

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 22, 2024



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, Saturday:



Council to award bid for Fifth and Grove project, purchase solar array

The City Council holds its second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. Some of the items on the Council's agenda for consideration include:

Awarding the construction bid for the Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project to N. Granese and Sons of Salem, Massachusetts, for \$5,147,405. The project includes installing new storm drains, catch basins, maintenance holes, water mains, hydrants, street lighting, electrical conduit and duct banks, and reconstruction of streets and sidewalks. If approved, the project is slated to begin later this year. A related agenda item would authorize an additional scope of work with the project design consultant Woodward and Curran of Andover, Massachusetts for \$436,000 for construction administration and a resident project engineer to oversee the reconstruction work.

Purchasing of the solar array atop the Dover Indoor Pool and

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. New Hampshire Children's Museum for \$140,224 from Revision Energy, which installed the rooftop array in 2018. Per the power purchase agreement, the city has the opportunity to purchase the array outright. The purchase would come from the non-debt financed capital reserve funds, as authorized by the FY2025-2030 Capital Improvements Plan.

The Council will hold a public hearing on setting tax exemptions for the elderly, blind, and disabled for fiscal year 2025. The resolution increases the exemption qualifying criteria for the elderly, disabled, and deaf. It increases the amount of assessed value exempt from property taxes for eligible elderly, blind, disabled and deaf persons. The amounts of each exemption level and qualifying criteria were last increased for FY2023. All applications for exemptions must be made to the tax assessment office by April 15, 2024, to be effective for fall 2024 property taxes. <u>Click here</u> for more information on property tax exemptions.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. <u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda. The Council will also hold a budget workshop beginning at 5:30 p.m. See below for more information. Both sessions will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



City Council budget deliberations continue in weeks ahead

The City Council held its final public hearing on the proposed FY2025 budget at a March 20 special meeting. The public is invited to continue to provide input on the budget at the Council's upcoming meetings and budget workshops.

The City Council will hold its next budget workshop on Wednesday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m. to begin its general budget review. A regular City Council meeting follows at 7 p.m.

The Council will continue its general budget review at a Wednesday, April 3 workshop. If the Council is ready after the workshop, it will call a special meeting to adopt the FY2025 budget. If the Council does not adopt the budget that night, it will do so the following week at its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10.

For more information, visit the Budget Revealed resource on the city's website.

Upcoming budget meetings and workshops

Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 p.m.

City Council workshop General budget review The public can also comment on the budget during a public forum at the regular meeting following the workshop

Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m.

City Council workshop General budget review Following the workshop: City Council special meeting for budget adoption

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.

City Council regular meeting Fallback budget adoption date

Sign up for the Budget Revealed newsletter

The City Manager releases a weekly newsletter, Budget Revealed, which provides a host of information about the FY2025 budget process, including a recap of any budget presentations that week and a preview of what will occur the following week. Sign up for the newsletter here: <u>https://bit.ly/doverdownload</u>. Select "Budget Revealed" from the list of newsletters.

The newsletters are posted to the FY2025 Budget Revealed page once published.

Community Services, Planning Department to hold budget open houses next week

As the City Council continues to review the proposed fiscal year 2025 municipal budget, the Community Services Department and Planning Department will host open house sessions to provide information and answer questions about their budgets and departmental operations.

The Planning Department will hold an open house on Tuesday, March 26, at the Planning Department at City Hall, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Planning staff will be on hand to meet with the public and answer questions about the Planning Department's proposed budget, as well as any questions about planning and community development. For more information about the open house, contact the Office of Planning and Community Development at 603-516-6008.

The Community Services budget open house will be held on Thursday, March 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road. Attendees can tour the facility, speak with staff about department operations, and learn details about Community Services' portion of the fiscal year 2025 budget proposal.

Community Services oversees a wide range of municipal operations and public works functions in Dover. The department's responsibilities encompass areas such as water and sewer operations, facilities maintenance, cemetery operations, engineering, road repairs, snow removal, stormwater management, parks and grounds, solid waste and recycling, utilities, and more.

For more information about the open house, call Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Information on the full proposed city budget and the proposed Community Services and Planning Department budgets are available online at <u>www.dover.nh.gov</u>.



Wentworth-Douglass Hospital donates \$150K for Dover Police youth outreach, substance misuse programs

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital has donated \$150,000 to aid the Dover Police Department's community outreach bureau and its efforts to achieve healthier youth and families.

