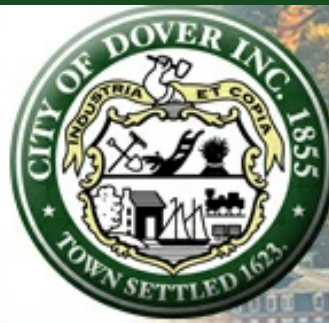


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 9, 2022



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## School Board, City Council discuss tax cap, wage study

### School budget deliberations continue

The City Council and the School Board met in a joint workshop on Dec. 7 to receive preliminary budget estimates and a preliminary tax cap calculation.

The joint budget session occurs annually at the beginning of the budget season to help the School Board and City Council with budget planning.

In the workshop, Finance Director Daniel Lynch discussed the tax cap and how it is calculated. The tax cap will not be finalized until early 2024 when the Consumer Price Index for Boston-Cambridge-Newton MA-NH and the net construction/demolition permit value for Dover are finalized for 2022.

The School Board and City Council also discussed the recent findings of the teacher salary benchmark survey, which the City Council had requested during the fiscal year 2023 budget adoption process.

The School Board is in the process of creating a budget for fiscal year 2024. The School Board has met the last two Mondays for budget workshops and will continue budget discussions at its meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, followed by another budget

Tuesday,  
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8:30 a.m. to 3:30  
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workshop on Monday, Dec. 19. The School Board plans to adopt a budget at its Monday, Jan. 9, regular board meeting, with a fallback adoption date the following week.

Videos of budget discussions and accompanying documents are posted on the FY 2024 Budget Revealed webpage [www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2024-budget/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2024-budget/)

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## State certifies Dover tax rate

### Tax bills to be mailed soon

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) certified the City of Dover's property tax rate for fiscal year 2023 (tax year 2022) Wednesday, Dec. 7, at \$19.84 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Finance Department is preparing for tax bills to be mailed out Friday, Dec. 16, with the first half of the tax bill due Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023. The second half of the tax bill would be due Thursday, June 1, 2023.

The tax rate set by the DRA represents a decrease of \$1.86 or an 8.6% decrease over the prior year.

"It should be noted that the overall tax rate would have been \$1.18 more than last year's rate if assessments had remained unchanged given solely the budgetary impacts of \$0.16 for the City portion of the tax bill, \$1.02 for the School portion and \$0.00 (no impact) for the County," City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. said to the City Council in an email. "The certified rate for this year was instead significantly reduced due to the overall increase in assessed value of 14.3% realized from the combination of increased market value and the new construction value added within the community this past year."

The average residential property is now assessed at \$418,706 (\$368,141 last year), which includes all single-family, multi-family units, condos and manufactured housing, with a tax bill increase of \$318 or 4.0%. The average single-family residential property assessed at \$471,406 (\$413,518 last year) has a total tax bill of \$9,353, an increase of \$379 or 4.2%.

To calculate property tax for a specific parcel, multiply the tax rate (\$19.84) by the assessed value and divide by 1,000. Find assessed values for all property parcels in Dover at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/assessment-reports/](http://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 \$19.84 is broken down as follows:

- **City:** \$7.22, a decrease of 80 cents over the previous year;
- **Local education:** \$9.66, a decrease of 27 cents over the previous year;
- **County:** \$1.94, a decrease of 19 cents over the previous year;
- **State education:** \$1.02, a decrease of 60 cents.

The tax rate for the city is typically set by mid-November but was delayed this year due to the School Department's submittal of required documents to the state. The city cannot produce and issue tax bills for the current tax year until the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) certifies the city's tax rate; the DRA cannot set a tax rate until a municipality submits all required documents to the state.

For more information, contact the Finance Department at 603-516-6030.

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# ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

## Chestnut Street bridge repairs, Community Trail expansion before City Council

### Budget guidance for FY2024 also on agenda

The City Council meets on Wednesday, Dec. 14, for its only regular meeting of the month.

