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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 31, 2023



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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,**



Community Services Director John Storer delivers his budget presentation to the City Council during a workshop on March 29. It was the final departmental budget presentation, which will be followed by overall budget deliberations at the April 5 workshop.

## City Council budget deliberations continue

**Discussion continues at workshop next week;  
possible budget adoption at special meeting**

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

The City Council will hold its next budget session on Wednesday, April 5, for general budget deliberation. A special meeting will be held after the workshop if the City Council is prepared to vote on the budget. If not, budget deliberations will continue on April 12.

Next week's workshop and special meeting will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall beginning at 6 p.m. The complete workshop agenda can be [viewed here](#). The special meeting agenda can be [viewed here](#).

Both sessions include a public forum, during which Dover residents and business and property owners can speak about the proposed budget.

The complete line-item proposed budget is available on the [FY2024 Budget Revealed page](#). Videos of the budget workshops and the documents presented are also posted here, including the School Board's previous budget meetings and workshops.

### **City Council budget meetings and workshops**

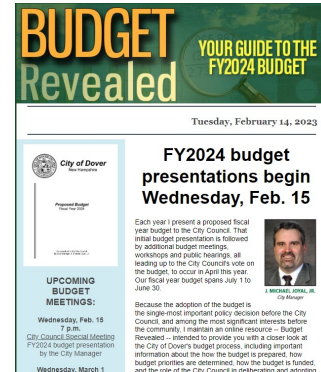
- **April 5:** Budget workshop, followed by a special meeting for the adoption of the budget
- **April 12:** Regular meeting, which is also reserved as a fallback date for budget adoption, if necessary

All the above meetings and workshops will be held on Wednesdays in City Hall's Council Chambers.

### **Sign up for the Budget Revealed newsletter**

The Budget Revealed newsletter is a weekly update on the City Council's budget process. It contains brief highlights of the week's budget presentations, the upcoming schedule and other budget tidbits. To sign up for these emails,

visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Budget Revealed" to your current email subscription list.







**Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School teacher Meaghan Dunn, center, is joined by fellow staff, Chamber members and members of the Dover School Board after Dunn learned that she had been named the 2023 David K. Bamford Educator of the Year.**

## **Dover Chamber announces annual award winners, including Educator of the Year**

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Meaghan Dunn, an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher at the Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street, has been named as the Chamber's 2023 David K. Bamford Educator of the Year. Chamber staff, Awards Committee members, Dover School Committee members, and Dover School Superintendent Dr. William Harbron attended a recent assembly at the school to surprise Dunn in person. As the Educator of the Year, Dunn will receive a \$1,000 stipend.

Brittany Granfield, dean of students at the Hopkins School, who nominated Dunn for the award, said, "Meaghan is always seeking innovative ways to serve all students. She has formed relationships with a diverse network of partners to enhance her students' learning experience. Meaghan visits other districts to learn about new strategies, attends meetings and cultural events to support connections, and participates in numerous voluntary trainings to improve outcomes for all learners. She also uses innovative technology to make the school and our community more accessible for students and families."

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce voted this year to name the Educator of the Year Award in honor of David K. Bamford, a local businessman and property developer who passed away in July. A strong proponent for education, Bamford worked to establish the Seacoast Education Endowment for Dover (SEED), a nonprofit that uses money raised by business and individual community giving to award grants to Dover public school teachers for innovative programs, practices, and resources. He was named the Citizen of the Year by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce in 2016.

In addition to Educator of the Year, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will present the following awards at the Annual Awards Gala on May 4: Dana Lynch, Volunteer of the Year; Stephanie and Michael Bolduc, Citizens of the Year; Monarch School of New England, Nonprofit of the Year; Keslar Insurance Agency, Business of the Year; and Danielle Festa, Community Arts Champion.

The Chamber's 2023 Annual Awards Gala will be held at the Rivermill at Dover Landing and will feature a cocktail reception and dinner. Tickets for the Annual Awards Gala are \$90 per person (\$75 for Chamber members).