The grant is part of the hospital's continued support and advancement of 'Dover Youth to Youth' (Y2Y), the department's after-school drug prevention program for Dover students in grades 6-12, as well as the department's outreach social worker.

"These programs will have a meaningful impact on addressing the need for communitybased outreach services and the need for both mental health, and substance misuse treatment and prevention services," said Wentworth-Douglass community benefits manager Meaghan Heusler.

Dover Police say they are specifically aiming to reduce substance misuse, promote mental health wellness, address social determinants of health, and support individuals in accessing care – including primary care.

"The activities and initiatives of the department's Community Outreach Bureau have a tremendous impact on the health and safety of this community," said Dover Police Chief William Breault. "There is a long history of collaboration between our organizations for the betterment of this community, so I'm grateful for the support from Wentworth-Douglass once again."

Dover Police have used previous grants from Wentworth-Douglass to support a variety of initiatives, including the creation of public service announcements, training for local employers to recognize the signs of substance misuse and how to help, the exploration of drug treatment models to support recovery, the development of school and community projects to raise awareness and provide an organized method for local partners to collectively develop solutions.

Wentworth-Douglass conducts a Community Health Needs Assessment every three years to identify where the hospital should focus its programs and services to improve the overall health of the individuals and families it serves. The funds donated are approved by the hospital's Community Benefit Funding Disbursement Committee and are not raised through any public or private donations.



A crew began drilling test borings today, Friday, March 22, in anticipation of planned upgrades at the Public Library.

Crew drills test pits at Library to help with design of future upgrades

A contractor began drilling test borings near the parking lot entrance of the Dover Public Library today, March 22, and the work is expected to last for much of the day.

The test borings are part of the design phase for the facility upgrades planned for the library. As currently envisioned, the project would include creating a new entrance, stairway, and elevator from the parking lot to allow patrons better access to the rest of the building. Other interior renovations are planned, such as replacing the fire sprinkler system, upgrading the building's heating and ventilation system, relocating restrooms, and creating meeting areas in the library to accommodate small groups. The City Council authorized \$6,700,000 in bonding for the project in December 2023 when adopting the FY2025-2030 Capital Improvements Plan. Though still in the design phase, the project may begin as early as this fall.



Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection

Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, March 23, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the Dover Transportation Center, starting at the Community Trail trailhead in the back parking lot. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise, meet new people, and help out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers and safety vests available to loan if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <u>https://bit.ly/3Tk2LNf</u>.

Citywide street sweeping begins April 1

Community Services is scheduled to begin annual street sweeping operations on April 1, 2024, and will continue through early June.

Some sweeping may begin before April 1 and consist of cleaning sidewalks with blowers and brooms.

Downtown streets are scheduled to be cleaned first before moving to the rest of the city.

Street sweeping typically starts at 3 a.m. and may require temporary parking restrictions.

Signage, email, and social media will provide advanced notice of any parking restrictions. To sign up for these and other alerts, add "Dover Alert: public safety alerts and special announcements" to your current email subscription list here: <u>https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters</u>.

In addition to beautifying the city, street sweeping helps reduce the number of pollutants entering the stormwater system. Throughout the year, the city estimates street sweeping reduces the annual nitrogen load that flows into the Great Bay Estuary by 43 pounds.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

School Board, March 25, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, March 25, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in School Board Chambers, room 306, at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

School Board, March 25, 6:30 p.m.

River Street to close in April for summer

Closure related to utility, roadway work for waterfront project

River Street will be closed to through traffic 24 hours a day beginning in April and continuing through the summer. The target closing date is Monday, April 8, which is anticipated to last at least through Labor Day in September 2024.

The closure will allow contractors to install a new water main, stormwater drainage, and electrical duct bank related to the waterfront project and complete other roadway work. Work is also underway to repair the damaged Cochecho River The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, March 25, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in School Board Chambers, room 306, at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Housing Authority, March 26, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

To view the public hearing agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, March 27, 5:30 p.m.

The City Council will hold a budget workshop session on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, March 27, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

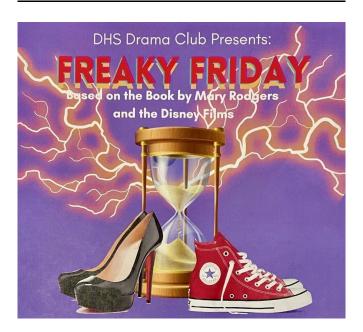
To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

shoreline next to River Street.

When River Street is closed, public parking is also prohibited. However, public parking is available nearby, such as on Henry Law Avenue.