Agenda items include a resolution to authorize the city to contract with New England Infrastructures, LLC. to make repairs to the Chestnut Street bridge for \$2.1 million.

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

If the project receives authorization, work is expected to begin in the coming weeks, and the contractor will create a traffic control program as part of the work. The contractor is authorized to close the bridge to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic through mid-spring to complete the work, which was reviewed and approved by the Transportation Advisory Commission at its [May 23, 2022, meeting](#).

The repair project was put out for bid in March 2022; however, it was not awarded due to higher bid pricing than planned. The bid was revised, and more funding was added to the Fiscal Years 2024-2029 Capital Improvements Program adopted by the City Council in October 2022. The project was rereleased for bid in October, with New England Infrastructures, LLC., of Hudson, Massachusetts as the sole responder.

Other agenda items include authorizing:

- An amendment to the contract with the design services consultant for the Community Trail Expansion Phase IV, for \$48,813, which would be used for an engineering study to create a Bellamy River crossing that will not impact the disc golf course.
- Fiscal Year 2024 budget guidance. The resolution states, "The City Manager and School Board shall submit their recommended budgets for Fiscal Year 2024 pursuant to State law and the Dover City Charter and in accordance with the City of Dover's adopted Financial Policies."
- An amendment to the contract with the services consultant for the Lower Central Avenue Improvement Project for \$29,800. Engineers have identified problems with the geometry at the intersection of Silver Street and Central Avenue. The goal is to look at possible modifications to improve vehicle flow and accommodate all modes of transportation. Another key task is to review drainage impacts to outlet stormwater flow down Union Street, which currently serves as the relief point for stormwater collected along a section of Central Avenue.

There will also be a public hearing on a proposed ordinance change to Chapter 105, "Peace and Good Order." The proposed change would add the Sullivan Field and Playground and surrounding city-owned property to the city-owned locations where hunting or target practice is



prohibited.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at [dovernh.viebit.com](https://dovernh.viebit.com), where it will also be available for on-demand viewing. City Council agendas and materials for this and previous meetings are [available here](#).

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## Thom Hindle donates book series to Dover public schools

Local historian and photographer Thom Hindle donated complete sets of his two-book series, "Dover, New Hampshire Through Time: Volumes I and II," to all of Dover's public schools this week.

Students of teacher Eric Salmonsens's advanced placement history class were on hand at the Dover High School library to receive the books on behalf of all public schools. In addition to Salmonsens and his class, Dover High School Librarian Kristin Whitworth was also on hand to accept the donation.

Salmonsens said the donation of books focusing on Dover history during the history class was fitting because students in his class are working with Dover400, the committee planning Dover's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2023. Salmonsens said the students are working on a timeline of Dover's history for Dover400, and Hindle's books would be "indispensable."

"I hope the books will help students become interested in Dover's history and want to find out more about the past after seeing the early photographs," Hindle said. "Being able to actually see the past compliments what they may read or hear in class or from grandparents."

