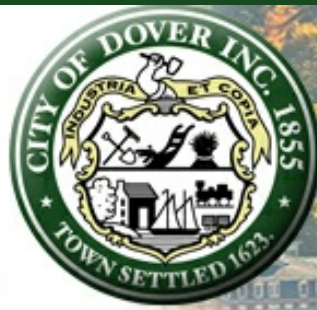


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



January 12, 2024



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**City Hall  
hours:**

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

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

**Recycling  
Center hours:**

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

## School Board to vote on FY2025 budget

**Reduced tax cap overage request from \$2.9  
million to just under \$2.3 million**

The School Board is set to adopt its fiscal year 2025 budget at a 7 p.m. special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The School Board's budget will then be incorporated into the city-wide budget that will be introduced to the City Council next month.

On Monday, the School Board held its final budget workshop where the group informally agreed to forgo \$670,000 transfers into its capital reserve funds to reduce the local property tax burden. Coming into the budget workshop, the School Board's working budget totaled \$85,507,439 in estimated revenue and expenditures, proposing that \$58,022,509 be raised by local property taxes, a \$6,263,209, or a 12.1% increase over the adopted FY2024 adjusted budget. That put the School Board's budget an estimated \$2,962,549 above the education side of the city's tax cap calculation. The reduction of \$670,000 of capital reserve transfer and other adjustments brought the amount above the estimated tax cap to just under \$2.3 million.

The new budget does not add any new positions, and Superintendent William Harbron and Business Michael Administrator Limanni have explained the request for additional money above the tax cap is to maintain current services due to the significant loss in state education funding, including a reduction of \$2,254,464 in state adequacy

3:30 p.m.

education aid and a \$183,412 reduction in the statewide education tax. There is also a significant increase in the estimated legally required special education costs. The FY2025 budget's estimated special education cost increase is \$2,569,369, which includes \$1,123,000 in legally required special education transportation costs.

The proposed budget also includes an increase of \$1,518,309 in wages and benefits from the three union contracts approved by the School Board and City Council this year, affecting the Dover Teachers Union, Dover Paraeducators, and the Dover Educational Office Personnel unions.

"All we're asking for this year is the status quo to keep what we're doing and not take away any more positions," said School Board Chair Robin Trefethen at the School Board's Jan. 8 workshop.

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. Previous budget workshops and associated documents are posted on the [FY2025 Budget Revealed webpage](#).

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## City offices closed Monday for MLK Day

City administrative offices, including **City Hall**, will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The **Public Library** and the **Dover Community Senior Center** at the McConnell Center will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 15.

Curbside trash and recycling pick-up are not affected by the holiday.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a parking holiday in Dover. Metered parking is free on parking holidays, except for the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is paid parking at all times.

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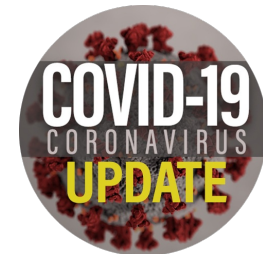
## Respiratory virus surge straining hospitals; City advises caution

The City of Dover is urging residents to be vigilant as New Hampshire experiences high levels of influenza, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity this winter. This respiratory virus surge is straining healthcare facilities across New Hampshire, including Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover.

In response to a health alert issued by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS), the City is actively working with local health authorities and institutions to effectively manage the public health situation.

Dover Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director, Michael McShane, emphasizes the importance of community vigilance during this time.

"We are facing a serious situation with the co-circulation of multiple respiratory viruses,"



McShane said. "It is crucial for everyone to follow health guidelines. Stay up to date with vaccinations, avoid crowded places, and seek medical advice early if you experience symptoms. Together, we can navigate through this challenging period by being responsible and caring for each other."

To safeguard the health and well-being of all residents, the City of Dover advises the public to adhere to the following safety tips:

- **Get Vaccinated:** Ensure you are up to date with COVID-19, flu, and eligible for RSV [vaccinations](#).
- **Stay Home if Sick:** If you exhibit symptoms like fever, sore throat, or cough, stay home and seek medical advice.
- **Cover Coughs and Sneezes:** Use tissue paper to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- **Frequent Hand Washing:** Wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Consider Masking:** Wear masks in crowded or high-risk areas to protect yourself and others, especially the vulnerable.

In response to the influx of patients with respiratory illnesses, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital has activated additional policies, including universal masking requirements for staff and care teams in all clinical areas. Patients and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a facility-issued face mask during direct interactions with staff in patient rooms and clinical care areas where direct care is provided.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/index.html>.