More information about the closure and any detours will be posted later this month.

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



DHS Drama Club to perform 'Freaky Friday' tonight, Saturday

The Dover High School Drama Club will present "Freaky Friday" based on the book by Mary Rodgers and the Disney Films on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23. The show begins at 7 p.m. each night in the Dover High School Auditorium.

Admission is \$8 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults.

For more information, contact Dover High School at 603-516-6900.

Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs, March 28, 5:30 p.m.

The Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

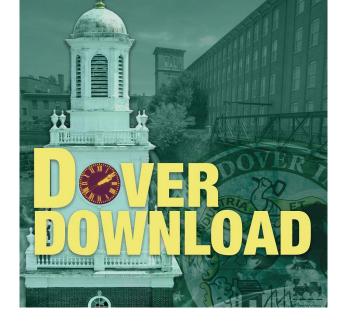
To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Planning Board - Master Plan Subcommittee, March 28, 6 p.m.

The Planning Board - Master Plan Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in 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/gover nment/open-government/publicmeetings/.



Regional Spotlight: Economic Growth in Rochester

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Michael Scala, the Economic Development Director for the city of Rochester, the second in a series on the regional economy. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at https://bit.ly/3lvVRzv.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

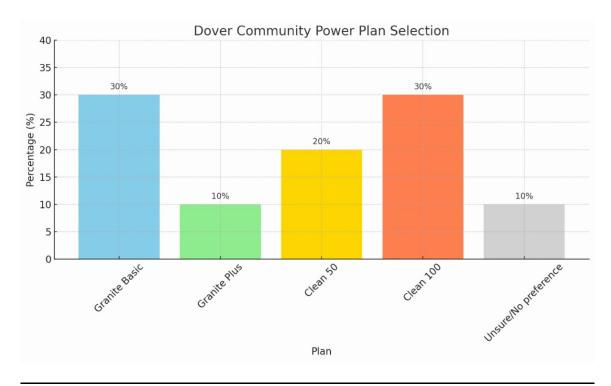
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: "Do you volunteer in Dover? If so, where?"

Let us know here: <u>https://polco.us/fqwncw</u>.

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 top results from last week's poll, which asked, "If you're enrolled in Dover Community Power, which plan did you choose?"





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 <u>located here</u>.

March 22, 1684 — A prodigious tide, rising some feet higher than the observation of the oldest settlers, did great damage to wharves and warehouses along the Piscataqua, including in Dover.

March 26, 1759 — At a public town meeting held at the old meeting house on Pine Hill, Col. John Gage, Capt. Howard Henderson and Lt. Dudley Watson were chosen a committee to petition the General Assembly for liberty to raise money by a lottery to build a bridge over the Cochecho River. It was also voted to have two schools in town, exclusive of a grammar school and the school in the part of Dover that is now Madbury.

March 25, 1765 — The town voted to have five schools for the term of six months,

increasing the number from that required by law, which appears to have been three including Madbury, which was still a parish of Dover.

March 25, 1856 — Dover's new city government, established in 1855, held an organizational meeting on this day. And rew Peirce, the mayor-elect, took the oath of office, and Charles Clements, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, surrendered the town's official seals and records to his successor.

March 27, 1998 — New York Jets linebacker and Dover resident Dwayne Gordon visited Garrison Elementary School on this day. He spoke to nearly 300 third, fourth, and fifthgraders, stressing the importance of education, staying drug-free, and looking up to parents as role models. Gordon had played football at the University of New Hampshire and was drafted by the Miami Dolphins in 1993. He joined the New York Jets in 1997.

Dover Chamber to host State of the City March 28

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the 2024 State of the City on Thursday, March 28, from 8 to 10 a.m. at 121 Broadway, Dover. A hot breakfast will be served and pre-registration is required.

City of Dover Recreation Director Gary S. Bannon will provide an overview of the Culture and Recreation Chapter of Dover's Master Plan and discuss the role that recreation plays in the City's overall development. Following his keynote address. Bannon will be joined by a group of panelists who will talk about some of the challenges that have arisen as Dover becomes an increasingly attractive place for both businesses and individuals to locate. Panelists include Ryan Pope, Housing Navigator for the City of Dover; Thomas A. Toye IV, Owner/Broker of Arthur Thomas Properties; and Toni Gooch, AVP Commercial Relationship Manager of Kennebunk Savings Bank.

Eversource and Kennebunk Savings sponsor the 2024 State of the City. The registration fee is \$25, and the event is open to the public. Visit DoverNH.org/SOTC to register or for more information.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-

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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 programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.