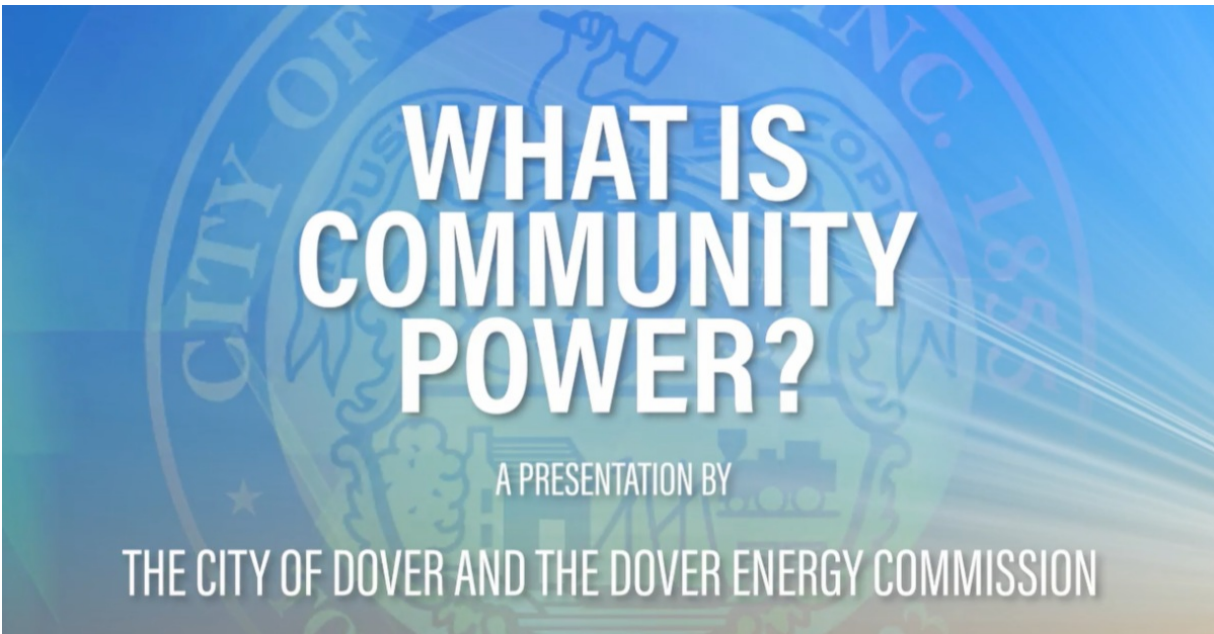
The second volume of Hindle's "Dover, New Hampshire Through Time" series was released in August. Both books feature hundreds of photographs and illustrations of Dover's past and present, as well as recognition and information on some of Dover's early photographers. Photos from the past are reproduced from original negatives printed in sepia tone and the present in full color. The books also include early invoices and trade cards. Many of the photographs in the books, some dating back to 1860, appear in print for the first time.

Hindle is a commercial photographer, local historian and former trustee-curator at the Woodman Museum. He has preserved over 100,000 original negatives taken by New England

photographers from early 1900s to present.

Signed copies of both volumes are available for sale at the City Clerk's Office at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., and the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, 550 Central Ave.

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## **Second public hearing on draft electric aggregation plan for Dover Community Power to be held Dec. 14**

### **New video explains community power concept, plan**

While many New Hampshire residents saw a dramatic spike in electric utility rates this fall, the City of Dover and Dover Energy Commission have been working towards providing all ratepayers the best possible rates with expanded choices that will include renewable energy.

Dover became a charter member of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) with the primary objectives of creating savings for customers, supporting local businesses, and reducing fossil fuel consumption while enhancing electricity grid reliability. CPCNH works like a cooperative, utilizing the combined purchasing power of participating customers within the active communities. Given that membership already includes 24 municipalities and one county, the Dover Energy Commission believes that very competitive rates are likely achievable.

The City Council has charged the Dover Energy Commission with overseeing the creation of the plan that will form a foundation for how the city interacts with CPCNH to purchase electric power on behalf of the municipality and participating customers citywide. The commission has approved a draft plan and is now soliciting public input during the second of two public hearings.

As a guide to assist the public, the Energy Commission and City of Dover Resilience Manager Jackson Kaspari have prepared a video that provides an overview of the objectives and plan deliverables which can be [viewed here](#). This video, along with general information on community power and the 75-page draft plan, can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3EHUPOE>.

Citizen input will be invaluable for a successful launch and for establishing priorities, so your questions and comments will be greatly appreciated. The public hearing will be held in the McConnell Center's Room 305 at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

# Dover's Ray Vermette inducted into Water Environment Federation's Quarter Century Club

Ray Vermette, the city's Wastewater Treatment Facilities Supervisor, was recently inducted into the Water Environment Federation's (WEF) Quarter Century Operator Club. The Quarter Century Operator Club recognizes operators of wastewater treatment facilities for their service and dedication to their work in a challenging and dangerous profession. Vermette will be formally honored at a New England Water Environment Association's annual conference next month.

