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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 2, 2024



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DOVER, NH**

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Avenue
Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

**City Hall
hours:**

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

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

**Recycling
Center hours:**

Tuesday,

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to hear update on Master Plan, city strategic plan

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 6, to discuss the city's master and strategic plans and a proposed amendment to the Littleworth Road/Industrial Drive development agreement.

Last year, the Planning Board adopted the Master Plan's Vision Chapter, and work is underway now to update the Open Space and Conservation Chapter, with the chapter's steering committee [holding its first meeting](#) this week. The update to the Council will include an overall overview of the Master Plan and a review of Master Plan action items. The City Council will also review the city's departmental strategic plans.

The City Council will also discuss a proposed amendment to the [Land Development Agreement with Westfield, LLC and](#)

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

[Terra Nova, LLC](#) to develop land lots adjacent to Littleworth Road. Westfield and Terra Nova LLCs are business entities of developer and Dover resident Chad Kageleiry.

The developer proposes to amend the LDA to include purchasing two additional city-owned lots, which would be used to offset wetlands buffer impacts and other minor environmental impacts to the non-residential parcel. The developer believes the setback/buffer relief will help create significantly more non-residential square footage than otherwise feasible, according to the report from Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker, who states the investment would provide additional tax base, job creation potential, and valuation. The proposed amendment is included with the agenda materials.

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

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



Brian Gottlob, director of N.H. Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau and principal of PolEcon Research, gives the keynote address at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's annual economic outlook forum, held this week at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital's business office on Broadway in Dover.

Chamber forum offers snapshot of local, regional and nationwide economy

Presentation indicates strong economic growth, falling inflation, easing of credit, and strong labor market lessen recession risks

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce held its annual economic outlook forum this week, giving attendees a glimpse of what to expect from the local, state, and national economies in 2024.

Brian Gottlob, director of the state's Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau and

principal of PolEcon Research, gave the keynote address, discussing interest rates, workforce woes, and housing challenges, among other topics. He believes the odds of a recession have declined sharply over the past several months due to much stronger-than-expected GDP growth, a strong labor market, a falling inflation rate, and an easing of credit. He predicts that job growth will be slower in 2024, but households will likely feel more confident about the economy this year due to slowing inflation and a likely mid-year cut in the Federal Funds interest rate.

Gottlob's presentation included numerous slides of economic data, such as how consumer sentiment tracks with small business optimism and the latest info on year-over-year inflation-adjusted consumer spending. Gottlob also tracked New Hampshire's economy compared with other New England states and private sector job growth in the greater Dover area compared to the state and national averages. Gottlob said the Dover area has favorable demographics, as the area has experienced a much larger percentage increase in the 25-34 age range than the rest of the state.

Following the keynote address, Gottlob was joined by Barbara Duncan Marchetti, founder and president of C-Suite, and David C. Pease, a senior vice president at Bangor Savings Bank. The panel held a deep dive discussion on the state of the workforce.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information on other programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.

Utility bills to be mailed next week with water service line materials survey

Quarterly water and sewer utility bills will be mailed to customers next week. The utility bill includes a survey from the Community Services Department to identify the water service line material used to connect the home or business with the public water drinking system, per federal requirements.

The Water Service Line Inventory Survey, available at <https://bit.ly/service-line-survey>, requests water users to identify the water service pipe that comes into their home or building and connects with the water meter, take a picture of it, and upload it with the survey. Understanding that many people may not know the exact material, the city created [a webpage](#) with pictures and descriptions of the possibilities to assist, also included on the backside of the survey insert. City personnel are also willing to inspect the service line in person to help with the inventory efforts, usually taking 10 minutes or less. There is no cost for this service.

New U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements have been issued to require all water systems across the United States to create and maintain a public inventory of service line materials in compliance with the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revision.

For more information or to schedule a city worker to inspect the service line, contact the Community Services Department at 603-516-6450.

For questions about your water and sewer bill, contact the Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.



WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY SURVEY



Community Services | Dover, NH

To meet EPA requirements, Dover is inventorying the material of all water service lines connected to the public drinking water system.

Water service lines connect the water main to the water meter and are often located in the basement or a meter vault.