This year's event will incorporate Dover's 400th celebration, a year-long effort to recognize Dover's milestone anniversary.

The gala is sponsored this year by Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A.; D.F. Richard Energy; First Seacoast Bank; Newburyport Bank; Cambridge Trust; Shaheen & Gordon, P.A.; Wentworth-Douglass Hospital; Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, P.A.; and HRCU. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.dovernh.org/awards](http://www.dovernh.org/awards) or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

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## Warming Center closes Saturday

The Warming Center of Strafford County closes its operation for the winter tomorrow, April 1.

SOS Recovery Community Organization was contracted to operate the Warming Center, activated when the weather met pre-defined criteria for life-threatening conditions. Strafford County partnered with the cities of Dover, Somersworth, and Rochester and oversaw and aided SOS' operations.

Numerous volunteers helped staff at the Warming Center and/or provided meals. Red's Good Vibes also provided thousands of meals during operations.

In addition to providing a safe space for those unhoused, SOS offered wrap-around services for clients seeking assistance to help meet their basic needs. During the season, 15 clients accessed treatment and recovery services. Others received stabilization services and medical care. The Greater Seacoast Community's mobile health van made weekly visits, with health van staff and often University of New Hampshire nursing students to provide medical care to more than 30 people that might have otherwise ended up in the emergency room. Dr. Reiko Johnson with Volunteers In Medicine provided additional medical support visits.

The Warming Center primarily operated during the overnights but opened during the day during significant winter storms. SOS provided public recaps of services each night on the Warming Center Facebook page.



## Need emergency assistance?

Those in need of emergency assistance, including food, shelter, and medical care, are encouraged to connect with their local welfare office. Anyone experiencing a life-threatening emergency, including exposure to extreme weather elements, should immediately contact local police, fire, or emergency medical services by phone or by visiting the emergency service buildings present in each community.

### Tri-city welfare departments

**Dover:** Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., 603-516-6500; website: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-welfare/>.

**Somersworth:** Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at City Hall, 1 Government Way, 603-692-9509; website: <https://www.somersworth.com/welfare-human-services>.

**Rochester:** Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at City Hall, 31 Wakefield St., 603-332-3505; website: <https://www.rochesternh.net/municipal-welfare-department>.

### New Hampshire 211

Those experiencing homelessness anywhere in the state can call 211 to get connected with available resources.

The City of Dover owns the Willand Drive facility. The City Council authorized its purchase in December 2020 with federal grant funds to help ease pressure on regional facilities that provide services to the unhoused during the first winter of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the 2022-2023 winter season, the cities of Dover and Rochester each provided \$50,000 for operations. Through Strafford County, the state provided \$29,000 for operations. Somersworth provides in-kind services through emergency personnel. The City of Dover and Strafford County also provide in-kind facility and maintenance support.





## NH Humanities Council grant helps Library tell story of Dover's indigenous history

The Dover Public Library recently curated an indigenous-themed play space in its Children's Room and will install a StoryWalk this spring to feature an indigenous story at Henry Law Park. Both initiatives are made possible with the support of the New Hampshire Humanities Council and are intended to help foster a deeper understanding of Dover's indigenous history.

The indigenous-themed play space was created to encourage imaginative play and provide a reading nook for children and their families. It includes a structure to mimic traditional Native American housing found in the local area, log seating around a low table where families and friends can gather, and a canoe. A tree bookshelf holds picture books highlighting many indigenous authors, and various indigenous crafts will be offered in this space on a rotating basis.

Later this spring, a StoryWalk will be installed at Henry Law Park. Twenty aluminum display units were purchased and will be installed in and around Henry Law Park, ending at the entrance to the Children's Museum. Each display shows a page of a children's picture book, and families walk the approximately half-mile route to read the entire book. An indigenous story will be featured to allow participants to learn more about different Native cultures. The StoryWalk is designed to allow books on display to change as needed. The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt., and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Its mission is to promote early literacy, physical activity, and family time together outdoors.

