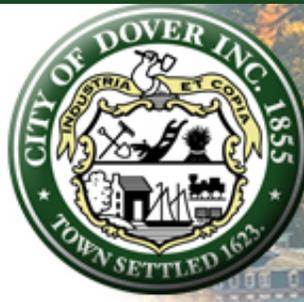


# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 27, 2026



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DOVER, NH**

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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,

## **BUDGET** Revealed

**YOUR GUIDE TO THE  
FY2027 BUDGET**

## **Council to hold final budget workshop, may vote on FY2027 plan**

The City Council will [hold a workshop](#) on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 for general budget review of the FY2027 budget. The workshop begins at 6 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. The workshop provides a forum for the City Council to seek additional information and shape the budget into its final form.

Council members will discuss what aspects of the proposed budget they want to keep, add to, and/or remove. Over the course of the budget preparation cycle, the City Manager collects suggestions of potential budget line item increases or decreases and adds them to a spreadsheet. Each line item includes the estimated tax rate change and the impact on an average residential tax bill. The City Manager discussed the [initial draft](#) of this document during the March 15 workshop.

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

Following the workshop, if it is ready, the City Council will call [a special meeting](#) for a budget adoption vote. The Council may also opt to defer adoption to its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 8. City ordinance requires the City Council to adopt the city's budget annually by April 15, which goes into effect on July 1.

## Ways to provide budget input

Members of the public may voice their input during the Public Forum section of the City Council's April 1 workshop and special meeting, and by emailing the City Council at [CityCouncil-All@dover.nh.gov](mailto:CityCouncil-All@dover.nh.gov).

## Budget Meeting Schedule

All budget meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Wednesday, April 1 – 6 p.m. Workshop: General Budget Review
- Wednesday, April 1 – Special Meeting: Budget Adoption (immediately following the workshop)
- Wednesday, April 8 – Regular Meeting: Fallback budget adoption date

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. releases a weekly newsletter that recaps any budget-related presentations and a look ahead to what will occur the following week. Sign up for the newsletter at [bit.ly/doverdownload](https://bit.ly/doverdownload), and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of newsletters. The most recent newsletter can be [viewed here](#) or on the city's [Budget Revealed](#) FY2027 online resource.

For a complete guide to the FY2027 proposed budget, including meeting videos, documents, presentations, and the budget book, visit the city's [Budget Revealed](#) FY2027 online resource at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2027-budget/>

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# Deadline for property tax credits, exemptions is April 15

## City Council increases exemptions for veterans, elderly, blind, deaf, disabled

The City of Dover offers property tax exemptions for qualified property owners that include veterans, the elderly, the blind, the deaf, the disabled, and those with solar energy systems.

To qualify for tax exemptions, a person must apply and demonstrate that they meet requirements set out by state law, such as residency, asset, and income limits. The deadline to apply for exemptions for the December 2026 property tax bill is Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

This week, the City Council voted unanimously to increase property tax exemption qualifying criteria and exemption levels consistent with changes in market values and

Consumer Price Index adjusted income and asset levels.

Applications for tax exemptions are available at the Tax Assessment Office in City Hall and online on the Tax Assessments' [Application webpage](#).

### **Tax Credit for Veterans**

The City of Dover offers credits for qualified veterans, their spouses, or surviving spouse, including:

**Veterans' Credit** provides up to \$750 per year for those who served on active service in a qualifying war/conflict with applicable awards. This credit also encompasses service members who have served on active service in a qualifying war/conflict and remain on active duty, and includes training for active duty by a member of the National Guard or Reserve member.

**All Veterans' Credit** provides up to \$750 per year for those who served or are currently serving and are not eligible for the Veterans' Credit. This also includes training for active duty by a member of the National Guard or Reserve.

**Service-Connected Total and Permanent Disability Credit**, providing up to \$4,750 annually to veterans totally and permanently disabled due to a service-connected disability; double amputees or paraplegics due to service-connected injuries also qualify.