To assist with the inventory, the City of Dover requests water system users complete this brief online survey by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://bit.ly/service-line-survey>. The survey includes a document with pictures of commonly used water service line materials.

The survey requests:

- Address of water service
- Approximate year the building was constructed where the water service is located
- What material the service line (up to the water meter) is made of, if known.
- Take a photo of the water service line where it connects to the meter and upload to survey.



For questions, contact the City of Dover's Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Above is an image of the survey insert being mailed with utility bills starting next week. The survey seeks to know the material of the service line that connects the user to the public water drinking system.

WAY TO GO DOVER!

WE RECYCLED 7,783 TONS OF MATERIAL IN 2023!





2,279 tons curbside
5,004 tons at the Recycling Center

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Dover recycled nearly 8,000 tons of materials in 2023. Curbside recycling picked up 2,779 tons and residents brought 5,004 tons to the Recycling Center on Mast Road.

Learn more about what can be recycled: <https://ow.ly/3nTm50Qx0kH>

Upcoming Meetings:

City Council - Ordinance Committee, Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m.

The City Council - Ordinance Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the City Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Downtown Dover TIF Advisory Board, Feb. 5, 3 p.m.

The Downtown Dover TIF Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024, beginning at 3 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Waterfront TIF Advisory Board, Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m.

The Waterfront TIF Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

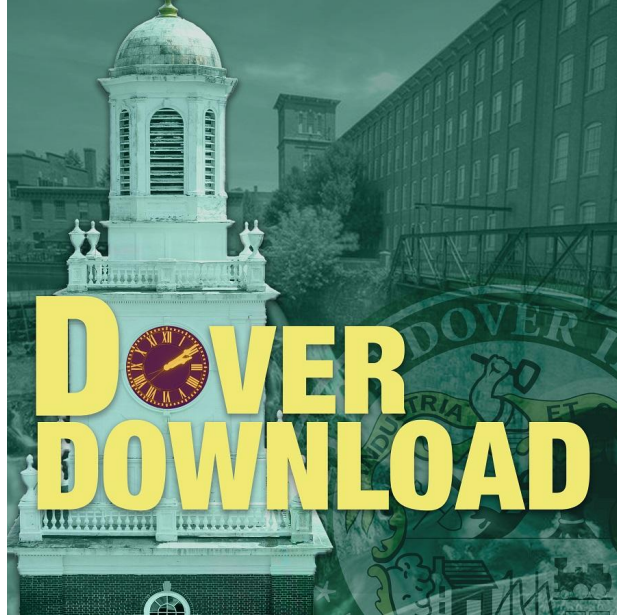
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Arts Commission, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.

The Dover Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

McConnell Center Advisory Board, Feb. 5, 7 p.m.



How the City Council sets goals for the next two years

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. about the strategic goal-setting process that the Dover City Council recently held. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3OnToKG>.



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.

Time to renew dog licenses

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 236 at the McConnell Center.

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

Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee, Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.

The ad-hoc Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council, Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Solid Waste Advisory Commission, Feb. 8, 6 p.m.

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

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/>.

Dog licenses for 2024 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30, 2024 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3, per household. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering sent by email to j.bizier@dover.nh.gov or by mail to City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

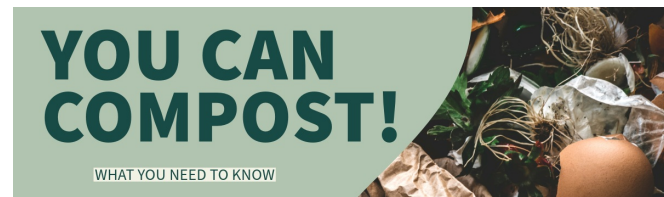
Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1, 2024.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or online.

To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, [click here](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018.



Composting: How you can get started

Composting is a natural way to recycle nutrients back into the soil and reduce waste going to landfills. It can be made from yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings, and kitchen scraps such as egg shells, coffee grounds and fruit and vegetable peels and scraps.

In the backyard

Backyard composting can be done in a mound or a garbage can. If using a garbage can, drill holes 4 to 6 inches apart, and put 2 to 3 inches of straw or wood chips in the bottom for drainage. A shovel or pitchfork may also be needed.