Vermette's tenure is much longer than a quarter century. He began his career as a laborer at the newly opened wastewater treatment facility on Middle Road in 1991. He has been there ever since, including between 1992 to 1999, when the city contracted its operations to a private firm.



Vermette, a member of the NEWEA Executive Committee, is a New Hampshire Grade IV Wastewater Operator, NEWEA Grade IV Collections Operator, New Hampshire Grade I Water Treatment Operator and a NEWEA Grade I Laboratory Analysis. Vermette has been a NEWEA member for over 20 years, serving as the 2019 President, NH State Director, and the Plant Operations Committee Chair. Before his involvement with NEWEA, Vermette served on many New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association Committees and was the Past President of the Association's 40th year. He is a past recipient of the NEWEA Alfred E. Peloquin Award, Operator of the Year Award, and the WEF Hatfield Award. Vermette is also a member of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers.

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Conservation Commission, December 12, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

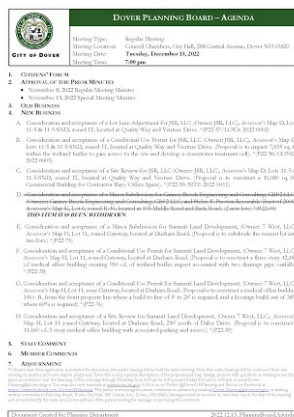
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### School Board, December 12, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

### Recreation Advisory



## On the Agenda: Planning Board, 12/3/2022

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. 13, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=Czuh5v0cOO7F>.

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?



## Board, December 13, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

## Planning Board, December 13, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

## Energy Commission, December 14, 6:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

## City Council, December 14, 7 p.m.

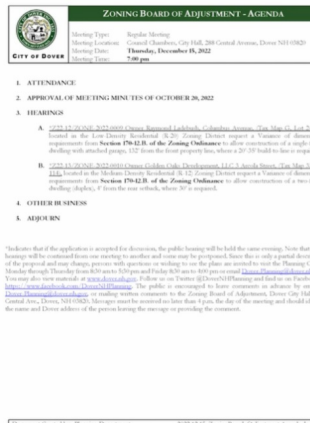
The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

## Zoning Board, December 15, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.



## On the Agenda: Zoning Board of Adjustment, 12/15/2022

In a video released this week, Zoning Administrator Natasha Kypfer reviews what's on the agenda at the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=xxaPOEPOprwp>.

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## 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.

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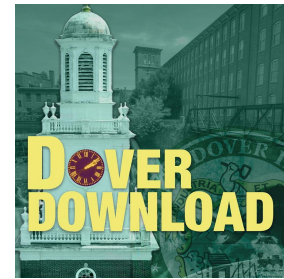
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

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## 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>.



## Warming Center activated for weekend

The Warming Center of Strafford County at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth will activate at 5 p.m. and remain open until 9 a.m. the following morning today, on Friday, Dec. 9, Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11.

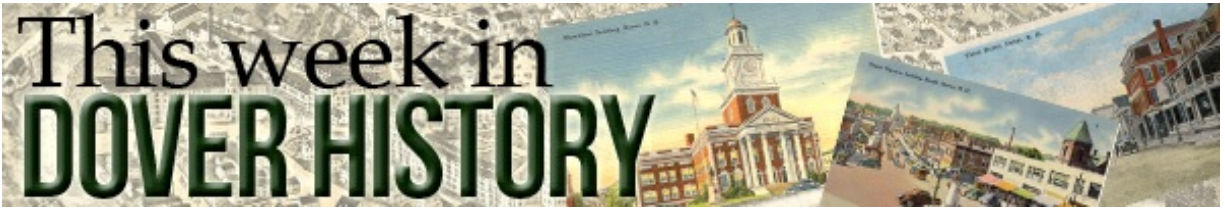
Access Willand Drive via Route 108 (New Rochester Road) or Commercial Drive from High Street in Somersworth. The two nearest COAST bus stops are High Street: Holy Trinity Church/Bernier Street (Route 1) and Midway Buick/Coastal Neurology (Route 12). Tickets/bus passes required. Free bus tickets are available at SOS Recovery Organization's 4 Broadway, Dover and 14 Signal St., Rochester locations. Since COAST Bus does not provide service on



Sundays, SOS will run a transportation shuttle Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m. from the Dover Transportation Center and the bus stop in front of the Rochester Library to the Warming Center beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday. People who need help getting to the Warming Center can always call 603-742-2709 between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. for assistance when the center is activated.