Please refer to RSA 72:28, RSA 72:28-b, and RSA 21:50 for specific state law language regarding eligibility for these credits. Veterans and active service members are encouraged to contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014 with questions about veteran tax credits and/or eligibility.

### **Elderly Tax Credit**

Provides at least \$223,500 off the assessed property value for those who meet age, income, asset, and residency requirements.

- For ages 65 to 74, the exemption is \$223,500
- For ages 75 to 79, the exemption is \$315,300
- For ages 80 and older, the exemption is \$404,100

### **Blind Exemption**

Provides \$223,500 off the assessed property value for those who are legally blind. Must meet residency requirements.

### **Deaf Exemption**

Provides \$223,500 off the assessed property value for those who are deaf or have a severe hearing impairment. Must meet residency, income, and asset requirements.

### **Disability Exemption**

Provides \$223,500 off the assessed property value for those who are eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled. Must meet residency, income, and asset requirements.

### **Exemption for Solar Energy Systems**

Provides up to \$30,000 off the property's assessed value of a solar energy system. As defined by RSA 72:61, a solar energy system utilizes energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building that includes one or more collectors and a storage container. It also means a system that provides electricity for a building using photovoltaic panels. The exemption amount is the assessed value of the solar energy system, up to \$30,000.



**Kevin Sprague, Dover Baseball's past president, speaks at the 27th annual Heyliger Awards ceremony on Thursday, March 26. Sprague was named volunteer of the year at the awards ceremony, which is hosted by Dover Recreation and the Dover Recreation Advisory Board.**

## **27th Heyliger Awards celebrate Dover's youth sports volunteers, sponsors**

The Recreation Department and Recreation Advisory Board honored Dover's youth sports volunteers and community sponsors during the 27th annual Don Heyliger Awards ceremony on March 26 at City Hall.

The annual event brings together local youth organizations to recognize individuals and businesses whose time, leadership and generosity help sustain recreation programs across the city. The awards are named in memory of former Recreation Director Don Heyliger and reflect the values he championed: inclusion, respect, encouragement and a commitment to helping young people grow through sport.

Recreation Director Kevin Hebert welcomed attendees and emphasized the broader impact of volunteerism in Dover.

"Tonight, we recognize the hard work, talents and perseverance of individuals who have made remarkable contributions to our local youth organizations," Hebert said. "Their efforts inspire us all and remind us of the incredible potential within each of us."

Award recipients were recognized from organizations across the city, including Garrison City F.C., Dover Football League, Dover Recreation Basketball, Dover Youth Hockey, Dover Youth Softball, Dover Baseball and Dover Little Green Cheerleading.

The Recreation Advisory Board selected Collins Sports of Rochester as the 2025 Sponsor of the Year, recognizing the business's longstanding support of youth athletics across Dover. The board also honored Riverbend Pizza and Subs with a special recognition award for more than four decades of community involvement.

Kevin Sprague, Dover Baseball's past president, was named Volunteer of the Year, recognized for more than 30 years of service to youth athletics in the city. In accepting the

award, Sprague reflected on the role sports play in strengthening the community.

“Sports isn’t about winning and losing, it’s about building the community,” Sprague said. “We have hundreds of community-building events all the time, and that’s what makes this city special.”

Hebert also highlighted the importance of engaging the next generation of volunteers, noting the impact that coaches and mentors have on young athletes.

“There is something to say about giving back,” Hebert said. “I challenge the young men and women here tonight to follow in the footsteps of the greatness we recognized, to be there for someone else.”

The full ceremony is currently airing on DoverTV, and can be viewed online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=7GAuTb2gsKboA4VJ> or you DTV's YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/WrsiroZaO4A>



## Street sweeping operations underway

### Work often occurs early morning hours

Community Services began its annual street-sweeping operations this week.

Operations will start as early as 3 a.m., allowing sweepers to be more efficient due to reduced traffic.