Bring it to the Recycling Center

The City of Dover has partnered with Mr. Fox Composting to provide residents with a no-cost composting option to divert food waste from the solid waste stream. Several 64-gallon composting totes are located at the Recycling Center, which is

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

The bins accept all food scraps, including meat, bones, eggshells, bread, seafood, fruits, vegetables, pizza boxes, coffee grounds, wooden stirrers, sugar packets, napkins, towels, teabags, ground tea, muffin wrappers, flowers, floral trimmings, and corks.

Need more information? Visit <http://bit.ly/3J2g95l> or call Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

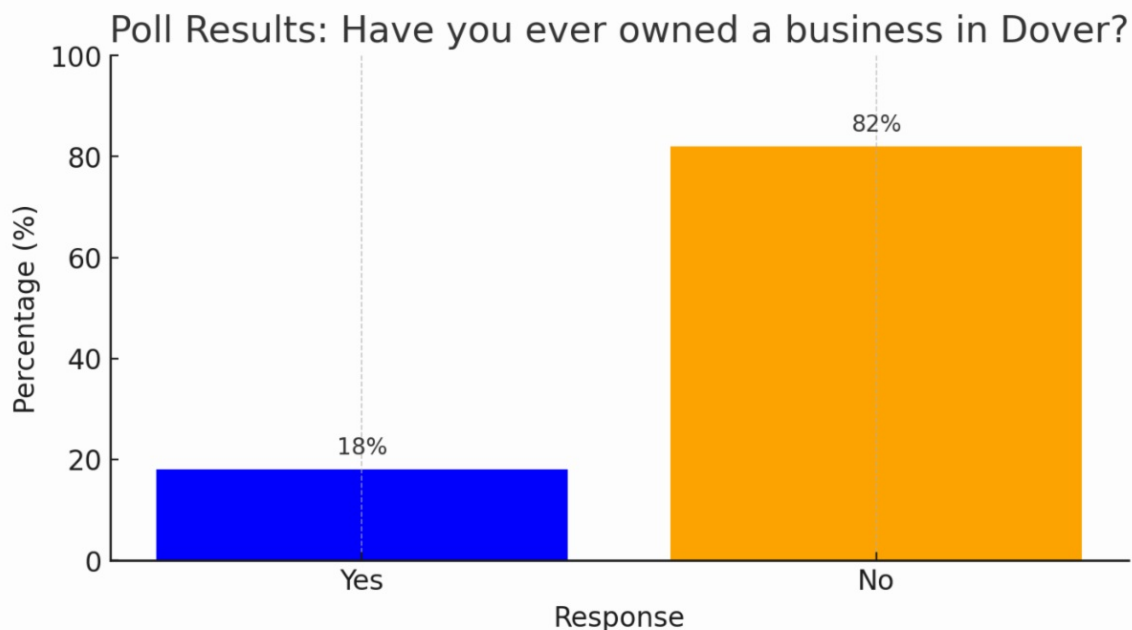
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **"Did you participate in any of Dover's 400th-anniversary festivities in 2023?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mv7k5m>.

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, "Have you ever owned a business in Dover?"



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](#).