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## Dover Arts Commission now accepting applications for City Arts Grant

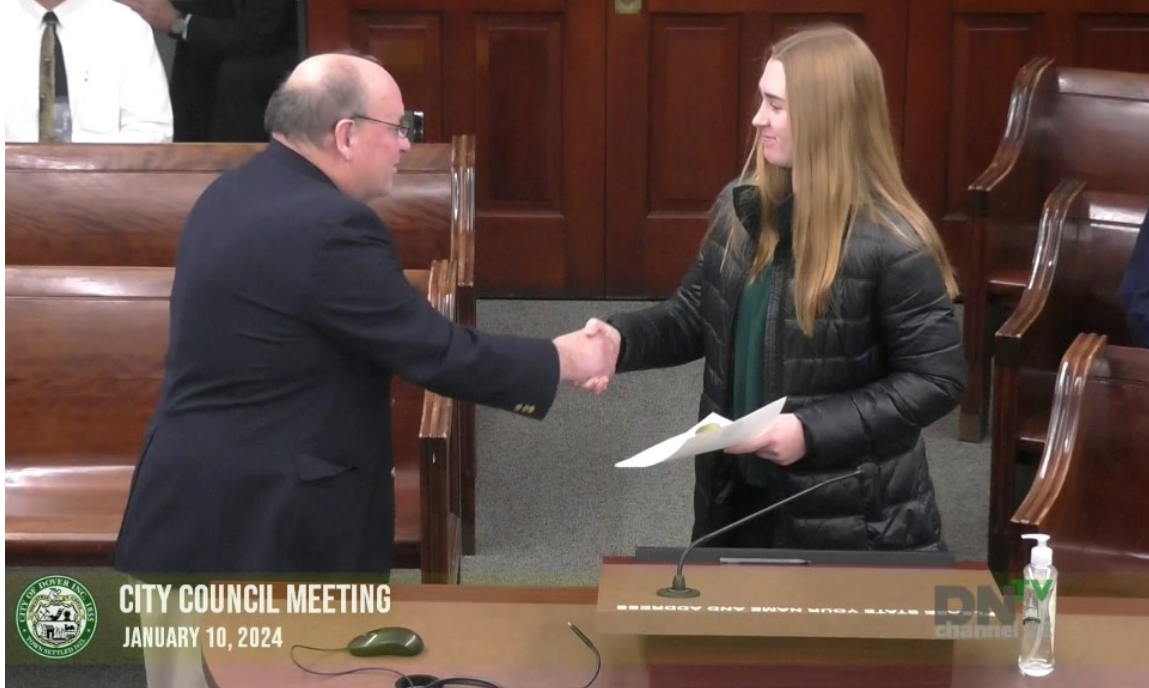
The Dover Arts Commission is accepting applications for its City Arts Grant, with winning proposals to be awarded up to \$3,000.

City Arts Grants are available to individual artists and arts organizations to create visual art, music, dance, theatre, film, and literary projects that benefit the residents of Dover and enrich the city's cultural life. Eligible projects include concerts, performances, festivals, workshops, exhibits, readings, after-school programs, and other creative endeavors that engage the arts and artists to benefit the community.

City Arts Grants have a rolling deadline and applications can be submitted anytime during the City of Dover's fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

Grant applications are available on the [City Arts Grants webpage](#), which also includes evaluation forms to help applicants understand how the Dover Arts Commission judges their applications. For more information about City Arts Grants or the Dover Arts Commission, email the Commission at [ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov](mailto:ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov).

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## City Council honors girls golf champ Carys Fennessy

Dover Mayor Robert Carrier recognized Dover High School junior and golfer Carys Fennessy's recent championships at the Jan. 10 City Council meeting, reading a proclamation praising her accomplishments.

Fennessy won her third consecutive state individual golf championship in October 2023. Last November, Fennessy won the New England Girls Golf Championship in Connecticut with a score of 67, five under par.

"She is an inspiration to our community, embodying the values of hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship," Mayor Carrier said, reading from the proclamation.

The proclamation highlighted Fennessy's eight tournament wins in 2023, scoring an average of 73.5 strokes across all events. It noted that she has committed to attending the College of Charleston in South Carolina on a golf scholarship after graduation.

"May her success serve as a beacon of pride for the City of Dover," Carrier said.

Carrier and the Dover City Council proclaimed Jan. 10, 2024, as a day to recognize Fennessy's accomplishments and presented her with the proclamation at the City Council meeting.