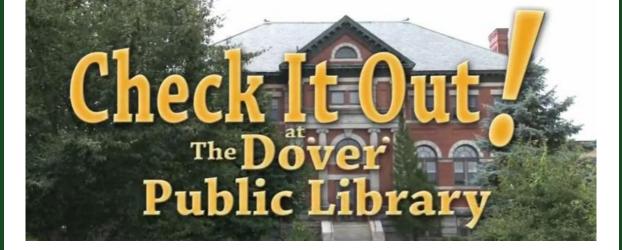
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Gary S. Bannon Recreation Director, City of Dover

PANELISTS





Library to host 22nd annual Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library announced its 22nd annual Poetry Contest for students in grades K-12 and adults ages 18 and older.

Prizes will be awarded in seven categories: grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and adults. Poems will be judged on originality, style, and creativity.

The entry deadline is April 17. Students and adults can pick up contest information at the Dover Public Library, Dover school libraries, or online at <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u>.

All participants are invited to an "Evening of Poetry" on May 20 at 6:30 p.m. Participants may voluntarily read their poetry at this event.

For more information, contact Emily Ainaire at 603-516-6082.

This Week at the Library

Weds., March 13 - Weds., April 17 22nd Annual Poetry Contest

The Dover Public Library is pleased to announce the 22nd Annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for seacoast area residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and adults ages 18 & older. Poems will be judged on originality, style, and creativity. Deadline for entry is April 17. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library or online at library.dover.nh.gov.

Mon., March 18 - Sun., March 31 Annual Peeps Contest

Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard size shoe box, no larger than 16"x16". Create your diorama based on a scene from a book. The first twelve entries will receive a free plush Peep bunny! Children ages 4-8 may enter the Kids Division, and ages 9-12 may enter in the Youth Division. Peep Artists 13-19 years old may enter the Teen

Weds., March 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Book Club

Join us at Blue Latitudes (431 Central Ave., Dover) to discuss *Unlikely Animals* by Annie Hartnett. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mug Painting

BRING YOUR OWN MUG. Come design a mug with paints and paint markers. We'll be using a dishwasher safe sealant to make permanent your imaginative artwork. This is not an instructional session. Just come be creative and relax. *Registration required.*

Wednesday, March 27, 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, March 28, 10 am to 12 pm

Division, while those 20 or older may compete in the Adult Division. Please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show" on the back of the shoe box. You can pick up an entry form at the Library.

Sunday, March 24, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Silent Reading Group

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

Monday, March 25, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Big Kids Storytime

Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join us for a storytime with more in-depth, challenging picture books. *Registration required.*

Monday, March 25, 6 to 7 p.m. Quiet time: A Group for Parents and Caregivers of Young Children

Parents and caregivers of young children are invited to this relaxed, open forum community group. We'll discuss a variety of topics, from navigating childcare to going back to work. Feel free to bring a light snack along with you to enjoy, and we'll provide tea. Lap children are welcome, but we kindly ask that older children stay at home.

Monday, March 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sally Ride: America's First Woman Astronaut

In this one woman play, Sally Ride's life is traced from her childhood to her adulthood. Learn about Ride's love of science and sports, especially tennis. The story continues with Ride being picked to be the first American woman astronaut and about her life and career after her time at NASA—from her research with the two shuttle disasters and Sally Ride Science, the organization she created to encourage girls' interest in math and science.

Tuesday, March 26, 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, March 26, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons

Piece by Piece Puzzle Club What can improve your memory, reduce stress and help you make new friends? Cooperative puzzling. Come to relax, chat with fellow puzzlers and of course make the puzzle Piece by Piece.

Thursday, March 28, 10 to 10:45 am Arts and Crafts Storytime

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

Thursday, March 28, 4 to 5 p.m. Multilingual Book Group

Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center lead this group that features a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. This program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3 (other ages OK).

Thursday, March 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m. BeTWEEN the Pages -Make March Magical

BeTWEEN the Pages is a monthly book club just for kids ages 9-12. Read any book with a magical theme including magical creatures, people, etc. Audiobooks and Graphic Novels count too! We will discuss our favorite Magical stories and do a craft. Popcorn, cookies and water will be provided. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 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, March 29, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby: Spring Sock Hop!

For babies 0-5 with their caregiver. Join us for a 50's and 60's bop themed Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby! Sing songs, dance and have a wonderful silly time with classics from the 50's and 60's!

