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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 9, 2024



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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Proposed FY25 budget before City Council at next meeting

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. will introduce his proposed fiscal year 2025 budget at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

The City Manager's budget will incorporate the School Board's recommended budget for the School Department, which the School Board approved on Jan. 16. The city-wide budget will also include the first-year projects in the latest six-year Capital Improvements Program adopted in December.

The introduction of the budget, which will occur during the City Manager's report, begins two months of budget review by the City Council. In subsequent weeks, the City Council

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

will hold workshops to review each department's budget. The Council will also hold two public hearings: one for the public education component of the budget, and one for all other city departments. By City Charter, the City Council must adopt its budget annually by April 15.

Once the budget is introduced, a digital version will be available on the [FY2025 Budget Revealed webpage](#), which will also include video recordings of budget meetings and workshops, and any accompanying documents. A physical copy of the budget will also be available for review at the Dover Public Library and the City Clerk's office.

During the budget season, City Manager Joyal will also release a weekly newsletter that recaps any budget-related presentations and a look ahead to what will occur the following week. Sign up for the newsletter at bit.ly/doverdownload, and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of newsletters.

Bid award for replacing Portland Avenue retaining wall

Also on the City Council's agenda is a resolution to authorize awarding the bid to replace the Portland Avenue retaining wall to GW Brooks & Son, Inc., of Freedom, for a cost not to exceed \$955,845. In addition to the retaining wall, the project is also to include installing and widening the sidewalk on a section of Portland Avenue and installing a crash-test railing and new streetlights. An accompanying resolution would authorize expending \$158,00 to Wright-Pierce of Portsmouth for construction oversight and additional design items the city requested.

The retaining wall replacement will impact Portland Avenue traffic, as the road is anticipated to be reduced to a single lane of alternating traffic for a significant portion of the project. As such, the city will provide regular updates after the bid is awarded and the project schedule is determined. To sign up for project-specific emails, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Project updates: Portland Avenue retaining wall" to your current email subscription list.

Authorize negotiation to extend curbside trash, recycling contracts; add new charge to Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Following the Jan. 31 workshop on the city's Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Feasibility Study, the City Council is set to charge the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to review, study, and make recommendations to the City Council as to what should be the city's path forward when its current curbside disposal contract runs out.

The feasibility study warned of the potential of significant cost escalations in any future collections contract and suggested providing in-house services via city staff and equipment may be prudent and cost-competitive. The feasibility study also stressed the trend of converting to automated collection using trucks with manual loading arms and portable toters for curbside collection. [Click here](#) to watch the workshop.

With the current contract with Waste Management set to expire on June 30, 2025, the resolution would also authorize the City Manager to open negotiations for a possible contract extension to allow for sufficient time to weigh and research future solid waste and recycling options.

Adoption of 2024-2025 City Council Goals

The City Council is also set to establish its goals for its current term. The goals include increasing the availability of attainable housing, ensuring the city is civically engaged, continuing the city's path of resiliency, ensuring the city is safe, inviting, inclusive, and welcoming, that it has sustainable financial policies, and creating opportunities for all people with inviting public spaces.

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

The meeting will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



From left, Resilience Manager Jackson Kaspari, Open Lands Committee Chair Anna Boudreau, Nancy Ekola and Mayor Robert Carrier met this week to honor Nancy Ekola and her family.

Ekola family donates 11.19-acre conservation easement to Dover

The Ekola family of Cross Farm Road donated an 11.19-acre conservation easement to the City of Dover through its Conservation Commission earlier this month.

Through the easement, the city will ensure this valuable conservation land will remain protected forever. The property is close to Blackwater Brook and is connected to an existing conservation easement. The area is known for its diverse wildlife, and the conservation easement will further expand the area's wildlife corridor. In addition to

wildlife, the conservation easement area contains prime farmland soils.

Earlier this week, Mayor Robert Carrier, Open Lands Committee Chair Anna Boudreau, and Resilience Manager Jackson Kaspari honored Nancy Ekola and the Ekola family this week for the donation. The Open Land Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, oversees easement monitoring for the city.

The easement donation coincides with the Planning Board's initial phase to update to the Conservation and Open Space Chapter of Dover's Master Plan, which will establish objectives to further this type of work for the next ten years. The city greatly appreciates the Ekola family's generosity and commitment to conservation.