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## **Supervisors of the Checklist in session Jan. 16**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, from 5 to 6 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, record changes of address, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist. Voters cannot change party affiliation during this session.

January 16 is the last day that residents can register to vote in the City Clerk's office before the Jan. 23 primary election. Following this date, voter registration will occur at the voter's polling place on Election Day. However, this does not apply to those requesting an absentee ballot. Residents requesting an absentee ballot may also register to vote in the City Clerk's office until 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, the day before the election.

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

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## **Election workers needed for Presidential Primary Election**

The City Clerk's Office is seeking election workers in all six wards to help staff Dover's polling places during the upcoming Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

Election workers are paid positions, and the City Clerk's office provides necessary training. The only requirements are that election workers must be at least 18 years old and a Dover resident. Election workers assist with various duties on election day, including aiding voters, maintaining order, opening and closing the polls, and processing the vote counts.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018 or email City Clerk Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier at [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.bizier@dover.nh.gov).

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## **Sample ballots available for Ward 4 state representative special primary election**

A special primary election will be held to fill the vacant Strafford District 11 state representative seat, representing Dover Ward 4, Lee and Madbury, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, which coincides with the 2024 Presidential Primary. The special general election will

be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2023.

Ward 4 sample ballots for the Democratic and Republican primaries are available on the dedicated election webpage [www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2024-district-11-special-election/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2024-district-11-special-election/). The Democratic candidates are Erik Johnson and Jeffrey C. Salloway – both of Lee. The sole Republican candidate is Joseph E. Bazo of Madbury.

Voters who are unable to make it to the polls may apply to vote by absentee ballot. The absentee ballot application is also available on the election webpage. Voters who have already completed an absentee ballot application for the Presidential Primary do not need to complete another application.

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

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## Waterfront Committee meets Tuesday, Jan. 16

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee meets on Tuesday, Jan. 16, to receive updates on the ongoing site construction at the city's waterfront site. Also on the agenda is a discussion of street names for the new streets constructed in the development.

[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.

Committee Chair Norm Fracassa and Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker provided the City Council an update on the waterfront construction activities at the Council's Jan. 3 workshop, including updates on the planned park pavilion building, dredge cell closure and the River Street pump station upgrades. [Click here](#) to watch the workshop.

Fracassa also provided an update on ongoing waterfront work in the Waterfront Development newsletter, released on Thursday. [Click here](#) to read the newsletter. To receive future newsletters, visit <https://bit.ly/doverdownload> and add "Project updates: Waterfront Development" to your email subscription list.

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### Upcoming Meetings:

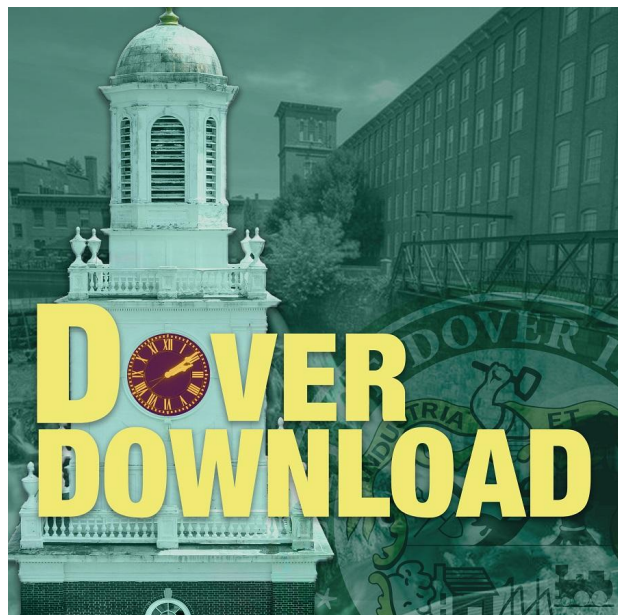
#### Pool Advisory Committee, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

The Pool Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Dover Indoor Pool, 6 Henry Law Ave., Room 6, Dover.

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

#### Parking Commission, Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m.

The Parking Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in Room



**Home in Dover: Plans and  
progress for housing access**

305 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs, Jan. 16, 5 p.m.**

The Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, beginning at 5 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### **Waterfront Committee, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m.**

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **School Board, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **Arena Commission, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.**

The Arena Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Dover Arena, 110 Portland Ave, Conference Room, Dover.