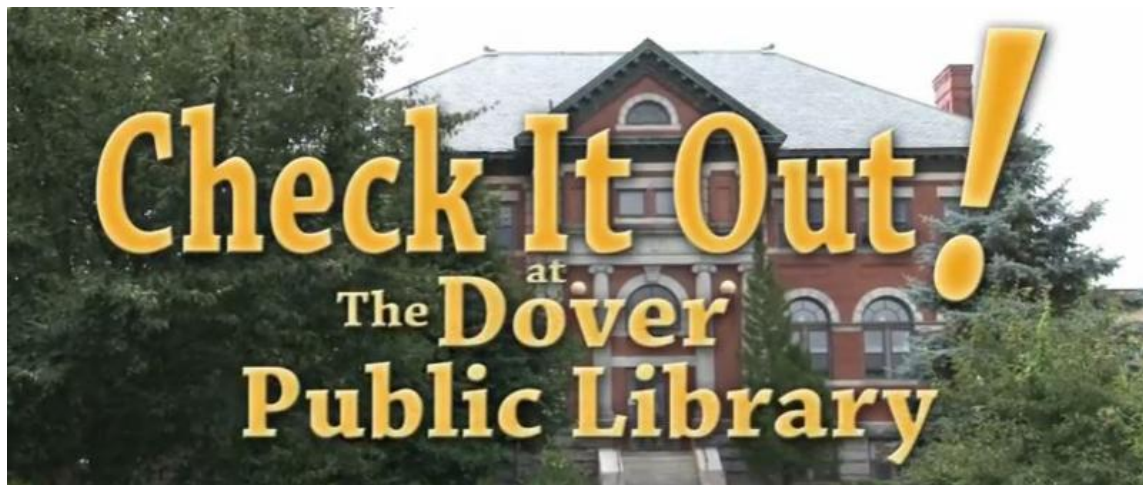
Feb. 5, 1658 — It was agreed that 20 pounds per year be raised for the maintenance of a schoolmaster for teaching all the children of the town, he having the privilege of all strangers out of the town; reading, writing, Latin and casting accounts to be taught as the parents should require.

Feb. 3, 1844 — Due to the unusually cold winter, Mr. B.A. Ford passed with a horse and sleigh on the ice from Dover Neck to Newington, a circumstance that had not occurred for 30 years.

Feb. 7, 1904 — A report on the use of the free rural mail service in Dover was issued on this day. According to the Dover postmaster, 361,061 pieces of mail were delivered in 1903, and 57,265 pieces of mail were collected.

Feb. 7, 1924 — About 3,000 people attended the new 1,000-foot-long toboggan chute opening at Garrison Hill. The event included a torchlight parade and bonfire. At 8 p.m. Mayor Waldron and Park Commissioner Richardson switched on the park lights. Council President A.C. Wentworth and William Penn Tuttle, president of the Chamber of Commerce winter sport committee, rode the first toboggan down the chute, about 600 feet into a field at the bottom of the slide.

Feb. 7, 1999 — Former Dover Mayor and current County Commissioner George Maglaras was elected on this day as chair of the state commissioner's council for a two-year term. "I'm looking forward to the challenge," Maglaras said then. "You have 30 county commissioners throughout the state, so it's difficult to get everybody to agree." He was elected due to his work on Senate Bill 409, legislation that formed a new partnership between the county and state on elder care.



Forensic Science Roadshow at Dover Public Library

True crime lovers will not want to miss this event.

Join Dover Public Library on Monday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. for a "Forensic Science Roadshow" with Paul Zambella, a former forensic scientist at the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory.

Venture into the world of CSI with this interactive program that introduces the fascinating

subject of forensic science. Topics to be explored include the Massachusetts State Police crime lab, functions of a forensic scientist, blood, DNA, fingerprints, gunshot residue, footwear impressions, metal detectors and crime lights.

To add mystery to the program, there is audience participation to identify a “suspect.” Due to the nature of the subject matter, the program is recommended for people high school age or older. If the weather is poor, the event will be rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb. 28. Rescheduling decisions will be shared on the library’s Facebook (@DoverPLNH) and Instagram (@DoverPublicLibrary) pages.

Zambella was employed as a forensic scientist at the Massachusetts State Police crime lab for 36 years. His functions in the lab included crime scene investigator, criminalist, drug analyst, serologist and toxicologist. He participated in more than 500 crime scene investigations, examined thousands of pieces of physical evidence and testified at more than 350 criminal trials. Zambella has taught forensic science courses at Northeastern University, Salem State University and Hesser College. He also has lectured at Suffolk University and to various law enforcement institutions including the Massachusetts State Police Academy, the Northeast Regional Police Institute and the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit the library’s website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

This Week at the Library

Monday, February 5, 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, February 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Artificial Intelligence Demo

Join Systems and Technology Librarian Nick Gagnon for a demonstration of some Artificial Intelligence programs such as ChatGPT, Google Bard, Bing Image Creator and more. This program is best suited for adults.