Contact the Warming Center at 603-742-2709, 603-969-1305 or via direct message to the Warming Center of Strafford County Facebook page [www.facebook.com/warmingcenterofsc](http://www.facebook.com/warmingcenterofsc). The Facebook page also includes ways for the community to assist, including items needed to operate the warming center and volunteer opportunities.

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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. 13, 1790** — A committee was appointed to object to a plan to redraw Strafford County by moving Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury and Somersworth to Rockingham County.

**Dec. 12, 1846** — The town voted to enlarge the burying ground on Pine Hill by purchasing adjoining lands.

**Dec. 12, 1853** — A pine tree, determined to be over 200 years old, and measuring 14 feet in circumference at the base and 78 feet in length, was cut on the land of Mr. Samuel Emerson at Back River.

**Dec. 12, 1923** — Mayor Waldron flatly refuses to allow the KKK to use City Hall's Opera House for a meeting.

**Dec. 12, 1952** — James Dawson, a former chair of the New Hampshire Athletic Association, and the managing editor of Foster's Daily Democrat, died on this day at age 69. During his time at the local newspaper, Dawson had worked his way up from reporter to sports editor, and eventually managing editor, a position he held for nearly 25 years.

**Dec. 9, 2003** — Attorneys, former mayors, a city councilor and a neighboring deputy police attended a hearing to praise the Dover Police Department. The hearing was held by a team from the Commission for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., as part of a review of the Dover Police Department's accreditation. In 1988, the Dover Police Department became the first department in New Hampshire to be accredited. The Commission on Law Enforcement, Inc. has continued to review the Dover Police Department to maintain accreditation. The department is one of 18 nationally accredited agencies in New Hampshire.

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## **Santa's Castle returns next week**

Dover Youth to Youth will host its 15th annual Santa's Castle at the McConnell Center in downtown Dover for three days during the Christmas season. Each night children and their families will be able to tour several rooms in Santa's Castle and meet Santa and many of his elves.

During the first weekend, the event will be held on Friday, Dec. 16 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 17 between the hours of 2 and 6:30 p.m. The Castle will conclude on Friday, Dec. 23, from 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](http://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

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

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 Police Department conducts this program through Dover Police Charities 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.

In order to make this year's program a success, donations are needed from the community. Nonperishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations will be accepted at the Dover Police Department, 46 Chestnut St. (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities). If you cannot deliver your food donations to the police station, call 603-742-4646 and pick-up will be arranged.

Employees of the Dover Police Department, and their families, will prepare and deliver the baskets on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022.

For more information, contact Police Sgt. Alex Mitrushi at 603-742-4646 or at [a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov](mailto:a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov).

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## **Dover Welfare's 2022 Toy Bank accepting applications through Wednesday**

If you need help providing a gift for your child or children for the holidays, the City of Dover Welfare Department's Toy Bank is accepting applications through Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022.

Children must be 12 years old or younger and a Dover resident. Proof of residency is required by showing a current utility bill and picture ID. Please provide the child's name and date of birth only. No specific gift requests will be taken.

Apply at the City of Dover's Welfare Office, located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Suite 334, Dover.

Pick up date and time to be announced.

For more information, contact Dover Welfare at (603) 516-6500.

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## **Dover Fire Toy Bank seeking donations**

The 2022 Dover Fire Toy Bank continues to collect toys for its annual toy bank.

The Dover Fire Toy Bank has been coordinated by current and retired members of the Dover Fire and Rescue for more than 43 years. The Toy Bank started out all those years ago helping a dozen families in the city, it has now grown to help over 350 families. While Christmas typically conjures up visions of Santa and toys, the Toy Bank also provides educational aids, warm clothing, and boots to many children in Dover.

