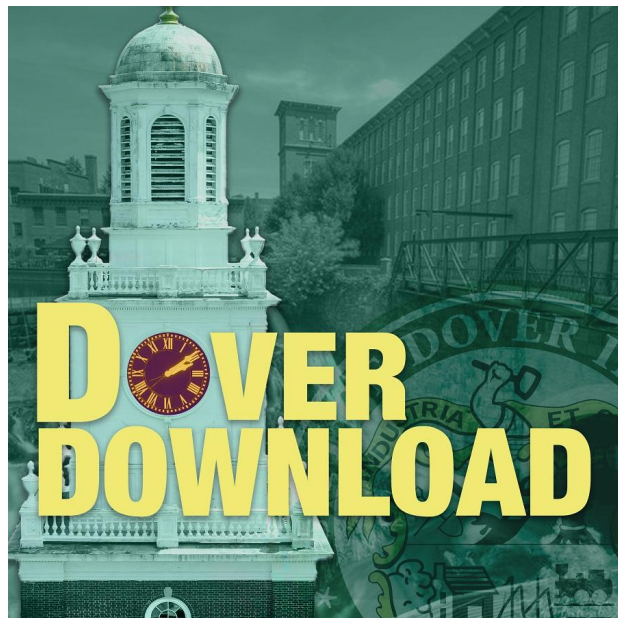
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.



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's Policymakers Through the Decades: The 1990s

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Parks "Skip" Christenbury, a former Dover City Councilor and lifelong Dover resident. This episode is the third in a series with Dover policymakers over the decades. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4a3bgE3>.

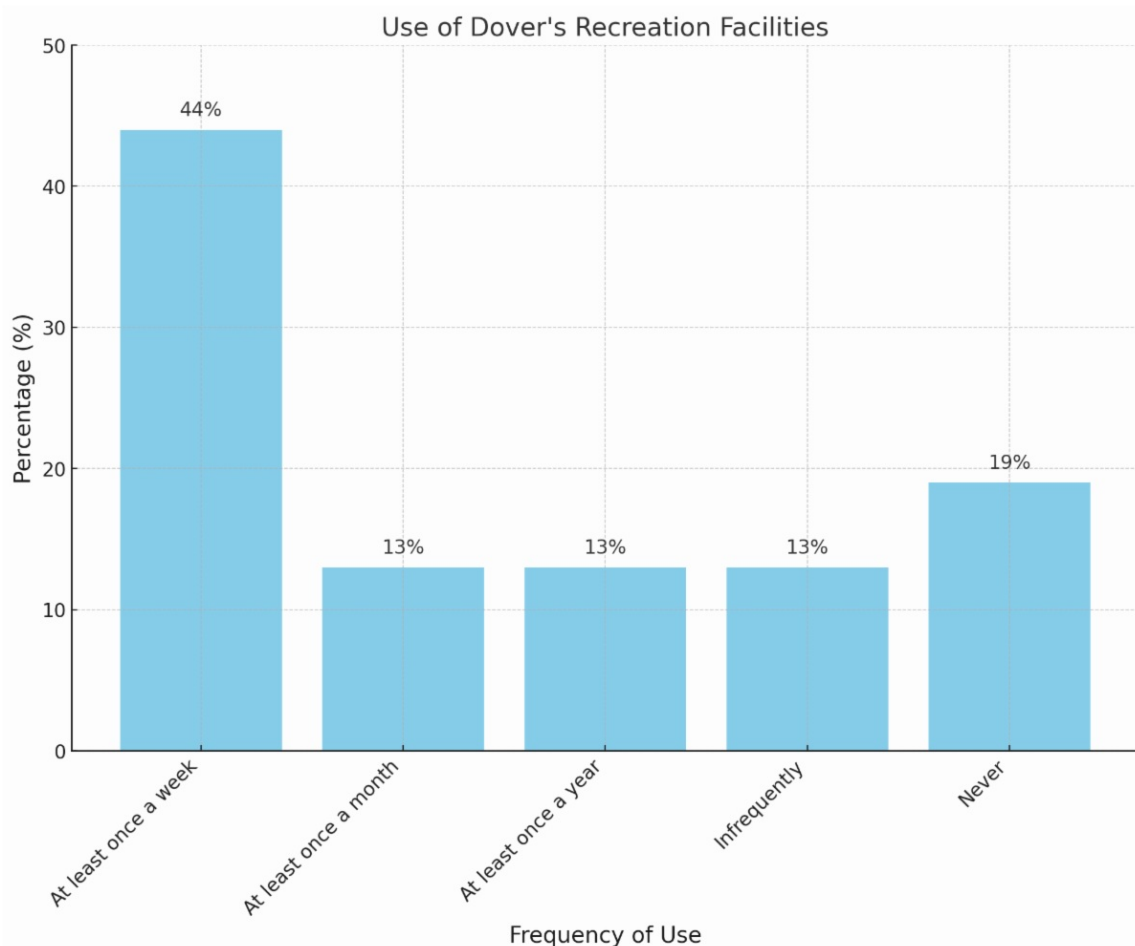
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **Have you been to a concert or event at the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park?**