Community Services will conduct the work through early June, weather and other conditions permitting, with downtown streets scheduled for cleaning first before moving to the rest of the city. Sidewalks will be swept first, followed by sweeping each city street, lot, and school grounds, utilizing sweepers, blowers, and brooms. Sweeping begins first in the downtown area and works outward.

Temporary parking restrictions will be in place as needed to allow full street sweeping.

The annual cleaning not only beautifies the city but also helps reduce pollutants entering the stormwater system, such as nitrogen and phosphorus. The city estimates street sweeping across city streets will reduce the total nitrogen load flowing into the Great Bay Estuary by 216 pounds, along with a reduction of 67 pounds of total phosphorus.

## FY27 CDBG Action Plan public comment deadline is April 27

The City of Dover is accepting public comment on its adopted fiscal year 2027 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan through Monday, April 27, 2026.

The public may submit written comments and mail them to the Planning and Community Development Department, Attention: Dave Carpenter, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820. The public may also [email their comments](#) to Dave Carpenter. All comments received during the 30-day public comment window will be forwarded, along with the FY27 Action Plan, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its 45-day review.

The [Action Plan](#) was adopted by the City Council last month following its review and endorsement by the Planning Board. In addition to being [available online](#), physical copies are available for review in the Planning and Community Development's office in City Hall and at the Dover Public Library, which is temporarily located in the McConnell Center.

The Action Plan identifies the activities and projects federal CDBG funds would be used in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. It uses estimated allocations as the actual CDBG funds Dover will receive won't be finalized until Congress adopts the FY27 appropriation amount. The Action Plan allows the City Manager to adjust FY27 Action Plan allotments per HUD guidance and as described in the Action Plan if the appropriated amount differs from the city's estimate.

The Action Plan also serves to ensure that the goals and objectives in Dover's CDBG [FY26-FY30 Consolidated Plan](#) are being addressed. The Consolidated Plan serves as a strategic plan for addressing issues such as homelessness, housing, public services, community development needs, and economic development opportunities. One of the functions of the Consolidated Plan is to provide direction for funding decisions made through each of the five fiscal year Action Plans adopted during the life of the Consolidated Plan.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 603-516-6008.

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**Planning Board, TDR Subcommittee, March 30, 4:30 p.m.**

The Planning Board's Transfer of Development Rights Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

**City Council, April 1, 6 p.m.**

### Mayor Shanahan announces office hours for April

Each month, Mayor Dennis Shanahan holds office hours at City Hall, offering the public an opportunity to stop by and speak directly with the mayor.



The next office-hours session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, at 9 a.m. The second session in April will be held on Thursday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

The workshop will immediately be followed by a special meeting for budget adoption.

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

### **Library Board of Trustees, April 2, 4 p.m.**

The Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, beginning at 4 p.m., in Room 306 of the McConnel Center.

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/>.

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## **Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant**

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

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

- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at

Office hours are held in the Council Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall and last approximately 90 minutes. Residents are welcome to attend during the scheduled time. City Hall is located at 288 Central Ave.

For more information, contact Mayor Shanahan at 603-534-3750 or [d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov).

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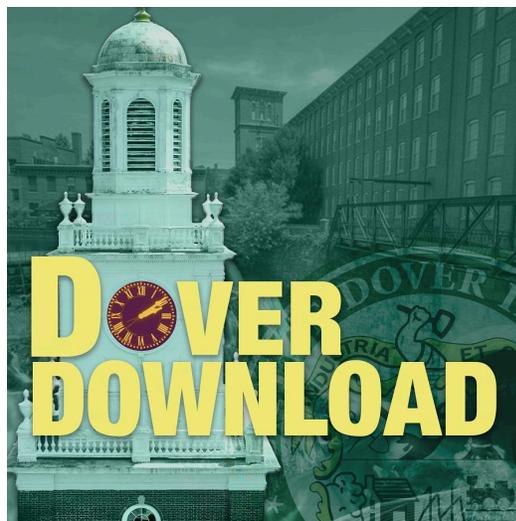
## **Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover**

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

- [Pavement & Curbside Weed Control Services](#)
- [Local Emergency Operations Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan Updates](#)
- [LCHIP Preservation Plan for 1888 Water Works Building](#)
- [Nebi Park Pavilion Operator or Tenant](#)

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 Purchasing Office at 603-516-6030.