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

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## Land acknowledgment plaques installed at city and school buildings

The City of Dover has installed nearly two dozen bronze plaques at city facilities and schools to recognize and honor the indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the region. The plaques were funded through a generous grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

The grant helped establish the Indigenous Dover initiative, which aims to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the history of the indigenous peoples who lived in the area, now known as Dover, long before the arrival of European settlers.

In 2021 the City Council endorsed a land acknowledgment drafted by the Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion (CREI). The acknowledgment, displayed at city facilities and schools, reads:

*"This facility is located at Cocheco (CO-chi-co) within N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook, and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Aln8bak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia."*

"Recognizing and honoring the indigenous peoples of the land is important for the City of Dover for several reasons," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "Acknowledging their presence and contributions fosters a sense of cultural awareness, promotes a better understanding among community members, and keeps their history alive. Honoring our indigenous peoples is also a way for the City of Dover to continue its commitment to racial equity, social justice, and the creation of a diverse and welcoming community."

The plaques were installed at the following locations: City Hall, the Public Library, the McConnell Center, Rotary Arts Pavilion, the Indoor Pool, Dover Arena, Jenny Thompson Pool, the city's three fire stations, the police station, the parking garage, the Transportation Center, Community Services on Mast Road, Dover High School, Dover Middle School, Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School, Woodman Park Elementary School, and Garrison Elementary School.

The indigenous peoples in the region primarily consisted of the Abenaki, Pennacook, and Wabanaki tribes. These tribes were part of the larger Algonquian language family and shared cultural and linguistic similarities. They were skilled hunters, fishers, and farmers, relying on

abundant natural resources. Their communities were organized around seasonal movements, as they migrated between locations to take advantage of various resources throughout the year. The indigenous peoples of Dover had complex social structures, rich oral traditions, and a deep spiritual connection to the land and its resources.

For more information about the Indigenous Dover project, as well as for additional resources, visit [bit.ly/nativedover](https://bit.ly/nativedover).

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## Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Saturday for Saint Mary Academy 5K

Dover Police Chief William Breault announces the following road closures for the 10th annual Saint Mary Academy 5K event on Saturday, April 1. It is part of the Dover Race Series. More information is available at <https://saintmaryacademy.org/sma-5k/>.

The event begins Saturday, April 1 at 9 a.m. on Church Street at the intersection of Academy Street. The course ends at the same location.

The following roads will be closed at points during the race:

- Church Street, from 8 to 11 a.m.
- Locust Street, between Silver Street and Kirkland Street, from 9:10 to 10 a.m.
- Locust Street, between Trakey Street and Central Avenue, from 9 to 9:30 a.m.
- Atkinson Street, from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Belknap Street, from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Fisher Street, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Motorists should anticipate additional brief closures and traffic delays in the downtown area between City Hall and Silver Street to accommodate the start of the race at 9 a.m. Drivers and residents will encounter delays on other streets along the course including Rutland, Elm, Belknap, Trakey, Summer, and Nelson streets between 9 and 10 a.m.