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

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

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "How often do you use Dover's Recreation facilities, such as the pools, Ice Arena, Community Senior Center, and Butterfield Gym?"



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](#).

Dec. 15, 1712 — The town voted that a boom be erected over the Cochecho River and that bridges should be built over the Bellamy and Oyster rivers, and also voted 20 pounds towards the building of a boom over the Lamprey River "for passage of man and horse till further order."

Dec. 13, 1790 — A committee was appointed to lobby against the division of the Strafford County by shifting Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury and Somersworth to the Rockingham County.

Dec. 8, 1811 — Samuel Bragg, Jr., editor and printer of the Dover Sun, died on this day. According to the Dover Sun at the time, "In the death of Mr. Bragg the town of Dover has experienced a great loss. He was a very industrious and enterprising man of steady habits and attention to his business. He had by his assiduity and great diligence acquired a very handsome property, when about twelve months since, while absent on a journey he was in a moment stripped of almost every dollar by the all-devouring element of fire. This disaster took such hold of his mind, as, after a while, to produce a dejection of spirits, and invite a complication of disorders which has thus early put a period to his mortal existence."

Dec. 9, 1830 — The Dover Relief Society was organized on this day. The Hon. William Hale is named president, and Asa A. Tufts is named treasurer and secretary. The society was formed to investigate poverty and public health problems. The committee was also tasked with reporting on the potential dangers of manufacturing to "community norms," including the living and working conditions among local manufacturing employees, such as young workers leaving schools, overcrowded and unhealthy housing, and excessive hours of work.



Dover residents invited to free workshop on private well water safety

The Seacoast Private Well Initiative invites residential private well users in Dover to a free workshop and water testing event. Aimed at educating homeowners on the health risks associated with common well water contaminants, this event is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Dover City Hall Auditorium, located at 288 Central Ave.

Participants will learn about contaminants that may affect their well water, such as radon, arsenic, lead, and PFAS, and the importance of regular water testing. The workshop will

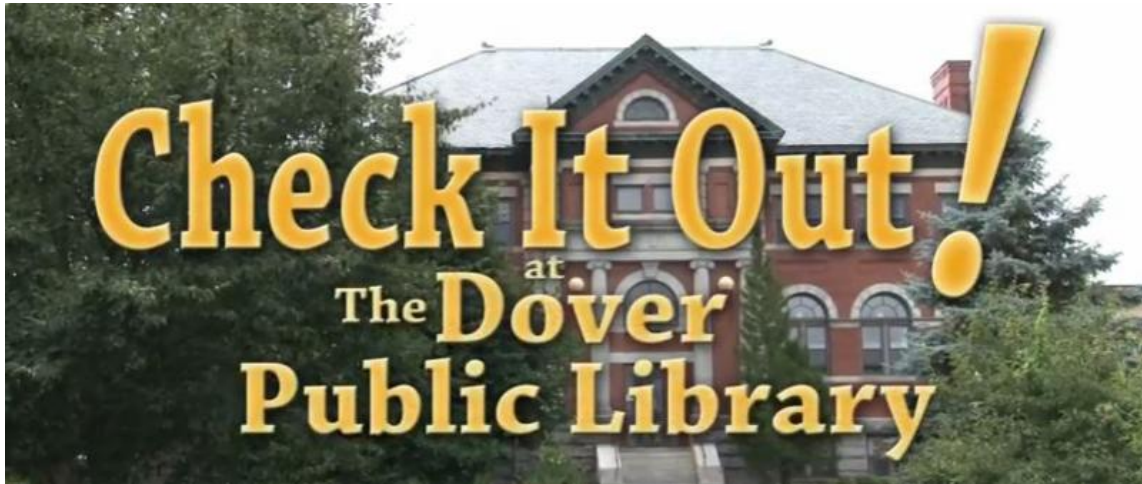
cover the types of contaminants to test for, reasons for testing, and the process of collecting water samples. In addition, attendees will receive guidance on selecting the appropriate water treatment solutions if contaminants are found.