## **Building the Budget: Community Services and Recreation in FY2027**

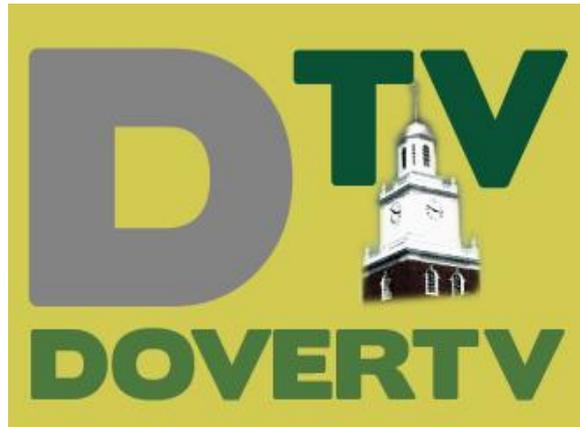
In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Community Services

[www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/)

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

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

Director John Storer and Recreation Director Kevin Hebert to wrap up the podcast's look at the FY27 municipal operating budget. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4bzahNi>



## Stay connected with DoverTV

DoverTV is your front-row seat to local government and education in Dover, bringing public meetings, community events and original programming directly to residents.

Dover operates two local cable channels. The Government Channel features City Council, Planning Board, School Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and other municipal meetings, along with other government programming. The Education Channel features school-related programming.

- On **Xfinity**, the Government Channel is Channel 22 and the Education Channel is Channel 26.
- On **Breezeline**, the Government Channel is Channel 9010 and the Education Channel is Channel 9011.

Missed a meeting or want to watch it again? DoverTV makes it easy to catch up online. Visit [dovernh.viebit.com](http://dovernh.viebit.com) to watch meetings on demand, anytime. Archived meetings are conveniently organized by agenda item, so you can jump straight to the topics that matter most to you.

Whether you watch live or on demand, DoverTV keeps you informed, engaged and connected to your community.

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## 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 results for the previous week. Participating is easy. Click on the link below to cast your vote.

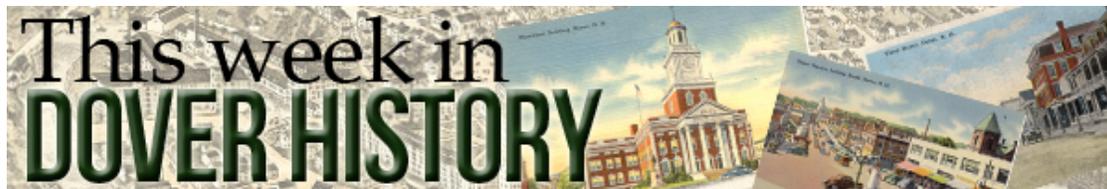
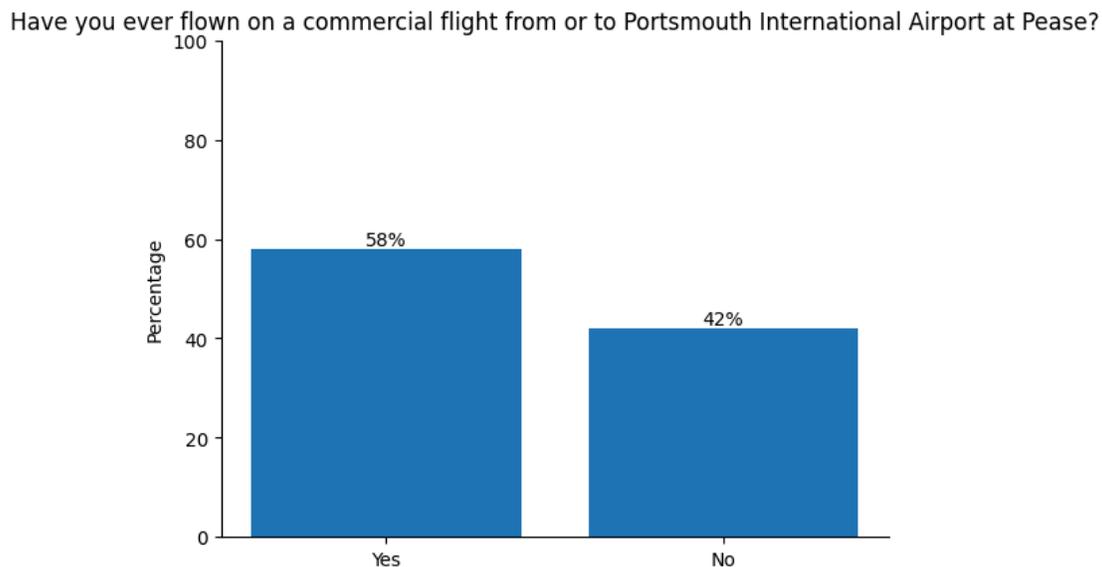
This week's question:

**"How would you rate the availability of parking in downtown Dover?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m3xdeu>

*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.*

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you ever flown on a commercial flight from or to Portsmouth International Airport at Pease?"**



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](#).

**April 2, 1666** — A committee of citizens was formed to prepare a written proposal addressing “commonage,” or shared land rights, an important issue in early New England towns where residents depended on common lands for grazing, wood, and other resources.

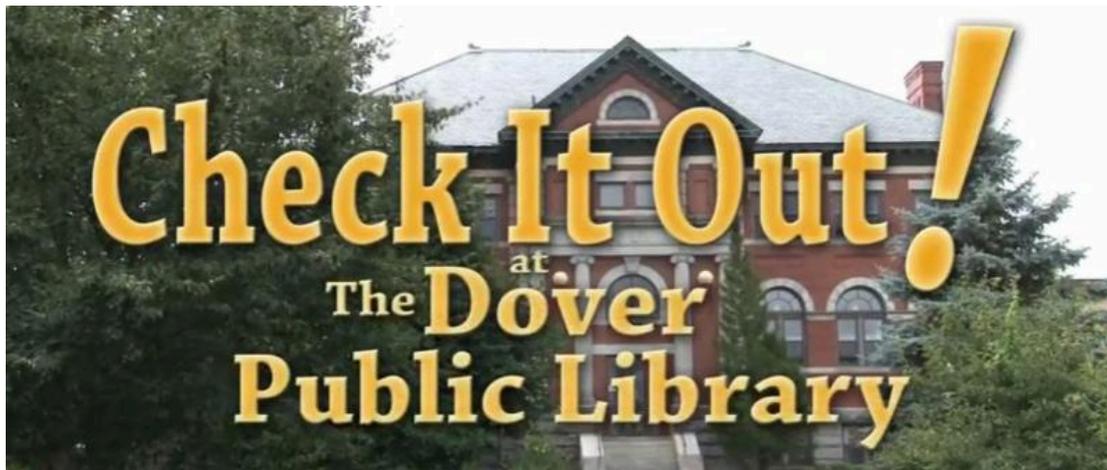
**March 31, 1760** — Residents gathered at the old meeting house on Pine Hill for a public town meeting. During the session, it was voted that Dover would operate only the minimum number of schools required by law for the coming year due to financial pressures. The meeting also addressed an ongoing issue with neighboring Barrington. A committee was appointed to establish and formalize the boundary lines between the two towns. The committee was authorized to pursue legal action or petition the General

Assembly if necessary. Notably, this gathering is believed to have been the last public town meeting held at the Pine Hill meeting house.

