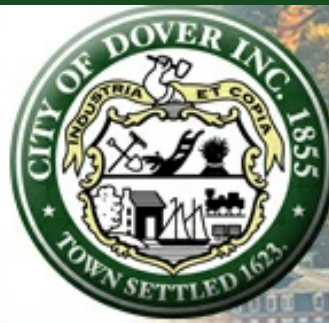


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



June 16, 2023



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8:30 a.m. to 5:30
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Groundbreaking ceremony for Waterfront project is Tuesday, June 20

The city will host a groundbreaking ceremony at the city-owned waterfront site on River Street on Tuesday, June 20, at 5:30 p.m., and the public is invited to attend.

The ceremony marks the construction phase, decades in the making. The first part of the construction is public improvements, which form a significant part of this project, from constructing a new street system for site access to establishing necessary utilities for the upcoming buildings. A new 3.4-acre public riverfront park, shoreline stabilization, site grading to account for projected sea-level rise, and a new stormwater management system with green infrastructure are also part of the project.

The project also includes a private development component led by developer Cathartes, which is expected to begin next year once some of the public improvements are complete. The development plan includes three mixed-use buildings, two multi-family buildings, and three clusters of townhouses.

Approved by the Planning Board in June 2022, the development

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

aims to revitalize the Dover waterfront and introduce approximately 26,000 square feet of commercial space and 418 residential units, comprising both rental and condominium units for sale.

The waterfront development project, which has been in the planning stages for years, took a significant step forward with the approval of the city's public improvements plan and Cathartes' site plan last year.

For more information about the waterfront development project, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/cochecho-waterfront-development/>



A rendering of the new skatepark's first phase. Construction of the park begins next week.

Construction of new Dover skatepark begins next week

Work on the new skatepark at Guppy Park is set to begin next week.

Recreation Director Gary Bannon updated the Recreation Advisory Board about the construction plans at its June 12 meeting. Bannon told the board that depending on the timing of construction, he was hopeful for a September dedication. The construction area will be fenced off until the project is complete.

Previous site work occurred at Guppy Park to prepare for the skatepark during the fall and spring; light poles were also installed.

In 2021, the City Council awarded the bid to construct the first phase of the skatepark to Artisan Skateparks of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, for a cost not to exceed \$500,000. As envisioned, the skatepark would include three elements, the main skate park, a skate bowl, and a BMX pump track. The skate park will be built first, followed by the bowl and pump track in a future phase, as funding allows.

River Street skatepark halfpipe up for auction

Last week, the city posted for auction the halfpipe located at the current skatepark. The wooden vert ramp, sold as is, is approximately 75 feet long, five feet tall, and eight feet flat with one 10-foot wide extension that is eight feet tall with pool coping. It's framed with lumber in five-foot sections, surfaced with Skatelite.

As of Friday morning, there was one bidder for \$1. See details at <https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.Item&itemid=671&acctid=7450>. The auction ends on Friday, June 23 at 10 a.m.

Traffic restrictions, road closures in place Sunday for road race

On Sunday, June 18, 2023 at 9 a.m., the 13th annual Father's Day 5K Run/Walk event will be held at Margaritas on Members Way. This event is part of the Dover Race Series and benefits the Greater Seacoast Community Health network.

The following road closures and traffic restrictions will be in place:

- **Sixth Street** will be closed in the northerly direction at Indian Brook Drive between 9 and 9:15 a.m. to accommodate the early portion of the race.
- **Indian Brook Drive** will be closed in the westerly direction at Margaritas between 9 and 9:15 a.m. to accommodate the early portion of the race.
- **Venture Drive** will be closed to all traffic from 9 to 10 a.m.

Police officers will be on hand to help facilitate access to Homewood Suites and Northeast Credit Union off Members Way, but some delays should be expected.

Motorists should additionally expect lane shifts and brief delays on Indian Brook Drive and Sixth Street between 9 and 10 a.m. Parking for the event will be at the medical office park at 10 Members Way. Overflow parking may be available at the C&J Bus Terminal and Park and Ride, 23 Indian Brook Drive.

The course follows an out-and-back route utilizing Indian Brook Drive, Sixth Street, and Venture Drive.

More information is available at <https://www.doverraceseries.org/events/father-s-day-5k-2023.html>.



Court Street sewer replacement to begin next month

Work will require daytime closure of Court Street and Middle Road

The emergency sewer replacement project on Court Street is slated to begin after the Fourth of July, which will necessitate the closure of Court Street and Middle Road in the project area.

