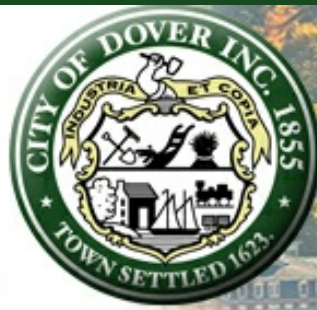


DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



CITY OF DOVER **FIREWORKS**

JULY 5, 2025, DUSK

This year's fireworks display will be launched from Garrison Hill Park and can be seen from locations throughout the city.

July 4, 2025



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

288 Central
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,
Thursday,

Annual Independence Day fireworks display is Saturday

The City of Dover will launch its annual fireworks display from Garrison Hill on Saturday, July 5, at dusk, around 9:15 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 6.

The best fireworks viewing will be places with a direct line of sight to Garrison Hill and Garrison Hill Tower. Some areas, such as Henry Law Park, have blocked sightlines.

Before the fireworks, the 39th Army Band will play at Henry Law Park at the Rotary Arts Pavilion from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 603-516-6401.

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



Founding Fathers return to Dover for annual reading of the Declaration of Independence

Dover kicks off Independence Day with its annual reading of the Declaration of Independence today, Friday, July 4, 2025. Garrison Players Arts Center performers Don Briand as John Adams and Kevin Collins as Thomas Jefferson will read the Declaration at 9 a.m. on the steps of Dover City Hall (288 Central Ave). Mayor Robert Carrier will also speak.

The Garrison Players Arts Center has organized the reading for more than 20 years. Former Mayor Wil Boc started the tradition in Dover.

Garrison Players Arts Center (GPAC) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theatre group dedicated to enriching the area's cultural life by presenting high-quality theatrical performances for family audiences. Established in 1953, the players encourage people of all ages to enjoy and participate in the many facets of the performing arts and to help maintain the Garrison Players Arts Center.

For more information about auditions, shows, or GPAC, visit the website at www.garrisonplayers.org.

Celebrate 4th of July safely

Fireworks illegal in Dover

Police Chief William Breault and Fire Chief Perry Plummer are reminding residents that consumer fireworks are not only dangerous, they're also illegal in the City of Dover.

According to city ordinance, "no person, firm, partnership or corporation shall offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, purchase, possess, transport, use or explode any fireworks without a permit."

Permits are granted only for approved displays conducted by licensed operators using

Class C fireworks. Displays must be authorized by both the Fire and Rescue Chief and the Police Chief, and operators must hold a valid license or a certificate of competency from the State of New Hampshire.

Fireworks pose serious risks. The National Fire Protection Association reports fireworks cause nearly 20,000 fires annually, resulting in more than \$100 million in property damage. In 2024, an estimated 14,700 people were treated in U.S. emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries, a 52% increase from the previous year. Children under 15 accounted for nearly one-third of those injured.

Beyond physical harm, fireworks can also cause significant distress for military veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder and can be traumatic or frightening for pets.

Residents are encouraged to choose safe and festive alternatives, such as:

- Glow sticks
- Red and blue bubbles
- Silly string
- Confetti poppers
- Party crackers
- Pinwheels

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6169.

Holiday hours for city offices and facilities

City administrative offices, including **City Hall**, will be closed today, Friday, July 4, 2025, for the Independence Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 7.

The **Public Library** will be closed today, Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5.

The **Fitness Center** and **Butterfield Gym**, located at the **McConnell Center**, the **Dover Arena**, **Camp Kool**, and **Dover Community Senior Center** will be closed today, Friday, July 4.

The **Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool** will be open today, Friday, July 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for scheduled swim sessions and recreational swimming. For a list of scheduled activities and hours, visit the Recreation Department's [website](#). The **Dover Indoor Pool** will be closed today.

Inspection Services on Mast Road will be closed today, Friday, July 4. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 7.

There will be no **curbside trash and recycling** pick-up today, Friday, July 4. Regularly scheduled pick-ups on Friday will occur on Saturday, July 5. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

The **Recycling Center** on Mast Road will be open regular hours on Saturday, July 5.