**April 1, 1935** — The Flying Yankee train began service this day, including a stop in Dover. The Flying Yankee was a pioneering 1935 diesel-electric streamliner train built for the Maine Central and Boston & Maine Railroads. It was the third streamliner in North America after the Union Pacific's M-10000 and Burlington's Pioneer Zephyr. The stainless steel, air-conditioned train seated 142 passengers. Initially running between Portland, Boston, and Bangor, it proved extremely popular. As newer equipment replaced it, it was reassigned to other New England routes under names like The Cheshire. Retired in 1957, it was displayed at museums before being purchased for restoration by New Hampshire in 1997. Restoration efforts continue with the goal of returning it to operation.

**March 27, 2002** — The Dover City Council unanimously voted to rename the Locust Street building that had previously served as a high school and middle school after Air Force Capt. Joseph McConnell Jr., a Dover native. McConnell was the first triple jet ace in history, shooting down 16 MiGs in the Korean War. He enlisted at 18, earning his wings in 1948 after serving in World War II. McConnell died in 1954 while testing a jet. Retired Air Force Maj. Dom Domingo urged honoring McConnell, as Dover lacked memorials to him despite his achievements. The City Council agreed naming the school properly recognizes this "outstanding human being" and "native son." The building is now known as the McConnell Center.

**April 1, 2011** — An April Fool's Day storm that dumped wet, heavy snow on Dover, caused numerous accidents and power outages throughout the city and region. Due to earlier storms that winter, the city was already low on salt and sand.



## This Week at the Library

**Weds, March 18-Weds, April 15**  
**24th Annual Poetry Contest**

The 24th annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for seacoast area residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in 7 different categories (Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and adults ages 18 & older.) and will be judged on originality, style, and creativity. The deadline for entry is Wednesday, April 15. Contest rules and entry forms available [online](#) or at the Dover Public Library.

**Monday, March 30, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Preschool STEM Storytime**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

**Tuesday, March 31, 6 to 6:30 p.m.**  
**Bedtime Family Storytime**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

A special after-dark storytime where we'll read bedtime books and sing bedtime songs. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket or stuffed animal. Open to children of all ages with a caregiver.

**Wednesday, April 1, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Family Storytime**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program with stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Children aged 3-5 are invited to participate in a science storytime independent of their caregivers. This Spring, we will explore the science of MUD, the earth and wind, as well as discovering how some of our spring animals live. *Registration required.*

**Monday, March 30, 4 to 6 p.m.**

**Pop-Up Event at Otto Pizza**

**Otto Pizza, 431 Central Ave., Dover**

Support the pizza fundraiser for the Friends of the Dover Public Library! Otto will donate a portion of all sales made that day to help furnish the newly renovated space. The Library will provide information on upcoming events and ongoing services, a beaded pizza slice keychain take & make craft (while supplies last), and materials to register for a library card!

**Monday, March 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Murder and Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

In *Murder and Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915*, veteran author and genealogist Milli Knudsen looks at the shocking history of true crime in New Hampshire. In the years from 1883 to 1915, the ways to commit crimes and the ways to investigate crime changed dramatically. Knudsen has captured fascinating stories from those years in her seventh book.

**Monday, March 30, 7 to 8 p.m.**

**Virtual: The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto**

**Register: <https://ow.ly/8t9v50Yyn1r>**

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising is one of the most significant events of the Holocaust, yet its stories often overlook the women who played key roles. In *The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto*, Holocaust historian Elizabeth Hyman introduces five young, courageous Polish Jewish women—known as “the girls” by the leadership of the resistance and “bandits” by their Nazi oppressors—who were central to the Jewish resistance as fighters, commanders, couriers, and smugglers. We'll take a deep dive into our women heroes - what was their motivation, how did they succeed in their endeavors, what was the impact of their work?

**Tuesday, March 31, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Baby Storytime**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

**Thursday, April 2, 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Cover 2 Cover Book Group  
Residence at Silver Square**

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. April's selection is *James: A Novel* by Percival Everett. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members welcome.