Community Services staff move the blue crab sculpture from its perch in front of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire to a trailer for transport to Dover High School, where welding students will restore the metallic crustacean.

Dover's iconic blue crab heads to high

school for makeover

The iconic 9 1/2-foot blue crab sculpture perched outside the Children's Museum of New Hampshire for over a decade was removed Thursday and transported to Dover High School for repairs.

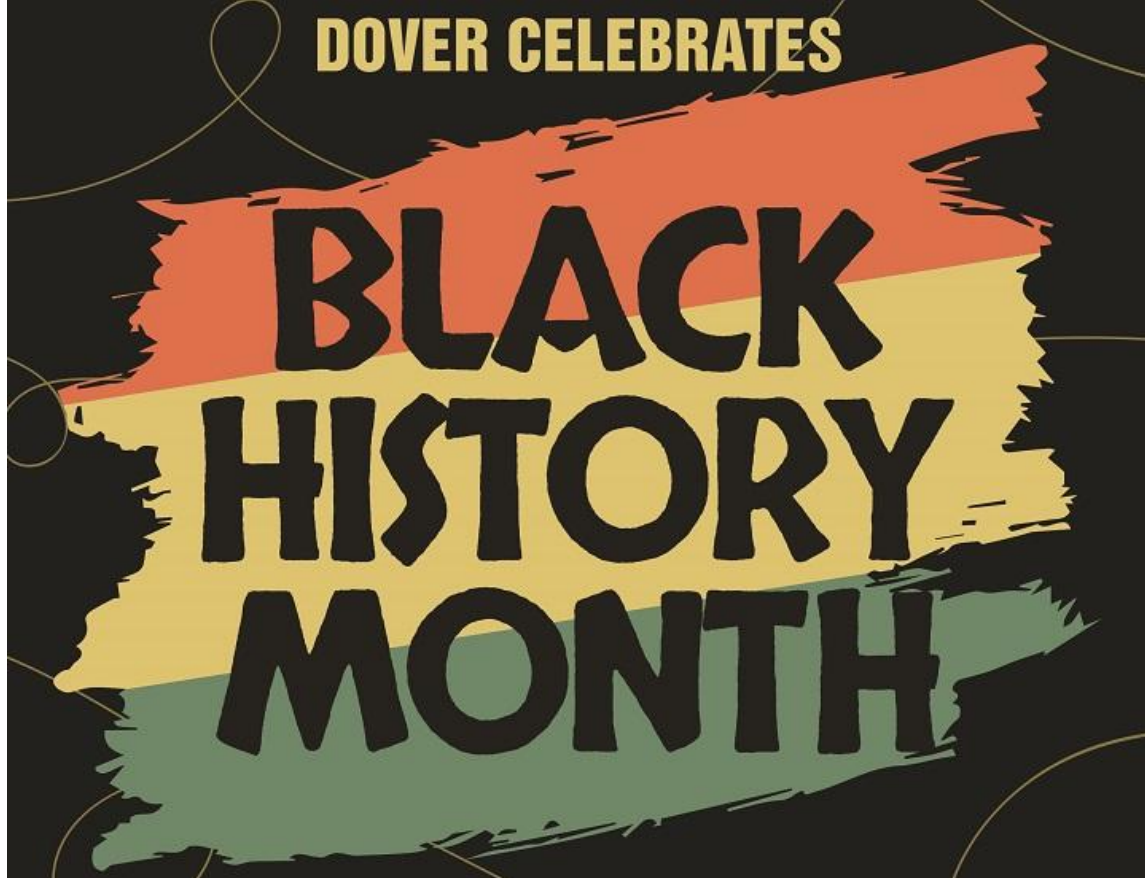
A crew from Community Services carefully lowered the crab sculpture off its pedestal, loaded it onto a trailer, and drove it to the high school's Career Technical Center. There, welding and automotive collision technology students will work to fix rust damage and repaint the metal sea creature.

The crab's removal and upcoming renovation were overseen by representatives from the City of Dover, the Dover Arts Commission, and the Children's Museum. Museum director Jane Bard had reached out about needed repairs, leading the Arts Commission to recruit the high school welding program.