Independence Day, Friday, July 4, is a parking holiday. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays in most locations, except for the Parking Garage and Transportation Center Lot, which are metered parking at all times.



Groundwater monitoring, exploration on Council's July 9 agenda

The City Council meets next on Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

The meeting begins with the Mayor and City Council proclaiming July 2025 as Plastic Pollution Reduction Month in Dover, encouraging residents and businesses to reduce their plastic consumption and waste and choose more sustainable alternatives.

On the agenda are three resolutions related to groundwater monitoring and exploration for fiscal year 2026, with the city consultant Emery & Garrett Groundwater Investigations, LLC. One would authorize monitoring of the Pudding Hill aquifer for contamination for \$183,000, which the city expects to receive reimbursement from New England Metals Recycling, LLC, as part of the 2021 settlement agreement related to the groundwater pollutants found in the aquifer. A second resolution would authorize allocating \$179,950 for the city-wide groundwater monitoring program, which includes sampling and testing at 13 well monitoring sites; the program would also assist with monitoring the aquifers' water levels to help guide city aquifer management decisions for drinking water production. The final resolution would authorize spending \$315,000 for consultants to explore potential areas for future groundwater supplies.

Also on the agenda is a procedural resolution to affirm the fiscal year 2026 budget adjustment to accommodate the debt for the Dover High School athletic complex project. The City Council took up that resolution and an accompanying one its June 25 meeting, where the City Council authorized just over \$18 million in debt bonding for the project. There was a question at the end of the June 25 meeting whether the City Council voted on the FY26 budget adjustment or only voted to amend the resolution and did not fully execute it.

The City Council will also be asked to authorize:

- Accepting a donation from Mr. Handyman of Dover to support improvements at the Community Trail's Rotary Trailhead at the Dover Transportation Center.
- A dog warrant for unlicensed dogs. State law requires that dog owners obtain a dog license annually by May 1. The resolution would authorize the City Clerk to issue a warrant to law enforcement for the process of collecting fees and fines to those who haven't registered.
- Two resolutions for the purchase of books and media for the Dover Public Library totaling \$110,000.
- Allowing the city to purchase bulk oil and lubricant products on an as-needed basis for FY26.

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

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

New Community Power rate change

effective Aug. 1, 2025

The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire set its electricity rates for the six-month rate period beginning Aug. 1, 2025.

Community Power's default "Granite Basic" electricity supply rate for Dover's residential and small commercial customers will be 13.419 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), effective Aug. 1, 2025, through Jan. 31, 2026. It's a 3.719-cent, or 38.3%, per kWh increase above the current rate. Eversource rates are also increasing. The new rate for Eversource default electricity is 11.196 cents per kWh.

Based on usage of 650 kWh per month, the estimated cost for the Granite Basic plan is \$87.22 per month for the electricity portion of the bill. The estimated cost for the Eversource default rate would be \$72.77 per month for the electricity portion.

In the [press release](#) announcing the increase, CPCNH's Board of Directors stated, "The electricity market is driven by factors such as the regional and global price of natural gas and other fossil fuels, availability of fuel and electricity supply, customer demand, and weather events. New England's electricity market is heavily dependent on the price of natural gas, which is driven by global market trends and can react with volatility to geopolitical events around the world."

Changing energy suppliers

Dover's electricity customers are free to choose between Community Power, third-party options, or their utility provider, Eversource. The New Hampshire Department of Energy created a [website](#) to help customers shop for competitive energy power suppliers.

To opt in, out, or select a Community Power option with more renewable energy content, customers can:

- Use Community Power's [online portal](#), located at communitypowernh.gov
- Call 1-866-603-7697 (POWR) or email Info@CommunityPowerNH.gov

Please note that it may take one to two billing cycles to reflect the change. To complete the change, customers will need their Eversource account number.

About Community Power

Since launching in early 2023, Community Power has introduced more competition and product options to an increasing number of electric customers in New Hampshire. Customers can easily select different renewable energy options. The Granite Basic offers 25.2% of its energy from renewable sources. They also offer Granite Plus with 33%, Clean 50 with 50% and Clean 100 with 100% energy provided from renewable options.