The Dover community - area businesses, seniors, families, school groups, civic groups and others have been very supportive and generous in the past. Donations of toys, games, clothing, personal hygiene items, gift certificates, and monetary donations have enabled us to help those less fortunate. The Toy Bank would not be successful without continued help from the community.

### **Here's how to help:**

Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 12 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-12 age groups are always in need for both boys and girls. If you need a collection box, please call 603-516-TOYS, leave a message, and we will get you one for your business.

Purchase gift cards to area businesses, mall stores, and grocery stores are always appreciated.

Shop for hats and mittens, gloves and scarves that are needed for the cold winter. These gifts help ensure each child receives these essentials.

Collecting monetary donations within an organization and shopping for gifts helps greatly. If you don't have time to shop for these items, the Toy Bank will do it for you.

Toy Bank volunteers will pick up donations on site or drop off new, unwrapped items at these locations: Dover Central Fire Station (9-11 Broadway), South End Fire Station (27 Durham Road) or the North End Fire Station (262 Sixth St.) by Friday, Dec. 16. Toy collection boxes are also located at the following businesses:

- Kennebunk Savings, 701 Central Ave.
- Wentworth Home, 795 Central Ave.

- Herbal Path, 835 Central Ave.
- Hannoush Jewelers, 863 Central Ave.
- Statix, 827 Central Ave.
- Timeless Salon, 1 Webb Place
- Wentworth Health Partners, 10 Members Way, fifth floor
- Watson Fields, 201 Watson Road
- Holy Rosary Credit Union, 490 Central Ave.
- Harvey's Bakery, 376 Central Ave.
- Brick House, 2 Orchard St.
- City Hall, City Manager's Office, 288 Central Ave.
- St. Mary Academy, 222 Central Ave.
- TD Bank, 353 Central Ave.
- Noggin Factory, 53 Washington St.
- Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.
- Philbrick's Sports, 161 Portland Ave.
- Tasker's Funeral Home, 621 Central Ave.
- Greater Dover Chamber Of Commerce, 550 Central Ave.
- Peoples United Bank, 537 Central Ave.
- Moose Lodge #443, 45 Chestnut St.
- Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St.
- Everproven Crossfit, 50 Crosby Road
- Dr. Peterson Dentistry, 240 Locust St.
- Sawyer Mills Apartments, 1 Mill St.
- Dover Honda, 1 Dover Point Road
- Patty B's Restaurant, 34 Dover Point Road
- Bellamy Fields, 150 Garrison Road
- Maple Suites, 30 Holiday Drive

The final collection day for toys at the locations above is Friday, Dec. 16.

Monetary contributions can be picked up on location or mailed to Dover Fire Toy Bank, P.O. Box 1712, Dover, NH 03821-1712. Please make checks payable to The Dover Fire Toy Bank.

For more information, call 603-516-TOYS (8697)



## The Week at the Library

### Monday, December 12, 10 to 10:45 a.m. STEM Pre-School Storytime

Preschool programs are designed for children (aged 3-5) to learn independence from their caregivers. Children attend this storytime without an adult. Each week, the focus will be on a different theme, using

### Wednesday, December 14, 10 to 11 a.m. Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club

This book club is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *Moonwalking with Einstein* by Joshua Foer. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to enhance the books, songs and activities of the storytime.  
*Registration required.*

**Monday, December 12, 11 to 11:45 a.m.**  
**STEM Pre-School Storytime**

Preschool programs are designed for children (aged 3-5) to learn independence from their caregivers. Children attend this storytime without an adult. Each week, the focus will be on a different theme, using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to enhance the books, songs and activities of the storytime.  
*Registration required.*

**Monday, December 12, 4 to 4:45 p.m.**  
**Fresh Air Storytime**

Rain, snow, sunshine, or cold. Kids in grades K3 are invited to join us on the library lawn as we explore the outdoors through books and activities.  
*Registration required.*

**Monday, December 12, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Dungeons & Dragons: Adults**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. 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 other Monday 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.