Installed in 2009, New Hampshire artist Nathan Walker created the whimsical blue crab largely from recycled scrap metal, including a 1979 Volkswagen Beetle hood for the shell. It has resided outside the Children's Museum of New Hampshire as a public art fixture.

After its refurbishment at Dover High School, the crab is expected to return to its usual post, greeting families and sparking imagination for many more years to come.





This month, the City of Dover proudly recognizes Black History Month, a time dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating the significant contributions of African Americans to the city, the state of New Hampshire, and the nation. Black History Month serves as a reminder of the rich cultural heritage and the profound impact African American individuals have had on the fabric of American society.

The celebration started in 1926 and was expanded to a full month in 1976 when President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Since then, every U.S. president has designated February as Black History Month, a period of reflection, education, and celebration of the resilience and achievements of the African American community.

The City of Dover encourages its residents to participate in Black History Month by engaging with the community through educational programs, events, and activities designed to promote understanding and appreciation for the contributions of African Americans.

One notable resource for residents and visitors is the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire. This trail offers a journey through the state’s African American history, with stops in Dover that highlight the city’s unique contributions to the narrative of Black Americans in New England. The trail serves as an educational tool and a source of inspiration, showcasing the stories of resilience, courage, and community that define Black history in America. More information about the Black Heritage Trail can be found at <https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/>.

In celebrating Black History Month, Dover reaffirms its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The city invites all residents to join in reflecting on the past, celebrating the present, and working together for a future where everyone’s contributions are recognized and valued.

Upcoming Meetings:

Conservation Commission, Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

School Board, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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


Planning Board, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room,



WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY SURVEY

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.



Utility bills mailed this week include water service line materials survey

Quarterly water and sewer utility bills mailed this week include 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.

City Hall.

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

City Council, Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

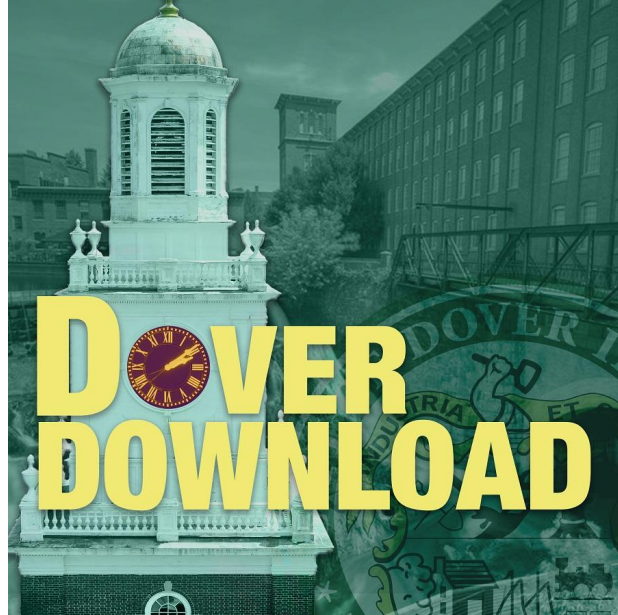
To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

Zoning Board, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

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



Parking in Dover: Past, Present and Future

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Bill Simons, the city's Parking Manager about the evolution of paid parking in Dover over the past 25 years. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/495DjSi>.



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.

**Registration open for Dover Main
Street's Run Before You Crawl 5K**

Registration is open for Dover Main Street's 10th annual Run Before You Crawl 5K on Saturday, March 16, beginning at 9 a.m. This kick-off to the 2024 Dover Race Series features a loop course, starting and ending at St. Mary's Church on 4th St.



Over 10 restaurants will offer crawlers food apps and drink specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Do one, do both! For more information or to register, visit:

<https://www.doverraceseries.org/events/run-before-you-crawl-5k-2024.html>

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

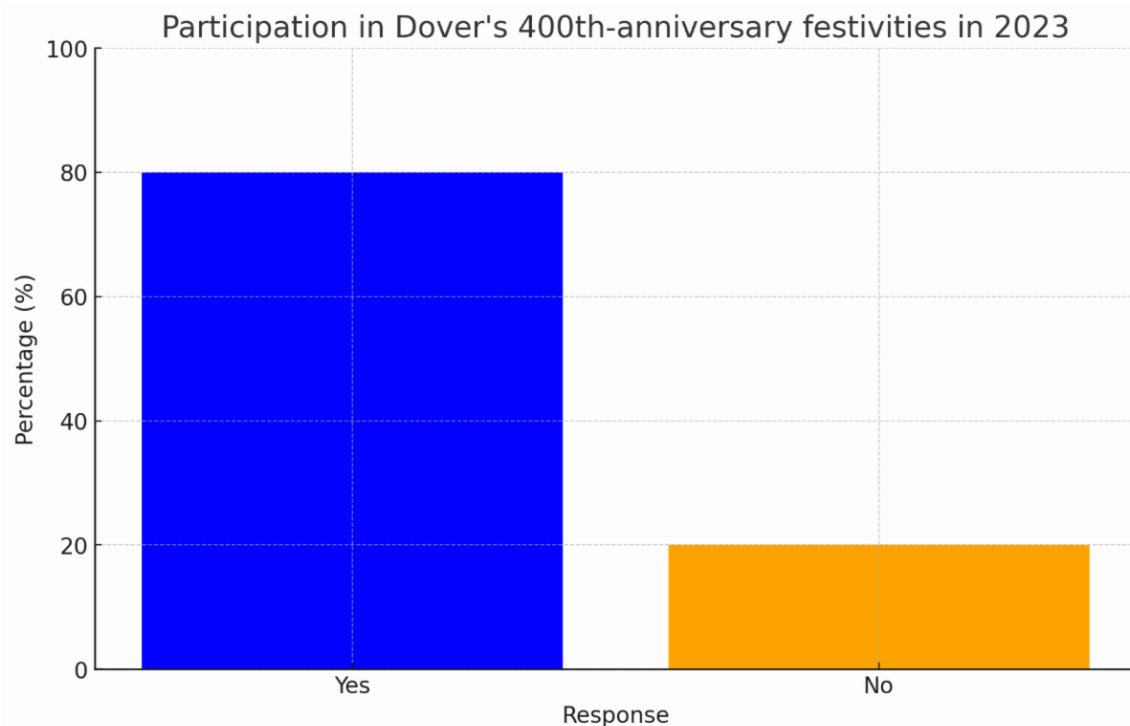
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **"Have you ever attended a City Council meeting?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mnc9tq>.

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, "Did you participate in any of Dover's 400th-anniversary festivities in 2023?"



This week in DOVER HISTORY



The following events are from various historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

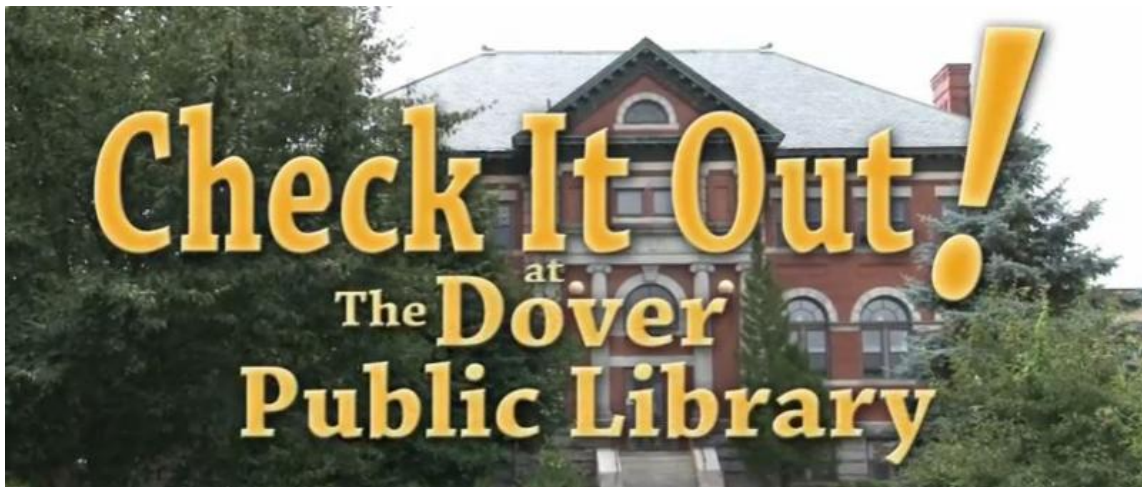
For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information [located here](#).