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

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Ryan Pope, the City of Dover's Housing Navigator. They discuss the state's ongoing housing crisis, emphasizing the complexity of housing issues, including infrastructure, transportation, and the need for more housing units, particularly smaller ones. Pope highlights the community's feedback, gathered through surveys, indicating a desire for increased housing availability. They explore the challenges of implementing higher-density housing and balancing development with environmental concerns. The conversation also touches on the financial aspects of addressing the housing crisis.

Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3ROffvY>.

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## **MLK celebration planned for Sunday, Jan. 14**

The Dover Area Religious Leaders Association (DARLA), will host "Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: Civil Rights and Equity for All People" on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m., at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover.



The celebration will feature Steve Curwood, host and executive producer of the public radio program "Living on Earth," as keynote speaker. Curwood plans to discuss civil rights and equity for all people.

The event is wheelchair-accessible.

For more information, contact event organizer Anita Remig by email at [anitaremig@gmail.com](mailto:anitaremig@gmail.com).

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is located at 5 Hale St. in Dover.



**Missed the meeting?**

## Energy Commission, Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

## Zoning Board, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 18, 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/>.

## 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](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

## Enjoy local museums at discounted rates

Museum passes are available to Dover Public Library cardholders. These passes provide reduced-price admission to museums of interest to both adults and children. Visit the [Museum Pass Reservation](#) system for details on the benefits and limits of the pass for each museum. For most museums, only one pass may be issued per day.

You may reserve a pass for the museum of your choice on a particular day up to three months in advance through our [Museum Pass Reservation](#) system.

For more information, contact the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

## Economic Forecast: What to expect from NH's economy this year

The 2024 Economic Forecast, hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and underwritten by Eversource, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria room at 121 Broadway, Dover. Registration is open to the public, and pre-registration is encouraged.

Hear from Brian Gottlob, director of the N.H. Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau and principal at PolEcon Research, about New Hampshire's economic year in review and what to look for in 2024. Gottlob will cover interest rates, workforce woes, housing challenges, and more.

Following Gottlob's keynote presentation, he will be joined by C-Suite Founder and President Barbara Duncan Marchetti and Bangor Savings Bank Senior Vice President/Director of Talent, Diversity, and Inclusion David C. Pease. Together they will dive deeper into one of today's most challenging topics—workforce.

The price is \$25 for Dover Chamber members and \$35 for not-yet members. The event fee includes breakfast, which is sponsored by Cleveland, Waters, and Bass, P.A. Visit [dovernh.org/economy](http://dovernh.org/economy) to register or for more information.

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](mailto:info@dovernh.org), or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

## Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

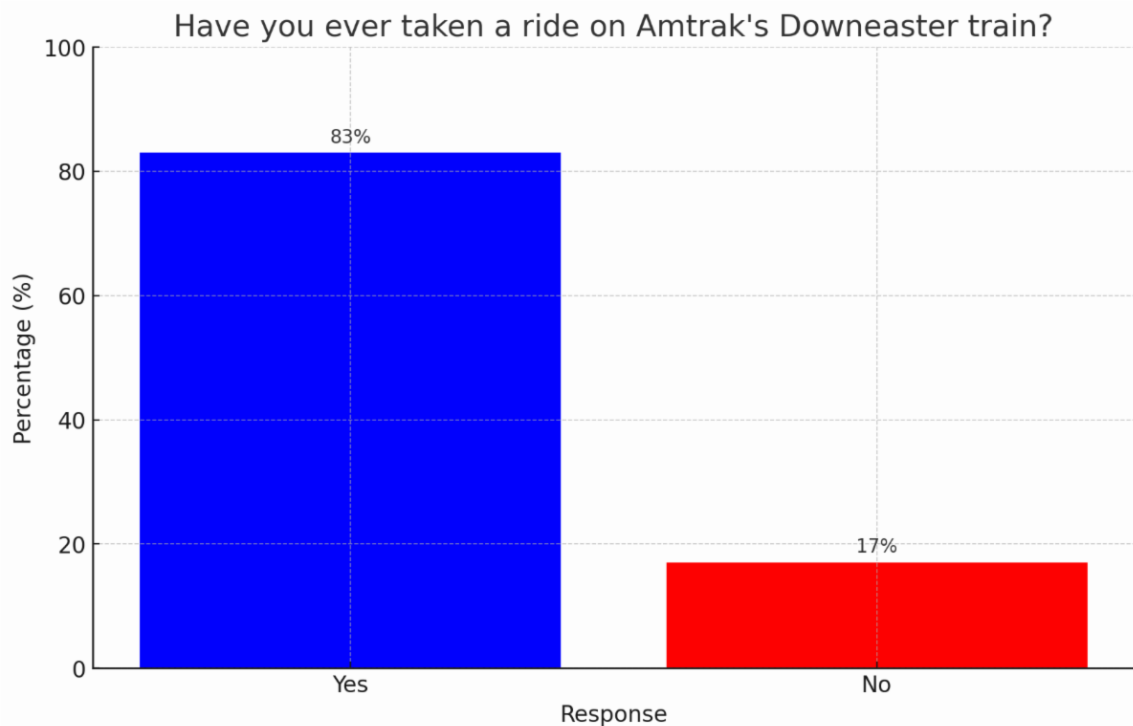
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: "What do you like most about living in Dover?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/fyh7pd>.