The project will replace a failing sewer line of about 1,200 feet on Court Street and Middle Road between Tennyson Avenue and Hubbard Road. After a competitive bid process, the City Council awarded the construction contract to D&C Construction Co., of Weymouth, Massachusetts, for a cost not to exceed \$202,100.

The failing sewer line was discovered during the utility investigation in preparation for the Court Street Reconstruction Project, which is anticipated to go out to bid later this year. Because of the condition of the sewer line, city staff recommended its immediate replacement ahead of the full reconstruction project.

The contractor plans to mobilize to the project site beginning on Wednesday, July 5, with work starting on Monday, July 10. Work hours will be Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Work is anticipated to be completed by Sept. 1.

Traffic detour required

To allow the contractor to complete the work, the project area on Court Street and Middle Road will be closed to through traffic during work hours from Tennyson Avenue to Hubbard Road for the project's duration. Road closures will be posted within the project area depending on where the excavation occurs, and only residents within the closed zone will be allowed access. All through traffic should follow marked detour routes or should seek alternate routes.

Sign-up for email updates

To help the public plan for disruptions, the city plans frequent email updates. To sign-up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project update: Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction" to your current email subscription list.

Dover School District offers new mental wellness resource for parents

To help address the ongoing mental health challenges stemming from the pandemic, the Dover School District, Dover Mental Health Alliance, and the Cook Center for Human Connection have partnered to provide a free mental health resource for parents, ParentGuidance.org.

[ParentGuidance.org](https://www.parentguidance.org) is a hub for parents seeking help and answers for their children's mental health needs. It is a platform designed to give everyone access to on-demand virtual courses, professional support, and a safe community for learning and sharing.

Courses cover a range of topics, including anxiety, depression, self-worth, grief and loss, suicidal ideation, and other mental health concerns. These courses are designed and delivered by leading national therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and other certified mental health practitioners.

One of the unique features of ParentGuidance.org is the "Ask a Therapist" portal. Here, parents can ask difficult questions and see questions and answers from other parents. This function allows for a shared learning experience and a supportive community of parents navigating similar challenges.

[The Cook Center for Human Connection](https://www.cookcenter.org) has generously made these resources available in a time of continuing uncertainty and growing mental health concerns.

In case of a mental health emergency, please immediately contact the suicide prevention lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text HOME to 741741.

Upcoming Meetings:

Energy Commission, June 21, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, June 22, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Heritage Commission June 23, 9 a.m.

Dover to celebrate 4th of July with music and fireworks

The City of Dover and Dover400 are choreographing a fireworks display this Fourth of July.

Fireworks will shoot off simultaneously from Garrison Hill and Maglaras Park on Tuesday, July 4, beginning at dusk, around 9:15 p.m.

Henry Law Park and the surrounding downtown areas are the best locations to view the fireworks.

The fireworks display will be preceded by a performance of the 39th Army Band at the Rotary Arts Pavilion from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. Food and novelty vendors will be available at Henry Law Park.

The rain date for the fireworks display only is Wednesday, July 5.

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

The Heritage Commission will hold a special meeting on Friday, June 23, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

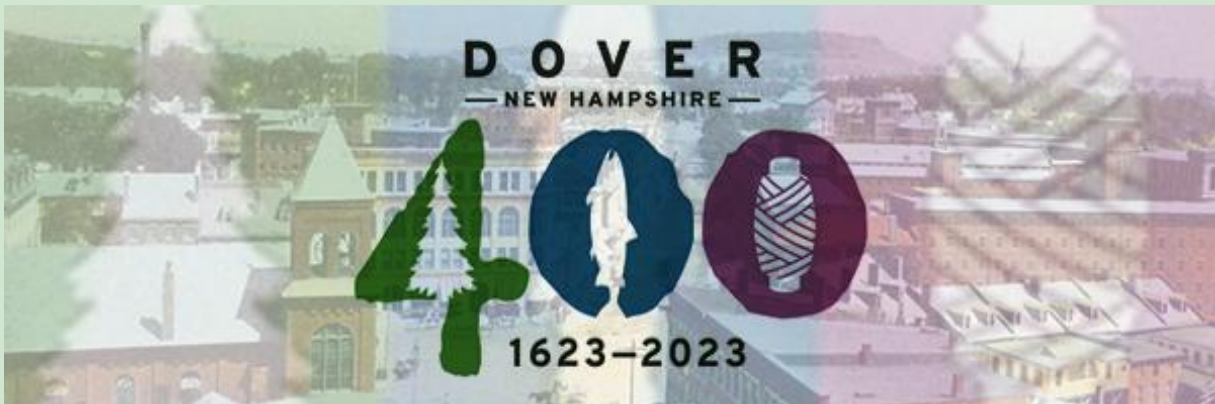
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.