Saturday, March 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Meaningful Conversations

Meaningful Conversations can be a personally satisfying experience for everyone and these conversations can bring people together in friendship with a feeling of human connection. These with Game Master Dave. This 18 and older group is for new and veteran roleplaying 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.

Weds., March 27, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime Children of all ages with caregivers are

invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Weds., March 27, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All Abilities Music Club Join us for a lively sing-along to your favorite tunes. weekly conversations, focused on such topics as "The Arts as Inspiration," "Healing Racism," and "Mind Full or Mindful?" began during the pandemic as part of a national initiative to bring people together in conversation about moral and social matters.

Saturday, March 30, 2 to 3 p.m. Special STEM Event: The Solar Eclipse We will gather in the library to discover, learn, and explore the eclipse phenomena through fun science and math experiments. All ages are welcome.

NHDES continues cleanup at site of diesel spill in Dover

Agency says drinking water not believed to be at risk

A truck carrying diesel fuel and heating oil overturned on the evening of Monday, March 18, on Route 16 northbound near the Dover/Rochester line, causing a significant spill. However, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) states there is currently "near zero risk" to public or private drinking water supplies in the area.

Approximately 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 800 gallons of heating oil were released, impacting the roadside and a nearby swale. Based on assessments of the spilled materials, site conditions, and timely response actions, NHDES does not expect any impact on drinking water supplies near the affected area.

The fuel company responsible for the spill has been proactive in coordinating the cleanup with its insurance providers, a remediation contractor, and an environmental consultant under NHDES oversight.

Dover Fire and Rescue and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) provided immediate spill response to contain the release and prevent entry into storm drains or surface waters. Vacuum trucks, absorbent booms, dams, and trenches were rapidly deployed to limit the spread of contamination.

Contaminated soil excavation began today, Thursday, March 21, and will continue over the next week, requiring some lane closures. The extent of removal is determined by field screening and laboratory analysis results.

Although NHDES currently assesses there is no risk to drinking water supplies, additional investigation will occur if any indication arises that fuel has migrated away from the immediate spill scene.

All inquiries regarding this incident should be directed to the NHDES Public Information Office line at 603-271-3503.

Tri-City forum takes up lending for small business

Meet your local business lenders at the Tri-City Lending Expo for Small Businesses on Tuesday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event will take place at the James W. Foley Memorial Community Center, located at 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester.

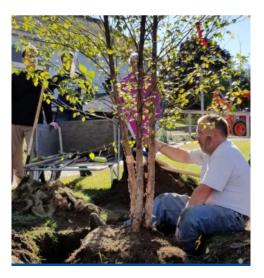
The Tri-City Lending Expo for Small Businesses is your one-stop shop for all your lending needs. Meet with local lenders and financial experts who want to help you grow your business. Get valuable advice on securing loans, managing your finances, and finding the best funding opportunities. Discover new resources and networking opportunities to enhance your business.

Don't miss this chance to take your small business to the next level. Free to attend. Register by March 26.

Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens to host tree planting workshop

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens invite you to a tree planting workshop on Wednesday, April 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

NH Division of Forests and Lands staff will educate the public about proper tree planting. Topics will include selecting the right tree for the right place, improving young tree survival rate, increasing species and genius diversity, establishing a watering schedule, and when to prune your tree.



This event is free and open to the public. The event will be held rain or shine. No registration is necessary.

Presented by A.J. Dupere, Urban Forrester, and other NH Division of Forests and Land staff.

Contact Elizabeth Fischer at <u>fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com</u> or call 603-817-1843 for more information.

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:

- Arena Commission
- Energy Commission
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee
- Planning Board

- Pool Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- 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, <u>available here</u> 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 <u>j.bizier@dover.nh.gov</u>. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

- Firefighter/EMT
- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Planning Division Supervisor
- Camera Operator
- Water Treatment Operator
- Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities
- Water Exercise Instructor
- Account Clerk
- Laborer, Utilities
- Truck Driver, Utilities
- Fire/Life Safety Inspector
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Summer Camp Supervisor
- Director of Recreation
- Custodian McConnell Center
- Seasonal Maintenance Worker

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

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:

- Dover Middle School Head Baseball Coach
- Day Porter at Dover High School Facilities
- Elementary 3rd grade Teacher
- Dover High School JV Field Hockey Coach
- Paraprofessionals
- DALC Administrative Assistant
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Physical Education/Wellness Teacher
- 5th Grade Teacher
- Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Long Term Substitute



Dover Middle School Girls Head Lacrosse Coach

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