*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 taken a ride on Amtrak's Downeaster train?"



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](#).

**Jan. 15, 1704** — The highest tide ever at the time was observed on this day. The tide caused great damage to warehouses and cellars; carried away some houses and many stages at the Isle of Shoals; transported many hay stacks, and in some places tore up great quantities of marsh and removed it far off into other places.

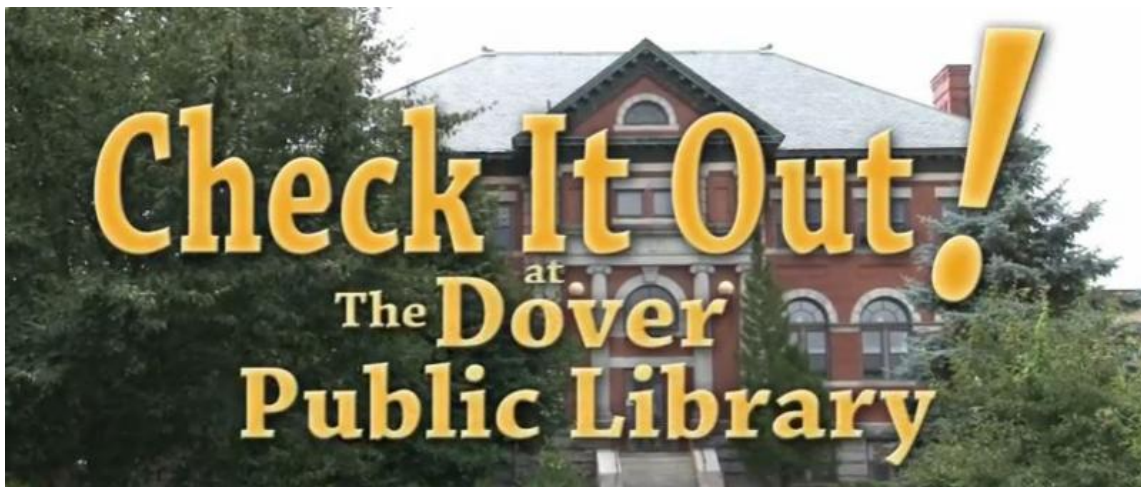
**Jan. 16, 1766** — Lee, part of the original territory of Dover, and later Durham, was set off and incorporated as a town on this day.

**Jan. 14, 1776** — Johnson, a Native American, arrived in Dover on this day to preach, receiving a contribution of 5 pounds and 4 shillings.

**Jan. 15, 1822** — (From the Strafford Register) "Died, Mr. Dover Gage, a respectable black man, at a very advanced age. He and his sister, were stolen from his parents in Africa, while playing a short distance from his home by some of those miscreants in human shape who violate the rights of their fellow man and make slaves of those whose complexions the God of all may have tinged with a darker hue than their own. He lived in this town from his youth, useful and respected, but it seems to have been the peculiarly hard fate of Mr. Gage to have been denied a home where his own choice or that of his friends would have fixed him: for scarcely had he been placed in his grave ere his body was again stolen, and it may be by his unrelenting white persecutors."

**Jan. 12, 1856** — One of the greatest snowstorms known for many years. The ground was covered to a depth of nearly two feet and drifted in many places to a depth of five or six feet. All the railroad trains were thrown into confusion, and travel was much impeded.

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## **The Dover Library presents a history of fashion from the 1700s to 1950s**

Ever wonder what made skirts so big in the 19th century? Why hemlines fluctuated through history? Or why top hats grew out of fashion?

Discover the answer to these questions and more when the Dover Public Library hosts "The History of Fashion: 1700s to 1950s" at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 24.