**Monday, December 12, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.**  
**Cookbook Club Cookie Swap**

Join the library's Cookbook Club for its first cookie swap using a recipe from *The Essential Cookie Companion* by King Arthur Baking. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the main circulation desk. Register with your pick of recipe, then come to the swap with at least two dozen of your cookies to share. Please bring your own containers to bring cookies home with you!  
*Registration required.*

**Tuesday, December 13, 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, other props and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

**Tuesday, December 13, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group

as an audiobook through Hoopla

**Wednesday, Dec. 14, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Family Storytime**

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

**Wednesday, December 14, 6 to 7 p.m.**  
**Teen Advisory Board**

There 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 in order 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.

**Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.**  
**Intermediate Excel**

This class will cover tables, charts and functions. The class size is limited to 8 people and will take place in the technology corner at the Dover Public Library.  
*Registration required.*

**Thursday, December 15, 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, December 15, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Crafternoon: Snowman Ornament**

Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to make and take a snowman ornament.

**Friday, December 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

**Friday, December 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Sensory Storytime**

This storytime is for children, ages 3-6, with autism, sensory challenges, developmental delays, and their caregivers. This fun, interactive program will engage the senses through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs, rhymes and movements, as well as tactile and sensory activities.  
*Registration required.*

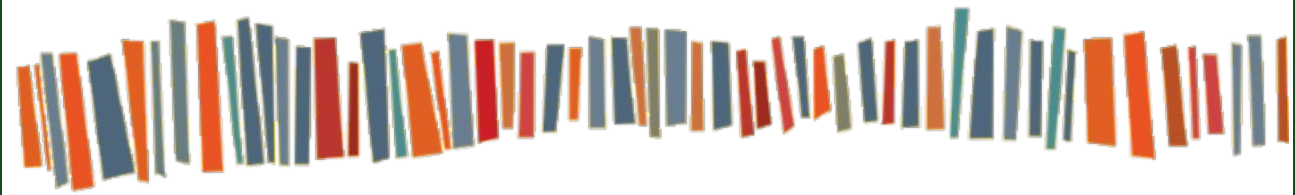
**Saturday, December 17, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Lego Club**

Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on



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.

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.



## Community Action Partnership of Strafford County wins housing award

The Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast honored Community Action Partnership of Strafford County with its 2022 Housing Leadership Award during a ceremony last week.

The Workforce Housing Coalition annually recognizes housing leaders making a difference in the community. CAPSC was recognized for its dedication to helping people stay in their homes and off the streets, according to CAPSC Director of Community Services Dan Clark.

"It is truly an honor to receive this award and to be recognized by the coalition for the work that our team is doing," said Clark. "Just as much of an honor, however, is to be in the position to be able to help so many people. The work we are doing is such a small part of the larger solution that is needed, but it has such a meaningful impact on people. While we wish the need for this type of support wasn't as great as it is, we are proud to be able to help."

The Workforce Housing Coalition honored CAPSC during its annual celebration and awards night on Dec. 1 at the One Hundred Club in Portsmouth.

During the event, Bangor Savings Bank received this year's Business Leadership Award, the

Town of Exeter was named the Municipal Leadership Award winner, the Portsmouth Housing Authority was honored with the Visionary Leadership Award, and Jay Childs was named Volunteer of the Year.

For more information on how to access CAPSC's programs and services, please visit [straftfordcap.org](http://straftfordcap.org). To donate to CAPSC and help us help our community, please visit [straftfordcap.org/annual-campaign](http://straftfordcap.org/annual-campaign).

# 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](http://bit.ly/dovercodered)**

**Sign up for e-mail alerts at [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload)**

**Current ban status: [bit.ly/doverban](http://bit.ly/doverban) or 516-PARK**



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## Dover Main Street rings in holiday season

Dover Main Street has several events planned this holiday season.