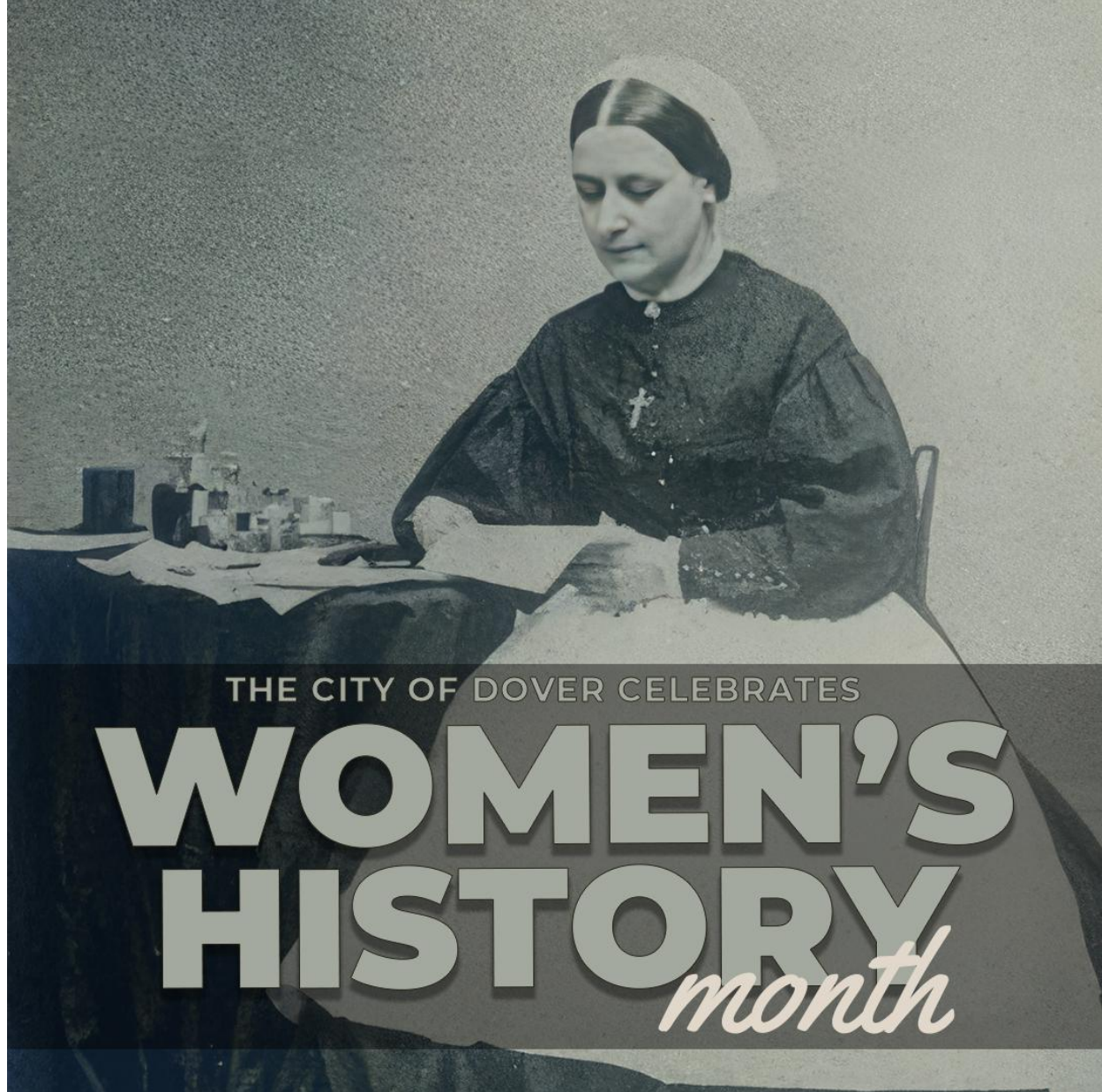
The course includes a portion of Dover's Community Trail between Fisher and Folsom Streets.

Parking will be prohibited on Church Street on Saturday until 11 a.m. Event participants may park in the Orchard Street Parking Garage or in any other downtown municipal lot. Metered parking is in effect on Saturdays.

For questions about traffic, contact Dover Police Lt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.

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## **Civil War nurse Sarah Low saved lives and touched hearts**

As part of Women's History Month, the City of Dover, New Hampshire is recognizing Sarah Low, a remarkable woman who served as a nurse during the Civil War. Sarah Low was born in South Berwick, Maine, in 1830, one of seven siblings, but moved to Dover with her parents, Dr. Nathaniel Low and Mary Ann Hale, when she was a child.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Sarah Low had a strong desire to help the wounded soldiers of the Union army. Despite her family's disapproval, she left Dover in September 1862 and traveled to Philadelphia, where she joined the Union Hotel Hospital. She then worked as a nurse for two and a half years in various hospitals in Washington, DC, and witnessed the horrors of war firsthand, as she tended to the men who had been shot, maimed, or infected by disease. She wrote numerous detailed letters back to her friends and relatives in Dover and across the state, describing the scenes of suffering and heroism that she saw every day. She also kept careful records of her patients, and after the war, many of them sent her photographs and other fond testimonials. In April 1864, Low was invited to a reception given by President Abraham Lincoln, and a year later, she attended his wake and watched his funeral procession.