Feb. 14, 1792 — A new publication, "The Phoenix" appears in Dover, a month after the printing office of Eliphalet Ladd, burned down and caused the suspension of his former paper. His new title, "The Phoenix," begins on Feb. 14, and contains communications reflecting upon citizens for delinquency in not assisting in extinguishing the flames. His criticism continues until in the paper of Feb. 29, when the editor says: "Several pieces are received respecting the fire, but as there has been too much already published concerning that accident, we forbear troubling our readers with anymore on the subject — as it has become too personal and abusive to be admitted."

Feb. 12, 1844 — One of Dover's most notable sea captains, William Flagg, died on this day at 74. In early life, he was an officer in the naval service and, afterward, an enterprising shipmaster.

Feb. 16, 1920 — The pilings of four spans of the Dover Point Bridge were swept away by a large ice floe. The railroad section of the bridge was damaged significantly by the impact of the ice. This section of the bridge had been rebuilt only two years earlier after it had also been swept away by ice.

Feb. 9, 1999 — 105-year-old WWI veteran Damon Hall, a former Dover resident, received France's highest honor, the Legion of Honor, for his service on French soil during the war. Hall served as a railroad engineer and was among the first to hear the war had ended. At a ceremony in New Hampshire, the French Consul-General presented Hall with the award as New Hampshire's congressional members honored him with statements. Hall was the first in the state to receive this honor reserved for WWI vets. Hall died in May 1999.



Trade your gently used puzzles for new-to-you puzzles at Dover Public Library's Puzzle Swap

Every lover of jigsaw puzzles has one: a shelf swamped with completed puzzles, gathering

dust, waiting for a new set of hands to put them back together.

If you have one of these shelves, join the Dover Public Library at its first puzzle swap on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For every puzzle donated, you will receive one ticket to trade for another new-to-you puzzle (up to five). Those with tickets can pick out puzzles between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday. After 3 p.m., all leftover puzzles are free to take.

The Dover Public Library is currently seeking donations of adult puzzles with 250 pieces or more. Donations can be dropped off at the library's front desk from Friday through 1 p.m. Saturday. Puzzles must be complete (to the best of your knowledge) and in good condition. The donation must have an image of the completed puzzle (either on the box or a picture with it). Donations of more than five puzzles are welcome. You do not have to participate in the swap to donate puzzles.

The library does not ensure the exchange's quality or quantity of puzzles. Any puzzles left at the end of the swap will be considered property of Dover Public Library. All trades are final. No returns, please.

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.

Glow-in-the-dark indoor mini golf at the Dover Public Library

Looking for a fun, all-ages activity during February vacation week? Then come join us for a night of indoor glow-in-the-dark mini golf. Join the Dover Public Library on Saturday, March 2 for this after-hours event as One Up Games converts the library into 18 holes of custom-made LED mini golf.

The event will have three sessions available based on age. Families with children ages 0-6 are welcome to come play between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Families with children ages 7 and up are invited to golf between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Adults and teens will finish up the night with mini golf sessions between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Registration is required as space is limited.

This event will feature music, custom-designed golf clubs, LED golf balls, plenty of fun, and, yes, a very dark library.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required, and space is limited.

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

This Week at the Library

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2-3:30 p.m. **Silent Reading Group**

It's a book club with no assigned reading, no expectations, and no rules. Share light discussion on the book you brought and enjoy the quiet, productive space of the library. Bring a snack.
Bring a friend. Come read!

Monday, Feb. 12, 3 to 4 p.m. **Monday Afternoon Book Group**

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 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 *One Day* by Gene Weingarten. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 5:30 to 7 p.m. **NH Humanities - Knit Democracy**

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

**Monday, Feb. 12, 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, Feb. 12, 6 to 8 p.m.
Forensic Science Roadshow**

Venture into the world of CSI with this interactive program that introduces you to the fascinating subject of forensic science. Paul Zambella, a former forensic scientist at the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory. Subjects will include the functions of a forensic scientist, blood, DNA, fingerprints, gunshot residue and more!

Monday, February 12, 3 to 4 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 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, and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

**Tuesday, Feb. 13, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Series of the Month Book Club for 2nd and 3rd Graders**

Are you a fan of the Last Firehawk series by Katrina Charman? If you are in 2nd or 3rd grade and have read one or more books in the Last Firehawk series come meet with other fans to talk about these popular books. There will also be a related craft.