The Community Power program is authorized under state law RSA 53:E. It allows municipalities and counties to aggregate retail electric customers to "access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services" on a voluntary basis. The program is self-funded through revenues generated by participating customers and does not use taxpayer funds to cover program expenses.

Payne Street weekday closure extended through July 18 for waterfront work

The weekday closure of Payne Street (formerly River Street) will continue through Friday, July 18 to accommodate work on the waterfront project. The street will be closed between Henry Law Avenue and Washington Street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday — excluding holidays — for road and utility work related to the city's waterfront construction project.

Payne Street will reopen each day after work is complete. When the road is closed, the contractor will post road closure signs on Central Avenue at Hanson Street, Main Street at Washington Street, and Henry Law Avenue at Hanson Street to help inform motorists.

The closure allows workers to safely complete the installation of the stormwater treatment area, street curbing, and sidewalks, along with other related road work.

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



From left, Community Events Manager Jed Allen accepts a CAF sponsorship check from Orpheum Apartments and Cowork staff members Samantha Sarmiento and Jareer Lababidi.

Orpheum returns as Cochecho Arts Festival underwriter

Festival kicks off Tuesday with Children's Series

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is pleased to announce that Orpheum Apartments and Cowork will once again underwrite the Cochecho Arts Festival (CAF), now in its 39th year. The festival lineup includes the Friday Night Headliner concert series, Tuesday morning Children's Shows, and the Creative Arts Showcase, as well as other community arts offerings.



The 39th Annual Cochecho Arts Festival will take place this summer, beginning July 8. Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is one of the most popular summer music festivals in the Seacoast. This summer-long festival takes place in Dover's Henry Law Park at the Rotary Arts Pavilion and is free and open to the public. The festival features a

wide variety of local and regional performers and artists, drawing thousands of people to Dover each summer.

While all the festival events are free, attendees are invited to purchase a CAF button, sponsored by Rotary Club of Dover, to show their support for the arts. Only 150 buttons are available, and each purchaser receives a free bottled water at CAF events. Button purchasers will also be entered into a raffle for a Lifetime Zenith kayak, sponsored by iHeartMedia.

For the full Cochecho Arts Festival schedule visit dovernh.org/caf or stop by the Chamber at 550 Central Ave. in Dover to pick up a brochure and purchase a festival button. The buttons will also be available for purchase at the CAF Friday night concerts.

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 dovernh.org.

Upcoming Meetings:

Arts Commission, July 7, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Board of the Supervisors of the Checklist, July 8, 5:30 p.m.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the City Clerk and Tax Collector Office at City Hall.

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

City Council, Appointments Committee, 6 p.m.

The City Council's Appointments Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

City Council, July 9, 7 p.m.



Supervisors of the Checklist in session July 8

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, from 5:30 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, record changes of party affiliation, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist.

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

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

The City of Dover is currently accepting bids for the following projects:

- [Household Hazardous Waste](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

For more information, contact the Finance and

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in the Council Chambers, 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/>.

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.

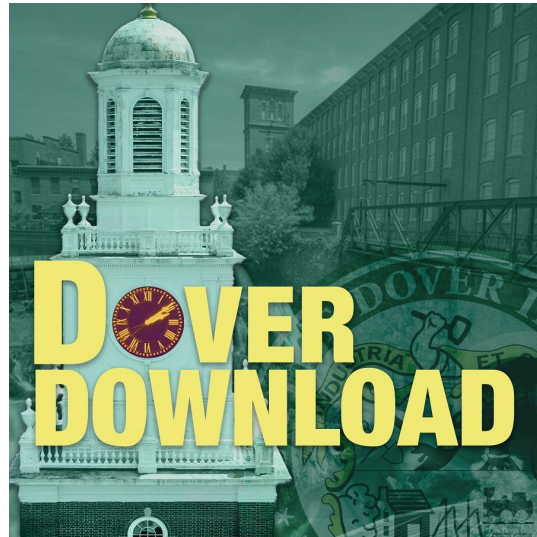
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