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.dover.nh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.



A guide to celebrating Dover's 400th anniversary

Dover400, the committee organizing Dover's 400th-anniversary celebration, has events scheduled throughout the summer and year as the city reaches this historic milestone.

Dover Mayor Robert Carrier recently said, "We are proud of our history and where we are today. There's a lot to celebrate and look back on."

The Dover400 committee has been organizing events that honor our past and celebrate our future. The event line-up includes something for everyone:

- **June 17-18: 1st NH Regiment** - Camp and Living History on the grounds of the Woodman Museum. Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=629826885855137&set=pcb.629826919188467>
- **June 23: The Dover400 Humdinger**. A comedy show at the Woodman Museum for ages 21+ hosted by Erin Feeley. Learn more: <https://woodmanmuseum.org/event/the-dover400-humdinger/>
- **June 24: Dover on the Water**. A celebration on the water with a boat parade, Merry

Mac Regatta, and gondola rides at Hilton Park. Learn more:

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- **June 25: Baseball of Yesterday and Today.** Games will be played at Leary Field, 155 Parrott Avenue, Portsmouth from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Vintage games playing by 1864 rules of baseball will be played from 12 noon to 3 pm. Portsmouth is also celebrating its 400th Anniversary.
- **June 29: Dover 400 Quilt Reveal.** Cocheco Quilters at the Dover Public Library. Come and witness a historic unveiling of the Dover 400 quilt produced by the Cocheco Quilters using reproduction cloths patterned from the original Cocheco Mills textiles.
- **June 30 - July 1: Piscataqua Company Encampment** Woodman Museum grounds. Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=629826865855139&set=pb.100064834922825.-2207520000>
- **July 1: Dover 400th Anniversary Block Party.** This event will be held along Central Ave, throughout downtown Dover and Henry Law Park, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. In addition to shopping amazing stores and vendors, there will be live entertainment at the Rotary Pavilion from morning 'til night! We are also hosting an interactive walk through the history of Dover in Henry Law Park from 10-4. Learn more: <https://dover400.org/block-party.html>
- **July 2: Dover 400th Anniversary Parade** at 3 p.m. down Central Avenue. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this exciting and historic event. Bands and businesses from all around New England are ready to celebrate with us. Learn more: <https://dover400.org/parade.html>
- **July 4: Celebrate Independence Day** with a reading of the Declaration of Independence reading at Dover City Hall at 9 a.m. Later that evening, come listen to the New Hampshire Army National Guard 39th Army Band from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. at the Rotary Pavilion stage. Enjoy the spectacular fireworks over Dover from two locations.
- **July 7-Aug. 11: Dover400 Cocheco Arts Festival**
- **July 15: Dover Artists exhibition,** opening in the Backstage Gallery at the Art Center. Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/757100162687105/?ref=newsfeed>
- **July 22: The McConnell Story at the Strand,** proceeds to benefit the Woodman Museum. Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1280267805898456>
- **Aug. 11: Milestone Anniversary Celebration.** Join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce in celebrating several chamber members' milestone anniversaries in one combined celebration. Learn more: <https://www.dovernh.org/events/details/milestone-anniversary-celebration-37860>

Stay up-to-date on the latest events by visiting dover400.org.



Pictured, from left, are Dover400 President Kevin McEneaney, Riley Johnston, Khushi Patel, Ella McGough, and Dover400 Scholarship Committee Chair Sheila Jervey.

Dover400 announces scholarship winners

The mission of the Dover400 Committee is to honor our past, celebrate our present, and to inspire our future through meaningful and creative community engagement.

The scholarship program was formed to recognize and award students showing outstanding leadership in community service within the Dover community and their schools. The Dover400 Committee received dozens of applications from impressive students, and the following four exceptional seniors were chosen.

Dover400 Anniversary \$1623Scholarship Winner
Ella McGough, Dover High School

Dover400 \$400 Scholarship Winners
Jack Hatfield, Portsmouth Christian Academy
Khushi Patel, Dover High School
Riley Johnston, Dover High School



Save the Date!

What: Dover's Historical Interactive Walk

Where: Henry Law Park

Date: Saturday July 1, 2023

Time: 10am - 4pm

Who: Free event for everyone



Activities include:

- Opening ceremony at 10am on stage
- Ask Dover historians questions about the community
- "Meet" and interact with famous Dover-ites from the past
- See real artifacts
- Kids vote and cast a ballot
- Scavenger Hunt (pick up at Children's Museum)
- Touch a Truck and UH-60 Blackhawk (weather permitting)
- Food trucks & more!