Katie Raynes (they/them), role-playing coordinator at Strawberry Banke Museum, will take participants on a trek through history to learn about various fashion trends — why they changed and how fashion differed between wealthy and average people.

The presentation will be in person and can be viewed virtually from home. Those wishing to livestream the program must visit the library's website to register and receive a link. Aside from a PowerPoint presentation, the event will feature historical costumes on display and models demonstrating outfits from different periods.

Raynes is responsible for maintaining the museum's costume collection and researching historical fashion. Raynes has a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in history and a master's degree in English literature from the University of New Hampshire. They have published several best-selling LGBTQA+ fiction novels.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call (603) 516-6050.

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## This Week at the Library

**Sunday, Jan. 14, 1 to 5 p.m.**

### **Clothing Library**

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

**Monday, Jan. 15**

**Library closed for  
Martin Luther King Day**

**Tuesday, Jan. 16, 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, Jan. 16, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

### **Series of the Month Club for 2nd and 3rd Graders**

Are you a fan of the Sophie Mouse series by Poppy Green? If you are in 2nd or 3rd grade and have read one or more books in the Critter Club series come meet with other fans to talk about these popular books. First graders who have read a book from the series are welcome to join. Children will also make a craft related to the series. *Registration required.*

**Tuesday, Jan. 16, 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.

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

### **Adult Knitting Group**

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, 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, Jan. 18, 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, Jan. 18, 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, Jan. 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

### **The psychology of weight loss: Embracing adaptive change for lasting success**

Join Rebecca Schubert, MS RDN NBC-HWC and owner of One Step Nutrition Coaching as she takes us on a journey towards sustainable weight loss with her enlightening talk, "Navigating Sustainable Weight Loss: Technical and Adaptive Changes for Success."

**Thursday, Jan. 18, 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, Jan. 19, 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

join us in the Library's Makerspace with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels are welcome.

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, 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, Jan. 17, 10:30 to 10:45 am  
Caregiver Cafe**

Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation. Loved ones are welcome.

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
All Abilities Club: Legos**

Join us in building with Legos. Use your imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.

**Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Family Game Night**

Play a fun selection of card and board games, and meet other board game enthusiasts in the community! You're also welcome to bring your own games. All ages are welcome.

development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. *Register once for the entire five week series.*

**Friday, Jan. 19, 3 to 4 p.m.  
Fun Friday**

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

**Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 to 3 p.m.  
Winter STEM Event**

Join us for a fun Winter STEM, dripping with Snow and Ice! We'll explore the wet side of Winter during this afternoon science program. Children aged 3 + and their caregivers, will best enjoy this event.

**Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 to 3 p.m.  
Teen Tech Tutoring**

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



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## **Dover High School to hold Reset Day to focus on mental health, wellness**

Dover High School will hold its first Mental Health and Reset Day on Friday, Jan. 19, and is seeking volunteers and donations. The mission for this day is to educate students about mental health and total wellness practices they can use throughout their lives. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, email Claudia Coconubo at [c.coconubo@sau11.org](mailto:c.coconubo@sau11.org).

Unable to volunteer, but still want to help? A list of requested donations [can be found here](#).

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# Free Workshop & Water Testing for Dover Private Well Users



**The Seacoast Private Well Initiative**  
invites residential private well users in Dover to register for:

**Dover**

**Private Well Workshop**

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 6:00PM**

Dover City Hall Auditorium  
288 Central Ave, Dover

## **Dover residents invited to free workshop on private well water safety**

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

Participants will learn about contaminants that may affect their well water, such as radon, arsenic, lead, and PFAS, and the importance of regular water testing. The workshop will cover the types of contaminants to test for, reasons for testing, and the process of collecting water samples. In addition, attendees will receive guidance on selecting the appropriate water treatment solutions if contaminants are found.

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

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

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

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

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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 Bowl. You do not need to be present to win. To purchase your lucky ticket, visit [dovernh.org/sweeps](https://dovernh.org/sweeps).

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## Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including the:

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

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](http://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](mailto: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.

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## 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 I**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Truck Driver, Utilities**
- **Utility Laborer**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Planning Division Supervisor**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Laborer II**
- **Custodian - City Hall**
- **Enterprise Systems IT Administrator**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center**
- **Superintendent of Facilities, Grounds & Cemeteries**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Meter & Backflow**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Utilities**

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

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## 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 Interventionist**
- **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**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Coach Winter Cheering**
- **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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