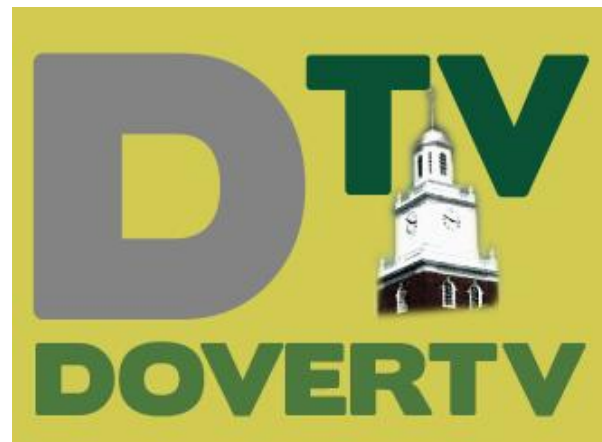
To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier at j.bizier@dover.nh.gov. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for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

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



Cochecho Arts Festival's 39th Year: New Energy, New Features, Same Great Community Spirit

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Margaret Joyce and Jed Allen from the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce about the upcoming 39th annual Cochecho Arts Festival, and with Erin Bassegio and Brian Early about public meetings in June. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/318ATK7>.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board, Planning Board or Waterfront Committee meetings on DTV, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online

Dover's water tank capacity remains limited; city urges mindful use, especially during hot weather

Major water tank offline for repairs; city relying on smaller tank until late July

Dover's water operators urge citizens to continue limiting outdoor water use — especially water irrigation on hot, humid days — to ensure sufficient water reserves for residents, businesses and emergency needs.

The city can store only 20% of its normal water holding capacity, with its 4-million-gallon Garrison Hill tank offline for repairs. Dover is relying on its 1-million-gallon Smith Well tank to meet city water needs until the Garrison Hill tank resumes operation, expected by July 25.

If water irrigation is necessary, water operators urge users to consider irrigating overnight before 6 a.m., when household water demand increases significantly across the city.

"Hand watering and avoiding watering during the heat of the day will go a long way to ensure enough water for everyone, including our firefighters," said Community Services Director John Storer, noting that automatic irrigation systems often waste lots of water.

Dover's current limited water storage capacity, combined with high seasonal demand, can strain the water system by requiring groundwater production facilities to start and stop more frequently than optimal. Unlike turning on a faucet, each start/stop cycle involves time-consuming power-up and power-down processes to avoid stressing the aquifer or damaging critical equipment, such as pumps and wells.

"Our goal is to buffer the extreme usage peaks that drain the smaller tank," Storer said.

The Garrison Hill tank has been offline since March for its first significant rehabilitation since it began operation in 1968. The original project schedule had the tank online for peak summer water use; however, the higher-than-normal precipitation this spring created additional moisture and condensation within the tank, delaying some of the project repairs.

Track water use, get leak alerts with 'Eye On Water'

Water customers can monitor their water usage with the Eye On Water online portal and mobile app. The system helps track daily, monthly, and yearly consumption; users can also sign up to receive alerts for potential leaks. Access the portal at <https://eyeonwater.com/signup>. Customers will need their account number from their water bill. For assistance, contact the Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.

Ways to conserve

Residents and customers can conserve water by adopting the following best practices:

- Limit outdoor watering. According to the EPA, irrigation accounts for 30% of residential water use nationally — about 9 billion gallons per day. Avoid irrigating during the hottest parts of the day when evaporation is highest.
- Utilize commercial car washes. They are more efficient with water and don't dump dirty water into the storm drains.
- Fixing leaky plumbing conserves water and saves money. Leaking faucets and toilets can waste thousands of gallons a year, leading to increased water bills.
- Be mindful of indoor water use. Take shorter showers, turn off the water when brushing teeth, and run dishwashers and washing machines only when full.