Sarah Low returned to Dover in 1865, after the war ended. She continued to care for others, especially her aging parents and her sister's children. She was also active in various charitable and patriotic organizations, such as the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps.

Sarah Low died in 1912, at the age of 82. She is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover, next to her parents. Her grave is marked by a simple stone that reads "Sarah Low: Civil War Nurse". Her legacy lives on through her letters and memorabilia, many of which are now preserved at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord.

Sarah Low was a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to serving others. She was one of the many brave and compassionate nurses who made a difference during the Civil War. The City of Dover is proud to honor her as part of Women's History Month.

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Graffiti Management Committee, April 2, 9 a.m.

The Graffiti Management Committee will hold a special meeting on Sunday, April 2, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Dover Transportation Center, 33 Chestnut Street, Dover.

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

### Arts Commission, April 3, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

### Community Trail Subcommittee, April 4, 5:30 p.m.

The Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### Waterfront Development Committee Parks Subcommittee, April 5, 5:30 p.m.



Christopher G. Parker  
City of Dover

Matt Assia  
Chinburg

Kelly Glennon  
Jewelry Creations

Matt Sieverding  
Brueckner Group USA

## Dover Chamber to host State of the City April 6

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the 2023 State of the City: A Discussion with Local Businesses on Thursday, April 6, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Hellenic Center at 219 Long Hill Road in Dover. A hot breakfast will be served and pre-registration is required.

Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker will provide an update on development projects happening in Dover. Following the presentation, there will be a moderated panel discussion among local businesses passionate about Dover's development. Panelists include Matt Assia of [Chinburg Properties](#), Kelly Glennon of [Jewelry Creations](#), and Matt Sieverding of [Brueckner Group USA](#). The 2023 State of the City is sponsored by Eversource and Newburyport Bank. The registration fee is \$15. The event is open to the public. Visit [DoverNH.org/SOTC](https://DoverNH.org/SOTC) to register or for more information.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](https://www.dovernh.org).



The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee Parks Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **City Council, April 5, 6 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a workshop, followed by a special meeting, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

### **Planning Technical Review Committee, April 6, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Library Board of Trustees, April 6, 4 p.m.**

The Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Dover Public Library, 73 Locust Street.

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

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

## **Missed the meeting? Catch it again online**

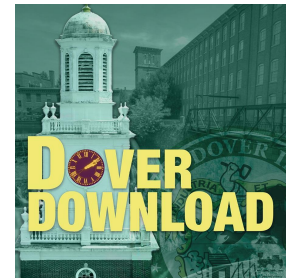
Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

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

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## **Dover Download podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week**

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast. The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past with a look back at the week in Dover's history.



The podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh>.





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](#).

**March 31, 1760** — At a public town meeting held at the old meeting house on Pine Hill, it was voted that no more schools be built, other than what was required by law. A committee was appointed to settle the lines between Dover and Barrington and empowered to prosecute or petition the General Assembly if needed. (This appears to have been the last "public town meeting held at the old meeting house on Pine Hill.")

**April 6, 1805** — The following notice appeared in the Dover Sun: IMPORTANT DISCOVERY — A number of men digging up the earth, in this town, for the purpose of making an aqueduct through Mr. Daniel Waldron's land, discovered a vein of dark brown sand running from east to west, much impregnated with Quick-silver of the best quality. Upon close inspection globules of this metal were found dispersed through this vein from the size of the smallest grain of sand to that of a duck shot — which leaves no room for doubt, but upon further attention, larger quantities may be discovered, and prove beneficial to the owner of the land." Quicksilver was the name for mercury.