**Thursday, April 2, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Arts and Crafts Storytime  
McConnell Center, Room 306**

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. 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, April 2, 4 to 5 p.m.**

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
McConnell Center, Room 306**

Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Open to the public.

**Thursday, April 2, 6 to 8:15 p.m.**

**Teen Movie Matinee: Wicked for Good  
McConnell Center, Room 306**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a showing of *Wicked for Good* (rated PG). Pizza and drinks will be provided, and singing along will be encouraged!

**Thursday, April 2, 7 to 8 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL But, What About Cremation?**

**Register: <https://ow.ly/Zhxa50YynJj>**

Join us for a discussion presenting a clear and compassionate overview of cremation. The discussion will cover the full range of options (direct cremation, services before cremation, and cremation followed by a memorial service), what families need to have ready before a death occurs, and the benefits of pre-planning, how it works, and practical next steps such as scattering, burial, keepsakes, and eco-friendly alternatives, all designed to help attendees make informed, confident decisions for themselves and their loved ones.

**Saturday, April 4, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Crafternoon for Kids:**

**Sock Bunnies**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Kids in grades K - 5 are invited to join us in Room 306 in the McConnell Building to make a sock bunny. Children in kindergarten and first grade may need

For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers. Join for songs, movement, rhymes, and stories.

help from a caregiver to complete this project. *Registration required.*



## **Dover Rotary thanks Eversource for supporting awareness effort**

Thanks to approval by Eversource Energy, Dover Rotary recently installed blue and gold signs on utility poles on key entry roads throughout the city. The signs are part of an effort to raise awareness of the nonprofit's community support programs, attract new members and highlight the theme of "Doing Good in Dover ... and the World."

Rotarian Elizabeth Fischer thanked Eversource for granting permission to use their utility poles as a way to inform residents and visitors that a Rotary club (one of over 45,000 clubs worldwide) is active and doing good works in Dover.

"Rotary has thousands of clubs in the world, doing amazing things ... building dams, preventing polio, saving children from famine, making the world a better place. In Dover, we focus on community needs through multiple programs focused on improving the lives of kids, families and individuals," Fischer said.

The signs were manufactured and installed by Sundance Sign in Dover.

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# MEMBERSHIP INFO MEETING!

Doing Good In **Dover**...and The World!

**TUESDAY**  
**MARCH 31, 2026**  
**8:00-9:30 AM**  
**BREAKFAST & INFO!**



Attend and learn how YOU can make a difference within our community and beyond!



121  
Broadway  
Dover, NH  
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Catered by  
Fat Dog Kitchen



## WHAT DOES BEING IN ROTARY MEAN?

- Participation in Community Events
- Service Above Self
- Making New Friends & Networking
- And...SO MUCH MORE!



## For More Information!

Please Contact:

**Steve Pappajohn, Membership Chair**

[s.pappajohn@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.pappajohn@dover.nh.gov)

Picture yourself...with us!

In honor of Earth Day, Don't Trash Dover & City of Dover Present

**3rd Annual**

# Power of an Hour

## A One-Hour Volunteer Litter Collection Event in Dover, Organized by Ward!

### When:

Saturday, April 25th, 2026  
9:30AM - 10:30AM  
(arrive by 9:15AM)

### Where:

#### Ward 1

Frances G. Hopkins School  
78 Horne Street

#### Ward 2

Dover Ice Arena  
110 Portland Avenue

#### Ward 3

Woodman Park School  
11 Towle Avenue

#### Ward 4

Garrison School  
50 Garrison Road

#### Ward 5

Dover Middle School  
16 Daley Drive

#### Ward 6

Hellenic Center  
219 Long Hill Road



### How it Works:

**1. Show Up:** Arrive at your ward wearing a safety vest or bright clothing, gloves, and appropriate walking shoes. If you have a litter tool and/or a wagon, bring it.

**2. Sign In:** Sign the waiver (if you haven't already) and sign in. The top three wards for attendance win a trophy and bragging rights!