The event is part of an ongoing effort to ensure the safety and health of the community's drinking water. Experts will be on hand to explain the testing process, and attendees will leave with a test kit and instructions for returning filled bottles for analysis.

Please register for the workshop by sending an email to confirm attendance to Amy Hudnor, Private Well Coordinator for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, at welltest@des.nh.gov.

The Seacoast Private Well Initiative, supported by NHDES, the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund, and the Seacoast Commission on Drinking Water, encourages all private well users in Dover to take advantage of this opportunity.

For further information, please contact Amy Hudnor at (603) 271-5986 or via the [provided email address](#).



Get in holiday spirit with a cappella concert at the Dover library

Ring in the holiday season with favorites old and new when the a cappella group [Mix]tape performs a free concert at the Dover Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m.

The 13-member group from New Hampshire's seacoast will perform a diverse mix of holiday tunes in the vocal pop style, suitable for all ages. Audience members are encouraged to wear their ugliest holiday sweater for a chance to win [Mix]tape merchandise.

[Mix]tape performs music spanning decades and genres, from nostalgic oldies to modern hits, all in the a cappella tradition. Their goal is to connect with the audience through their onstage energy.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1 to 5 p.m.

create art and craft projects. Each

Monday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Clothing Library

The Clothing Library provides clothing to borrow for free, just like a traditional library, but instead of books you can check out fashion! Partnering with the Dover Public Library as their pilot, the Clothing Library serves the communities unique needs and aims to address the negative ecological and social impacts of overproduction of the fashion industry by keeping existing clothing circulation longer. Less Is More so Borrow Not Buy!

Monday, Dec. 11, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Big Kids Storytime

Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join us for a storytime with more in-depth, challenging picture books.
Registration required.

Monday, Dec. 11, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: 14-plus Group
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 14 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us for adventure, strategy, and imagination in the Trustees Room. The group meets every other Monday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Monday, Dec. 11, 6 to 6:45 p.m.
Guitar Lesson

Drop in for a free guitar class taught by Mike Rieder from A&M Studios! Please bring your own guitar, as they will not be provided. This program is open to participants ages 10 and up.

Monday, Dec. 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Cookbook Club Cookie Swap
Join Dover Public Library's second-annual cookie swap. Register with your recipe pick, then come to the swap with at least two dozen of your cookie choice to share. Feel free to bring a copy of your recipe to share with others, and be sure to bring your own container to bring cookies home!

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 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, Dec. 12, 3 to 4 p.m.
Teen Tech Tutoring
Do you need help with basic computer or

session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 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 *Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels and Crooks*, by Patrick Radden Keefe. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6 to 7 p.m.
Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7-12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings to share their ideas, help to plan future events/services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
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, Dec. 14, 4 to 5 p.m.
Multilingual Book Group
Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center lead this group that features a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. This program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3 (other ages OK).

Thursday, Dec. 14, 5 to 8 p.m.
Magic the Gathering
Join every Thursday to play Magic the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels welcome. No materials required.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Reading Rainbow Book Group
Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's new Queer book group as we discuss a free choice selection in the Lecture Hall! choose any queer book/movie/podcast/comic/stage production/media you'd like to read and then come and tell us a little bit about it!

Friday, Dec. 15, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!
Holiday Rock
This program is for babies and toddlers

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Series of the Month Book Club for 2nd and 3rd Graders

Are you a fan of the Dragon Girls or Dragon Games series by Maddy Mara? If you are in 2nd or 3rd grade and have read one or more books in the Dragon Girls or Dragon Games series come meet with other fans to talk about these popular books. There will also be a related craft. *Registration required.*

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, strategy, and imagination. The group will meet every Tuesday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 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, Dec. 13, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime
Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to this program, which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
All Abilities Club: Art for All
This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with disabilities as we

up to 4 years (older siblings welcome). Join us for a jolly rockin' good time as we sing and boogie to festive jams! We use instruments and scarves with rhymes and songs.