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 **Polco** 

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

We want to hear from you. Instead of our usual weekly poll, we're inviting all Dover residents age 18 and older to participate in The National Community Survey. Your input will help guide City priorities, evaluate services, and shape Dover's future.

Taking the survey is easy, and your responses are anonymous.

Take the survey here: <https://polco.us/dover2025op>

If you've already completed the mailed survey version, thank you. There is no need to respond again. Otherwise, we encourage you to participate online and share the link with friends, family, and neighbors in Dover.

Let your voice be heard!

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. Responses are anonymous.



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

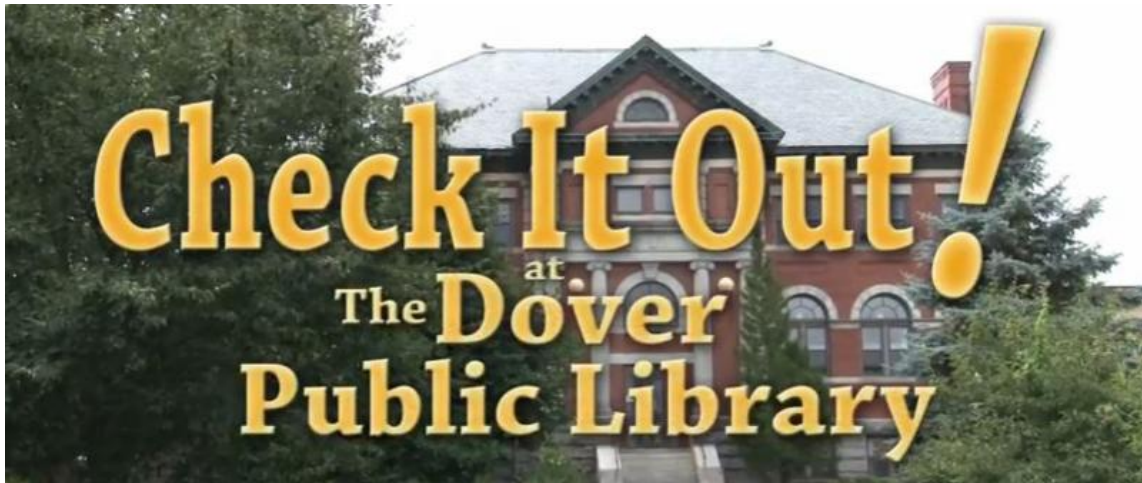
For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information [located here](#).

July 5, 1792 — According to the Dover Phoenix, plans were underway to dig a canal linking Lake Winnepesaukee to the Cochecho River. A fundraising effort, or subscription, had begun to support the project. A wealthy man from Portsmouth reportedly pledged 500 pounds toward its construction. Given the growing enthusiasm across the country for building canals at the time, the Phoenix expressed confidence that the project would be completed successfully. The newspaper also noted that during a major flood several years earlier, water from Lake Winnepesaukee naturally overflowed and found its way into the Cochecho River, suggesting that the two bodies of water are already loosely connected by nature. In a later edition dated July 19, a contributor to the Phoenix offered to create a connection between the lake and the river for just \$100. However, he acknowledged that making the route navigable for transporting timber, especially from the Merrymeeting River through Rochester's Norway Plain, would likely cost several thousand dollars. The proposed canal was part of a larger movement during the late 18th and early 19th centuries in the United States known as the "Canal Era." Before railroads, canals were viewed as critical infrastructure for economic growth, allowing for the easier transport of goods, particularly lumber and agricultural products, to market. Lake Winnepesaukee, one of New Hampshire's largest lakes, was a key natural waterway, and the Cochecho River, which runs through Dover, was an important commercial and industrial corridor. A canal connecting the two would have created a direct water route from the interior of the state to the seacoast, boosting trade and economic development. The canal was never constructed.