Other Dover 400 celebration events include:

- Block Party at lower Central Avenue on July 1 starting at 10am
- Piscataqua Company Encampment at Woodman Museum June 30 - July 1
- Dover 400th Anniversary Parade July 2 starting at 3pm

For more details and events, go to www.dover400.org



Boat race part of festivities in celebration of Dover's 400th anniversary

The Great Bay Yacht Club, in collaboration with Dover 400, is pleased to announce the upcoming boat race event as part of the Dover on the Water festivities. This event will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Great Bay Yacht Club and Hilton State Park.

"Dover by The Water" is an event dedicated to honoring the 50 miles of water surrounding Dover while celebrating the remarkable 400-year history of this vibrant city. As a key highlight of the festivities, the boat race will showcase the spirit of sailing and bring together participants of all ages and skill levels.

The race will adhere to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, as well as the Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) provided at the Skippers' Meeting. While Merry Macs will be featured, the event welcomes other small sailing boats and dinghies, such as Oyster River Cats, Handy Cats, and Nutshell Prams. In the event of sufficient participation, additional starts and courses may be employed to accommodate all boats.

Participants of all ages are eligible to compete in the boat race, and the entry fee is \$40. The schedule for the day includes registration at 2 p.m. at Hilton Park, followed by the Skippers' Meeting at 3 p.m. The first warning signal is scheduled for 4 p.m., with subsequent races to follow. No starts will occur after approximately 6 p.m., around high tide at 6:09 p.m. at Dover Point. After the races, an awards ceremony, barbecue, storytelling, and other enjoyable activities will take place at the Great Bay Yacht Club.

To ensure a smooth experience, participants must register before the Skippers' Meeting. Sailing Instructions will be available at the meeting. Scoring will be conducted using Low Point Scoring as per RRS Appendix A, allowing for one discard if four races are completed.

The racing area will span from the Hilton Park ramp, where participants will launch, sailing upstream to the designated area. Courses will include windward-leeward and triangle configurations, utilizing inflatable marks.

The boat race will culminate with awards presented to the first- through fifth-place finishers, with recognition given to other boat classes in attendance. For more information or inquiries, please text Tom Brown at 603-978-4765.

Online registration for the boat race is now open and can be accessed by following this link: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5996048>.

This week in DOVER HISTORY

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

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

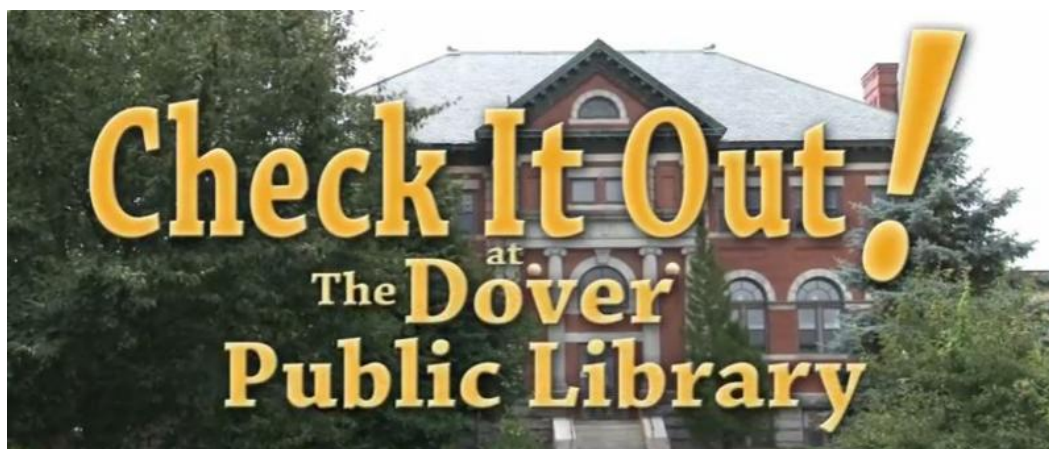
June 23, 1825 — The long-expected visit of the Nation's guest, General Lafayette, was made to Dover at this time. Having come from Concord, where he had been received by the Legislature, he was met near the Durham line by the Dover committee of arrangements and a large number of citizens in carriages and on horseback, among whom were about 30 young gentlemen, from 15 to 20 years of age, in uniform dress, and mounted, who added much interest to the scene.

June 18, 1833 — A public meeting was held to make arrangements for the reception of President Jackson, then on a visit to Concord, who was expected to pass through town on his way to Portland. But the President, in consequence of feeble health, returned directly to Boston and Washington.

June 24, 1853 — Miss Elisabeth Coffin died this day at age 68. She was a lineal descendant of Peter Coffin and the last to retain the family name in Dover. She lived and died on lands originally owned by her ancestor and which had remained in the family for 200 years.