Tuesday, February 6, 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, February 6, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesday, Feb, 7, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Resilient Dover

Jackson Kaspari, Resilience Manager/City Planner for Dover will be here to talk about the Resilient Dover plan, resources and updates pertaining to the City's commitment to become a more resilient community

Wednesday, Feb, 7, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Chess Group

Adults and teens are invited to drop in to play a game or two and meet other folks interested in all things chess. Please bring a chess set if you have one!

Thursday, February 8, 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, February 8, 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, February 8, 6 to 8 p.m.

Teen Movie Night: Warm Bodies

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, February 6, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Genealogy Group

Whether you're new to genealogical research or a seasoned pro, this group is a great way to meet others who share the same passion, can give you advice in your research, and listen to your newly-discovered family histories.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Adult Knitting Group

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 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, Feb. 7, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
All Abilities Chapter Book Club

Join the All Abilities Club! These weekly programs are geared towards adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their caregivers. We will be reading *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. All are invited to join us.

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to a showing of *Warm Bodies* (PG-13). IMDb plot summary: After a highly unusual zombie saves a still-living girl from an attack, the two form a relationship that sets in motion events that might transform the entire lifeless world.

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Reading Rainbow Book Group

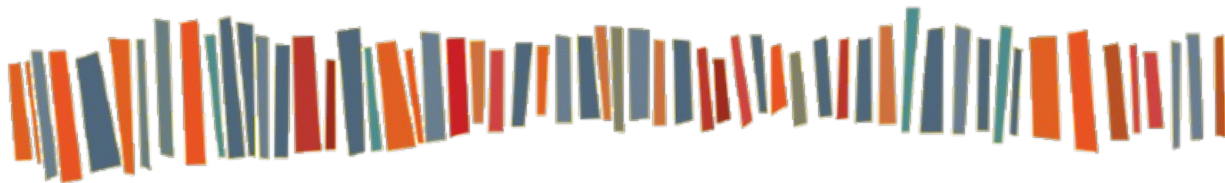
Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group to discuss *You Made a Fool of Death with Your Beauty* by Akwaeke Emezi in the Lecture Hall at the library! Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Friday, February 9, 10 to 11 a.m.
Family Place Workshop

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable five-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. *Register once for the entire five week series.*

Saturday, February 10, 11 am to 12 pm
Crafter Morning for Kids:
Friendship Bracelets

Kids ages 6 and up are invited to join us in the activity/storytime room to make a friendship bracelet. *Registration required.*



Dover Chamber accepting 2024 Annual Award nominations

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, David K. Bamford Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, and Nonprofit of the Year. The GDCC also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.

These awards allow GDCC member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the GDCC's Annual Awards Gala, scheduled for Thursday, May 9, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Red Barn at Outlook Farm in South Berwick, Maine. The 2024 Annual Awards Gala will be underwritten by

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to reflect on individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit a nomination, visit www.dovernh.org/awards. All nominations are due by March 18 at 5 p.m.

“Our educators, advocates, dedicated residents, nonprofit organizations, and businesses are true assets of our community,” says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. “If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination.”

The GDCC Annual Awards Gala serves as a marketing and sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorship in connection with the Annual Awards Dinner, email GDCC President Margaret Joyce at margaret@dovernh.org.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and other programs, or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.



Don't miss your chance to win \$10,000 cash. Tickets are on sale now for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's 22nd Annual Sweepstakes. Tickets are \$50 each, and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held Feb. 13 at Filotimo Casino at Dover

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:

- Energy Commission
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee
- Library Board of Trustees
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/

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

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor**
- **Truck Driver, Streets**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Planning Division Supervisor**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Custodian - City Hall**
- **Enterprise Systems IT Administrator**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Water Exercise Instructor**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of

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:

- **Title I Programming Coordinator**
- **Long Term Maternity Leave - 3rd Grade**
- **Title I Interventionist**
- **Literacy Interventionist Specialist**
- **DALC Teacher-Adult Foundational Skills and High School Equivalency Preparation**
- **Dover High School Boys Head Tennis Coach**
- **Special Education Paraprofessionals**
- **Dover Middle School Boys Head Lacrosse Coach**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Special Education Teacher Case Managers**
- **Long Term Substitute School Counselor**
- **Dover Middle School Girls Head Lacrosse Coach**

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

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