**3. Collect Litter:** Head out into your wards, and pick up as much litter as possible! We'll provide trash bags for you. Walk facing traffic and respect private property. Don't go beyond "No Trespassing" or "Private Property" signs. Use caution when collecting and don't collect litter in locations that may pose a danger. Don't touch potentially hazardous materials including needles/syringes. Make note of large items which cannot be carried and report to your site leader upon return.

**4. Drop Off:** Keep an eye on time and return to your ward's location to drop off collected litter and pose for a group photo at 10:30am sharp.

*Note: Children under 12 years must be with an adult.*

Need more information?  
DontTrashDover@gmail.com  
Or  
Visit Our Facebook:



## Informational meeting about Bellamy River bridge replacement is March 31

The City of Dover will host a public informational meeting about a project to replace a bridge over Bellamy River on Bellamy Road on Tuesday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Dover City Hall in the Council Conference Room. The project is currently in the design phase.

The need for the project is due to the bridge, located between Zealand Drive and Cataract Avenue, being structurally deficient and hydraulically undersized. The project will also improve the bridge's ability to support fish passage. The city has contracted with engineering consultant, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., to evaluate replacement alternatives for the crossing. Staff from the city and the consultant will be on hand to introduce the project and present the design alternatives being evaluated.

## Critical need for blood donors

The American Red Cross reports a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply. The shortage is especially serious for blood types O, A negative, and B negative blood.



**American  
Red Cross**

Every day, thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant.

Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). [Learn more about](#) the donation process.

### Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., [Heritage Baptist Church](#), 186 Dover Point Road
  - Tuesday, April 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [St. Mary Church](#), 25 Chestnut St.
  - Tuesday, April 14, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Dover Point Road
  - Friday, April 17, 1 to 6 p.m., [St. Johns United Methodist Church](#), 28 Cataract Ave.
  - Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Human Action Foundation](#), 97 Piscataqua Road
  - Thursday, April 23, 12:30 to 5 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
  - Tuesday, April 28, 12 to 5 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.
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# DOVER READS

## Events Calendar



DAN LAWTON



Featuring "The Green House" by local author Dan Lawton.

Borrow the book from the library or visit a participating location for your own free copy, then keep the conversation going by attending one of our Dover Reads events based on the book!

**APRIL 16** *Floral Arrangement Party*  
5:30 PM at The Floral Room, Dover

**MAY 07** *Author Talk w/Dan Lawton*  
7 PM at Dover High School Auditorium, Dover

**JUNE 18** *Sewing the Seeds Discussion Panel:  
Mental Health and The Green House*  
6:30 PM at Dover Public Library

Reach out to our Dover Literary Laureate, Shane Morin, at [S.morin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:S.morin@dover.nh.gov) with any questions!



[library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov)  
(603) 516-6050

## Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens seeks volunteers

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is seeking volunteers to assist with weekly garden bed maintenance on a schedule that works for you. Tools are provided and stored in the on-site shed. The Gardens also needs Common Area Tenders to support general cleanup; no gardening experience is required.

Additional volunteer opportunities include website support, historical research, database management, steering committee participation, and other special project roles.

Residents interested in volunteering are encouraged to email [contact@joeparksgarden.org](mailto:contact@joeparksgarden.org).

# 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**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time**
- **Utilities Supervisor**
- **Health/Fire Life Safety Officer**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver-Utilities**
- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Secretary I - Recreation**
- **Municipal Construction Project Administrator**
- **Director of Public Welfare**
- **Engineering Intern**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Streets**

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

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## Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Paraprofessionals - Special Education**
- **Noon Supervisor**
- **Business Teacher**
- **Boys JV Baseball Coach**
- **District School Psychologists assigned to DHS**
- **School Psychologist Charter, Private & Out-of-District Evaluations**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Dean of Student Services**
- **Long Term Substitute 5th Grade Teacher**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Dean of Bellamy Academy**
- **Anticipated - Individual RN**

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

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