July 9, 1860 — Capt. Moses Paul died on this day at 63 years old. He served as the agent, or general manager, of the Cocheco Manufacturing Company for nearly 30 years and had been involved in Dover's textile industry since its earliest days. Throughout his long career, he ran the company with energy and success, earning the full support of its stockholders. His constant attention to the well-being of the thousands of people employed at the mills also earned him deep respect from the workforce. The Cocheco Manufacturing Company, under Paul's leadership, became one of the most successful textile operations in the country. His fair and respectful treatment of workers helped foster a strong relationship between management and labor, something rare at the time. Paul was also a generous and civic-minded citizen. He frequently gave his time, advice, and financial support to improve the community. Many of Dover's public works and civic advancements were made possible through his leadership and generosity.

July 8, 1998 — The City Council on this day recognized Dover's 375th Anniversary Committee. The committee had spent a year planning the events and festivities that were celebrated just days before the Council's July 8, 1998 meeting. The group worked to secure funding and volunteers, staged the festival, and helped increase awareness of the city's heritage and history, then Mayor Wil Boc said as part of a proclamation. Sam Allen, chairman of the committee, accepted the proclamation and presented the city with a separate proclamation designating July 3-5, 1998, as Dover's 375th Anniversary, signed by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen. He gave a second copy of the proclamation to Thom Hindle, to be preserved by the Woodman Institute Museum. "When you start out in an endeavor like this, you never know how it's going to end up," Allen said, who added the committee's goal was to get people to reflect on what is unique about the city. "We went out trying to plan activities that would cause that to happen. And we accomplished that beyond my wildest expectations." Allen also served on Dover400, the committee that organized Dover's 400th anniversary in 2023.

July 4, 2003 — More than 8,000 people gathered at Dover High School for the City of Dover's Fourth of July fireworks display, during one of the handful of years fireworks were launched from the high school. Attendees enjoyed an evening of live Irish music, dancing, games, and a 25-minute fireworks show.



Is there more to the story of Captain Kidd?

Captain William Kidd is known as one of the most notorious pirate outlaws ever, but his legend is tainted in a bed of lies.

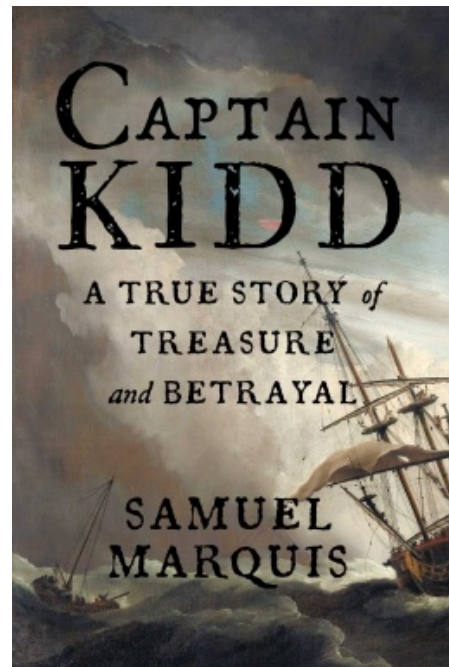
Join Dover Public Library virtually on Monday, July 14, at 7 p.m. for "Captain Kidd: A True Story of Treasure and Betrayal" with Author Samuel Marquis, brought to you in partnership with Ashland Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

In this talk, Marquis explores whether Captain Kidd really was a criminal or if the truth was more inconvenient: that he was a buccaneer's worst nightmare, a revered pirate hunter turned fall guy for scheming politicians.

Kidd was an English American privateer and leading New York husband and father. The King of England himself dubbed Kidd "trustworthy and well-beloved," and some historians describe him as a "worthy, honest-hearted, steadfast, much-enduring sailor" who was the "victim of a deliberate travesty of justice." With honors far more esteemed than the menacing Blackbeard, or any other sea rover at the turn of the seventeenth century, how can Kidd be considered both gentleman and pirate, both hero and villain?

The ninth great-grandson of legendary privateer Captain William Kidd, Marquis is an award-winning American history and historical fiction author. He works by day as a vice president and principal hydrogeologist with an environmental consulting firm in Boulder, Colorado, and by night as a writer of historical works.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to sign up, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.