Registration required.

**Tuesday, Feb. 13, 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, Feb. 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Together

Recent elections have been plagued by allegations of voter fraud and there is growing distrust in the legitimacy of our democratic institutions. Knit Democracy Together will demystify the electoral process in NH and your rights as a voter as it engages citizen crafters in building a collaborative sculpture of the New Hampshire State House.

**Wednesday, Feb. 14, 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.

**Wednesday, Feb. 14, 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 15, 10 to 10:45 am
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 15, 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, Feb. 15, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Meditation Class**

Try this free meditation series to learn how to be more relaxed and mindful. The Lift Method, created by Dover resident, Thomas McGreavey, is an enhancement to traditional mindfulness meditation that can soothe anxiety and ease the flight/fight/freeze response on the spot.

This class is being offered over six sessions. Come to as many as you'd like

**Friday, Feb. 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!
Valentine's Special**

For Babies and Preschoolers ages 0-5 with a grown up. Come celebrate Valentine's Day with some fun and loveable oldies! We will dance, sing and

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, Feb. 14, 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. 14, 11 am to 12 pm All Abilities Club: Art for All

This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with disabilities as we create art and craft projects. Each session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

play instruments in the lecture hall for a rockin' and rollin' good time! No registration required.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Snowflower Crafting

Children ages 6 and up are invited to craft winter flowers using both craft paper and an assortment of found objects to make 3 dimensional snow flowers.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2 to 3 p.m. Puzzle Swap

Donate your gently used puzzles and then come back to trade out for some new-to-you ones! Puzzles can be dropped off starting on Friday, February 16 up until 1 pm on Saturday, February 17. For every puzzle donated, you will receive one ticket to trade for another puzzle (up to 5 puzzles). Those with tickets are invited to come pick out puzzles between 2 and 3 pm on Saturday, February 17. After 3 pm, all puzzles leftover are free for the taking!



Joe B. Parks Riverwalk seeks garden tenders

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens seeks individuals to help tend to the gardens or help with special projects. Tenders are needed for weekly sweeping, trash pick-up, weeding, and general clean-up to keep these garden beds looking good—no gardening talent is needed.

Volunteers may select a garden bed or task. Gardening tools are available onsite in the shed, and free two-hour parking is available near the Dover Post Office.

To learn more and to sign up, visit: <https://www.joeparksgarden.org/index.php/our-volunteers-caregivers/>

Join the Dover Community Senior Center for a St. Patrick's Day concert

Join the Dover Community Senior Center on Sunday, March 10, at the Reagle Music Theatre's *The Magic Of Ireland: A St. Patrick's Day Concert*. The group departs at noon for a 2 p.m. show.



Headlined by Ciarán Sheehan (Broadway's *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables*), Kathy St. George (Broadway's *Fiddler on the Roof*, Off Broadway: *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*), Jennifer Ellis (RMT's *Wonderful Town*, *Carousel*), and Rick Sherburne (RMT's *Oklahoma*, *West Side Story*), this holiday concert will feature traditional Irish melodies, comedy, poetry, and more! The cast will also include The Harney Academy Irish step dancers showcasing the rich tradition of Irish dance with their precision and grace.

Price includes deluxe coach transportation, theater seat, and driver gratuity. Full payment of \$130 members/\$140 not-yet-members is due at signup.

For more information, contact Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6420.

Dover Chamber accepting 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 Newburyport Bank.

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

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.

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
- Planning Division Supervisor
- Camera Operator
- Water Treatment Operator
- Arena Attendant
- Enterprise Systems IT Administrator
- Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities
- Maintenance Specialist
- Water Exercise Instructor
- Account Clerk

- Laborer, Utilities
- Truck Driver, Utilities
- Human Resources Office Assistant

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:

- Day Porter at Dover High School
- Substitute Teachers
- Dover Middle School Girls Head Lacrosse Coach
- Dover Middle School Head Baseball Coach
- Dover High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach
- Special Education Paraprofessional
- Long term maternity leave - 3rd grade
- Literacy Interventionist Specialist
- DALC Teacher-Adult Foundational Skills and High School Equivalency Preparation
- Dover High School Boys Head Tennis Coach
- Special Education Paraprofessional
- Dover Middle School Boys Head Lacrosse Coach

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