Friday, Dec. 15, 3 to 4 p.m.
Fun Friday

Tweens and teens in grades 5-12 are welcome to join us afterschool on Fridays for hot chocolate, snacks, and gaming!

Saturday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Crafter Morning for Kids: Water-less Snow Globe

Kids ages 6 and up are invited to join us in the activity/storytime room to make a water-less snow globe. Kids might need their caregivers assistance with the hot glue gun. Registration required.

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 to 3 p.m.
[mix]tape A Cappella Holiday Concert
Join [mix]tape for a special a cappella concert featuring favorites of holidays past and present. Get ready to tap into your nostalgia, have your heartstrings pulled, and get your groove on—all in one afternoon. Join in on the festive fun by wearing your best ugly sweater. Get chosen as best sweater and you could win some [mix]tape merch!

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Lego Club
Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build their own creations. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library. CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 to 3 p.m.
Teen Tech Tutoring
Do you need help with basic computer or technology skills? There will be teen volunteers available to assist you during this time. We will have library computers available for use or bring your own device (laptop, phone, or tablet).



**Dover Police Department accepting names for
Christmas Basket Program**

Chief William M. Breault recently announced that the Dover Police Department is now accepting names, addresses, and phone numbers of needy families residing in Dover for the annual Christmas Basket Program. The Dover Police Department conducts this program each December to provide a Christmas dinner to families in Dover.

Last year, 125 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community. In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place.

Those wishing to donate to this program may bring non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations to the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut St. (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities). If you can't deliver your food donations to the police station, please call 603-742-4646 to arrange pick-up.

Employees of the Dover Police Department and their families will prepare and deliver the baskets on Dec. 16, 2023.

For more information, contact the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov.



Santa's Castle returns Dec. 15

Dover Youth to Youth will host its 16th annual Santa's Castle at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover for four days during the Christmas season. Each night, children and their families can walk through several rooms in Santa's Castle and meet Santa and many of his elves.

Youth to Youth students acting as elves will guide visitors through Rudolph's stable, Santa's toy room, Mrs. Claus' 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 videos during the tour and with Santa.

During the first weekend, the event will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 16, between 2 and 6:30 p.m. The Castle will continue on Thursday, Dec. 21, and Friday, Dec. 22, from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

To attend, pre-registration is required. Groups making a reservation must be no larger than six people and include family members only.

To make a reservation, visit <https://dover2y.org/santas-castle-2023/>

Santa's Castle is designed for children ages nine and under, but the whole family is invited. The cost is a flat fee of \$25 per reservation. Proceeds support the drug and alcohol prevention activities of Dover Youth to Youth.

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 website at www.DoverY2Y.org, or call the Dover Police Department's Community Outreach Bureau at 603-516-3274.

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 lifestyle. Youth to Youth is coordinated by the Dover Police Department with support from the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

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 the:

- Energy Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Committee to Address Community Housing Needs

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:

- **Police Officer**

- Firefighter/EMT
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Enterprise Systems IT Administrator
- Custodian - City Hall
- Custodian - McConnell Center
- Environmental Projects Manager
- Wastewater Pump Station Operator
- Truck Driver, Streets
- Truck Driver, Utilities
- Laborer
- Utility Laborer
- Arena Attendant
- Water Treatment Operator
- Camera Operator
- Planning Division Supervisor
- Prevention Programmer
- Maintenance Mechanic, Streets
- Lifeguard I
- Swim Instructor I

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:

- Student Specific Nurse
- ELL Tutors
- Long Term Substitute Math Teacher
- Literacy Intervention Specialist
- Special Education Teacher - Autism Support
- Noon Aide/Recess Monitor
- Preschool Aide
- Head Coach Girls Lacrosse
- Special Education Teacher Case Manager
- Cleaner for 2nd shift for C&W Services
- Paraprofessional
- Speech and Language Assistant
- Coach Girls JV Lacrosse
- Substitute Teacher

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

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