### **Santa Claus Is Coming to Town this Sunday**

Dover Main Street, in coordination with Dover Fire and Rescue, and Dover Police, will escort Santa Claus through many Dover neighborhoods on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. Stay up to date on Santa's route by visiting the Dover Main Street website at [dovermainstreet.org](http://dovermainstreet.org) and viewing the map and live GPS tracker.

### **Annual Food Drive**

Please help others by donating food at Dover Main Street's annual food drive. Between now and Dec. 17, while enjoying dinner at one of Dover's restaurants or finishing your shopping at

one or all of Dover's finest retail stores, please leave a canned good or other non-perishable food item for those in need. Members of Dover Main Street will collect the donation and deliver to the Dover Food Pantry. Businesses accepting donations of nonperishables include: Bending Bodhi Yoga, Chapel & Main, Doug's Hoagies, Dover Police, Dover Jewelers, Earth Harmony Wellness, Edward Jones, Envoy Mortgage, Erin Claire Boutique, Fat Dog Kitchen, The Groovy Witch, Harvey's Bakery, Inside Out Beauty Salon, Jewelry Creations, Just The Thing, The Colwell Ellis Group at Keller Williams Coastal Realty, The Lesniak Home team at Keller Williams Coastal Realty, Lexie's, Market Square Jewelers, Moe's Subs, The Nook, Pro Nails, Ross Furniture, The Sassy Biscuit, Suits With Style, Tri-Star Gymnastics and TDBank.

### **Ice Sculpture**

Snowball fun is the best when carved in ice. Make sure you come downtown to enjoy the holiday ice sculpture which will be located in the Upper Square of Central Avenue for all to enjoy. Carving will begin on Dec. 19.

### **Dover Dollars**

Don't know what to buy someone for a gift? Need multiple gifts for a group of people? The answer is Dover Dollars. A great gift and a wonderful way to support our local community. Dover Dollars are available for purchase in \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50 denominations and available at the City Clerk's office, Garrison Hill Florist, Jewelry Creations and The Dover Chamber of Commerce. Dover Dollars can be redeemed at most local Dover downtown businesses and restaurants. Do you have outdated Dover Dollars? No problem, reach out to [info@dovermainstreet.org](mailto:info@dovermainstreet.org) and we will issue a replacement.

For more information, visit [dovermainstreet.org](http://dovermainstreet.org).

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# DOVER TURNS 400 IN 2023

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

## FIRST OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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[CLICK HERE TO ORDER TICKETS.](#)

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL.

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DOVER MENTAL  
HEALTH ALLIANCE

# The Community Circle

A group to help people connect,  
especially those struggling with social  
isolation, through fellowship, conversation  
and peer to peer support.



## JOIN US!

- First and third Wednesday of each month, starting January 4.
- 5:15-5:30 p.m.  
Get to know your peers.
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting
- 6:30 - 6:45 p.m.  
Connect with your peers.
- Coffee and donuts provided!
- This group is FREE!
- Register here:  
<https://forms.gle/gVRTvvo2VmWL7AFp6> or



## PURPOSE:

Connect with other adults like you  
who are struggling with

- social anxiety
- depression
- isolation
- share success stories & strategies

## LOCATION:

McConnell Community Center  
25 St. Thomas Street, Dover, NH  
Enter door # 7, just past the court house.  
Then take elevator # 2 to floor 3.  
Room # 340

Scan to Register



[www.dovermentalhealthalliance.org](http://www.dovermentalhealthalliance.org)



## COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER UPDATE

# Everyone 5 years and older should get an updated booster

- If they have completed their primary series
- If it has been at least 2 months since their final primary dose or last booster



**[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)**

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone ages 5 years and older get an updated bivalent COVID-19 booster if it has been at least 2 months since your last booster or final primary. The updated booster provides broader protection against newer BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron variants. For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>.

## 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**

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**
- **Account Clerk II - Assessing**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **City Planner**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Utility Systems IT Administrator**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Administrator**
- **Business Development Coordinator**
- **Community Housing Navigator**
- **Senior Center Program Coordinator**

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

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