Friday, July 4, through Saturday, July 5

Library closed for holiday

**Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11
Van Gogh Contest**

McConnell Center, Cafeteria

Do you have what it takes to paint the swirls and whorls? The library is accepting submissions for the best replication of a Van Gogh, or of an original painting in his post-impressionist style. The top three paintings will be displayed in the library, where they will receive their final votes from the public. The best artwork will win 2 tickets to the MFA in Boston, with special exhibit access to see Vincent van Gogh's portrait series, and a hardcover copy of Vincent Van Gogh: The Complete Paintings.

**Monday, July 7, 2 to 3 p.m.
Sensory Exploration at The Children's
Museum of New Hampshire
Children's Museum of New Hampshire**
Join us for exploration, water play, and all kinds of other squishy activities. This event will be on the patio area of CMNH, and is for children ages 2-5.
Registration is required.

**Monday, July 7, 2 to 3 p.m.
Teen Yoga
McConnell Center, Room 306**
Join fellow teens for a fun, accessible beginner yoga flow set to a cool playlist, followed by some relaxing meditative journaling. It's the perfect way to de-stress and reconnect with yourself in a laid-back environment. All levels and bodies are welcome – no prior experience necessary, just come as you are! This class is open to teens entering grades 6-12.

**Monday, July 7, 7 to 8 p.m.
"Heal the Beasts" with Author and
Veterinarian Philipp Schott
Virtual: Sign up to receive link:
<https://ow.ly/LgwC50WjqR7>**
Author and veterinarian, Philipp Schott discusses his new book, "Heal the Beasts: A Jaunt Through the Curious History of the Veterinary Arts". This history of veterinary medicine provides an abundance of bizarre, funny, surprising, and heartwarming anecdotes. "Heal the Beasts" chronicles human efforts to treat animal illnesses from 14,000 BCE to today.

**Tuesday, July 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Stomp Rockets**

**Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Don't Let the Book Club Drive the Bus!
Book Group**

McConnell Center, Room 306

Do you love picture books? Are you in grades 2-4? Then come join a brand new book group for picture book lovers! Each month we will pick a different author or series to discuss. We'll read a story, have crafts, snacks, and decide on what we want to read next. For the month of July we'll be discussing the work of Author/Illustrator Oliver Jeffers.
Registration required.

**Wednesday, July 9, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Club: Art for All
Great Bay Services**

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.

**Wednesday, July 9, 2 to 3 p.m.
Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club
McConnell Center, Room 306**

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book is *Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson. Pick up a copy at the circulation desk.

**Thursday, July 10, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Lego Club**

McConnell Center, Room 306
There will be several stations to explore Lego STEM activities, as well as a free build area. This is a family event for people age 5-99. Caution: Lego bricks are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3. All Lego creations stay at the library.

**Thursday, July 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Crafternoon for Kids: Pointillism Art
McConnell Center, Room 306**

Kids in grades 1-5 are invited to join us for dots, dots, and more dots! We're going to learn about and make pointillism art. *Registration required.*

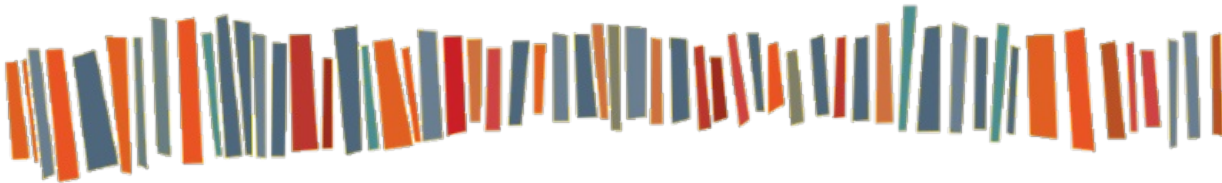
**Thursday, July 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Reading Rainbow Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306**
Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *Honey Girl* by Morgan Rogers. Copies of the book will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Woodman Park Elementary School
Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join us to make and launch stomp rockets. Come see how high you can make your rocket go while we learn about velocity, Newton's 3rd Law, and why rockets have fins!

Tuesday, July 8, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library
McConnell Center, Room 306
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.