June 19, 1958 — Wesley Powell, then the president of the Dover Industrial Corp., announced on this day that Tiara Footwear Inc. had leased the top floor of the vacant Pacific Mills building and would begin manufacturing operations in Dover. The company expected to employ more than 400 people once production was underway.

June 18, 1999 — The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce on this day announced the lineup for the 13th annual Cochecho Arts Festival. Performers announced for the Children's Series included magician BJ Hickman. Hickman, the only performer who has appeared every year since the festival began in 1987, will appear again at this year's 37th annual Cochecho Arts Festival. For more information about this year's Cochecho Arts Festival, visit <https://www.dovernh.org/cochecho-arts-festival>.



This Week at the Library

June VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Bowls* by America's Test Kitchen. Throughout the month of June, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages.

Photos can be sent to Emily at e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, June 19, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Family Summer Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes hearing books, singing songs, and enjoying activities highlighting wonderful Dover community workers.

Monday, June 19, 3 to 4 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennet. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. *Register if you would like to attend remotely.*

Monday, June 19, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sprint into Summer

Summer reading kick-off event at the Dover High School track. Walk, run, crawl, or roll! There will be music, prizes, pizza, and cake. Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading program too!

Monday, June 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennet. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. *Register if you would like to attend remotely.*

Monday, June 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

An Enduring Presence:

The Old Man of the Mountain

The program examines the Old Man's role in shaping New Hampshire's identity from its first recorded discovery in the early 19th century until today. *Register if you would like to attend remotely.*

Tuesday, June 20, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Police Station Tour

Meet at the Dover Police Station (46 Chestnut Street) for a behind the scenes tour. All ages are welcome.

Tuesday, June 20, 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21, 10:30 to 11:45 am

Caregiver Café

Dover area family caregivers are invited to join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education and conversation.

Wednesday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

All Abilities Club:

Wednesday Morning Movie

Come for a showing of *Big Trouble in Little China*. Jack Burton, a rational, wise-cracking, long-distance trucker, is in for a big surprise when he decides to help his best friend Wang free his kidnapped fiancée, Miao Yin.

Wednesday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Summer Lego Club

Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build their own creations. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library. CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.

Wednesday, June 21, 2 to 3:15 p.m.

Art in the Park with Arts in Reach

Teens entering grades 6-12 are welcome to join us Henry Law Park for a messy art activity with Arts in Reach! Please wear clothing that you don't mind getting art supplies on.

Wednesday, June 21, 6 to 8 p.m.

Family Game Night

Join the library on the third Wednesday of every month to play a fun selection of card and board games, and meet other board game enthusiasts in the community! All ages welcome!

Thursday, June 22, 3 to 4 p.m.

Summer Crafternoon for Kids:

Retro Crafts

Kids in grades 1 and up and preschoolers, with an adult care-giver, are welcome to make a craft that was popular when parents or grandparents were kids themselves.

Thursday, June 22, 6 to 7 p.m.

How to Start a Book Journal

Learn about the different ways to create and maintain a book journal with options for print, digital, and online journalling. Supplies are included, but if you've got a fancy paper notebook you've always wanted to use, feel free to bring that with you. If you want to try out online or digital journals please bring your laptop or smart phone.

Registration required.

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Wednesday, June 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group

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

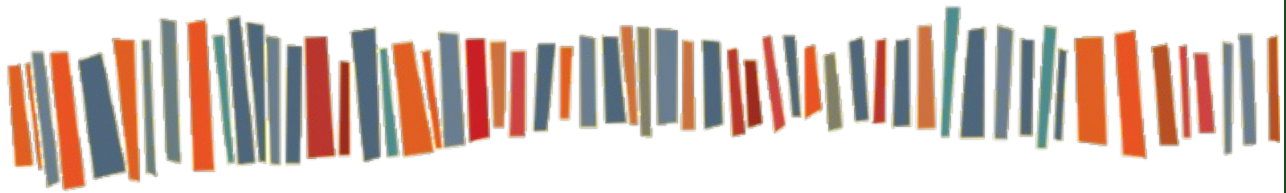
Cocheco River Writers

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

Friday, June 23, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

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



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:

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Heritage Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arts Commission
- 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 Susan Mistretta at s.mistretta@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:

- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **City Planner**
- **Firefighter / EMT**
- **Police Systems IT Technician**
- **Truck Driver -- Streets**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator -- Utilities**
- **Laborer -- Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker -- Summer intern**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker -- Facilities and Grounds**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Inspection Services Office Assistant**

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

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