Friday, July 11, 2 to 3 p.m.
Teen Friendship & Wish
Bracelet Making
McConnell Center, Room 306
Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to drop in and make friendship and wish bracelets with us! All supplies will be provided, and no registration is required.

Saturday, July 12, 10 to 11 a.m.
Books & Bots Event with
Ride the Robot
City Hall Auditorium
Join Dover High School and Dover Middle School's Books and Bots team for a demo of their FIRST Lego League robots as well as their FIRST Tech Challenge robot. The team will also have parts for scribble bots available to be built by children attending. Scribble bots are a comprehensive and easy way to get kids into more complex robotics! This program is open to all ages, and no registration is required.



City to host informational walk July 10 on decline of the ash tree

The City of Dover will host a public informational tree walk on Thursday, July 10, to raise awareness about the rapid decline of downtown ash trees due to an invasive insect known as the emerald ash borer.

The walk will begin at 6 p.m. at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., and conclude at Garrison City Beerworks, 455 Central Ave. During the event, participants will learn how the emerald ash borer is affecting the city's ash tree population and what steps the city is taking in response.

The emerald ash borer, a small beetle native to Asia, kills ash trees within two to four

years of infestation. Once trees are infested, treatment is no longer effective. Dead or dying ash trees quickly become hazardous and must be removed to protect public safety.

City staff and tree experts will be on hand to share information, answer questions, and collect feedback on the future of Dover's downtown landscape. The walk will conclude with an informal Q&A session at the brewery.

Residents are encouraged to attend, learn more about the threat, and support efforts to replace and replant trees to help preserve the health and beauty of the city's streetscape.

For more information, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

Join Senior Center's trip to Nantucket Sept. 2-3

Join the Dover Senior Center for an overnight trip to Nantucket Island starting on Sept. 2, 2025.

The trip includes motorcoach transportation to Hyannis, MA, ferry service to Nantucket, a 90-minute island tour, deluxe accommodations at the Nantucket Inn, and select meals.

The cost is \$625 per person for double occupancy. Dover Senior Center membership is not required. For more details and options, contact Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6420.



Tri-Chambers announce State of the State forum with Governor Ayotte

The Tri-Chambers of Commerce (Dover, Rochester, Somersworth) will hold their annual State of the State forum with Governor Kelly Ayotte on Monday, July 14, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Frisbie Memorial Hospital Community Education & Conference Center, 11 Whitehall Rd. in Rochester. Underwritten by Eversource, the State of the State forum will feature a keynote address by Governor Ayotte, who will offer insights and updates on the economic landscape and business climate in the region. Governor Ayotte will also answer questions from attendees.

"We look forward to hosting Governor Ayotte in person to address our member businesses," says Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce President Laura Ring. "The annual State of the State forum presents a great opportunity for Tri-Chamber members and members of the general public to connect with the Governor and learn more about the issues that are important to them."

The State of the State forum, which includes a full breakfast, costs \$30 per person to attend, and pre-registration is required. To register, visit rochesternh.org/stateofthestate or call the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce at 603-332-5080. As space is limited, [pre-registration](#) is required. Breakfast and networking start at 8 a.m.; the program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

The Tri-Chambers of Commerce is a collaborative partnership of the Greater Dover, Greater Rochester and Somersworth Community chambers of commerce with the goal of bringing networking and informational opportunities to their members in the Tri-City region.

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

- **Police Officer**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **City Attorney**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Firefighter / AEMT**
- **Building Inspector**
- **Wastewater Pump Station Operator**
- **Municipal Construction Project Administrator**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**

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:

- **Ski Coach**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 4**
- **Second Grade Long Term Substitute (half year)**
- **Paraprofessionals- Special Education**
- **Long Term Substitute 7th Grade Math Teacher**
- **Dover High School Data Coordinator**
- **Interventionist**
- **EMT Instructor**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Title I Interventionist**
- **Boys JV Soccer Coach**
- **District Student Support Counselor**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Accounting Specialist**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Freshman Boys Soccer Coach**
- **Summer Programming Paraprofessionals**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Managers**

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

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