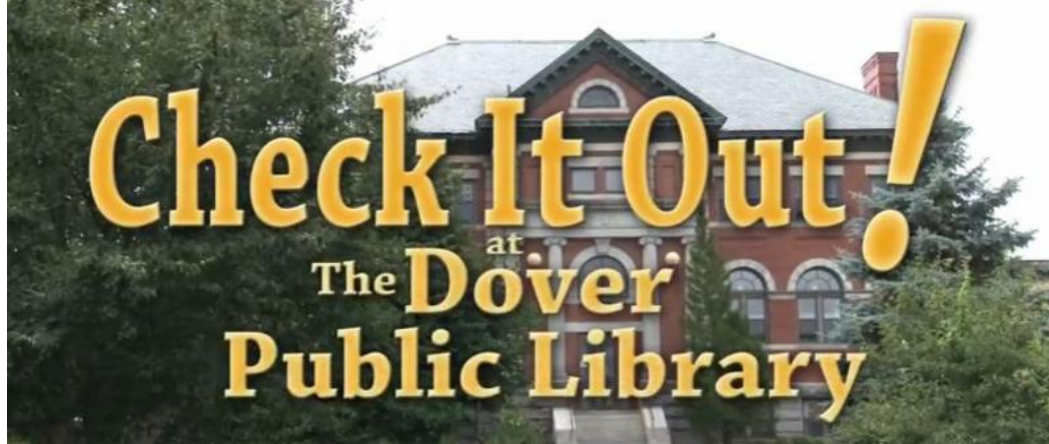
**April 5, 1852** — Nearly a foot of snow fell in Dover this day, which was made worse by heavy winds that created steep snow drifts. The snow shut down the railroad for four hours. It was nearly six months between the first and last snow of this winter — one of the longest and severest ever remembered to that point.

**April 3, 1922** — Police arrested two men from Lawrence, Mass. — Ralph Augusta and Charles Seinto — for the suspected theft of a "high-powered touring car." Police alleged the two men drove the stolen car recklessly through Franklin Square while people were boarding and stepping off the trolleys. One woman was slightly injured after being struck by the car. Police would later learn that Augusta was only borrowing the car with permission from the owner and that Seinto, who was driving the car, didn't have the vehicle's registration. The two men were released and Seinto was fined \$25 for driving without registration.

**April 3, 1997** — After funding for a consolidated district courthouse in Dover was initially stripped from the state budget, then Gov. Jeanne Shaheen revealed that \$3.3 million was included in her capital budget proposal. Despite the funding proposal, officials at that time still hadn't decided where to build a new consolidated district courthouse, which would serve Dover, Somersworth, and Durham. Just weeks before, the Dover City Council endorsed a plan to build the new courthouse on county land at the Strafford County Complex, following 18 months of discussion on possible locations. The new courthouse would eventually be constructed at its current location on Saint Thomas Street. The 7th district court is now referred to as the circuit court.

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## **Westlaw legal database now available at the Dover Public Library**

The Dover Public Library now offers Westlaw Public Access, a comprehensive legal research database designed especially for use in government, law, and public libraries. Westlaw access is provided through a partnership with the New Hampshire Law Library, the state's only public law library. Derry's, Portsmouth's and Littleton's public libraries also provide access to Westlaw.

"I am thrilled that the Dover Public Library was chosen to be a partner Library, and thank New Hampshire Law Library Librarian Mary Searles for making this happen," said Dover Public Library Director Denise LaFrance. "Westlaw is a very powerful tool, and being able to offer free access to the public is a real boon to those doing legal research."

People interested in researching legal information in their cases have few options, and they tend to be either time-consuming, far away, or expensive. Free Westlaw access means that anyone who comes to the Dover, Derry, Portsmouth or Littleton libraries will have the same online sources used by attorneys. The public can also access Westlaw for free in Concord at the New Hampshire Law Library.

"Partnering with public libraries increases the reach and impact of the state's law library," Searles said. "We're able to bring accurate and reliable legal information closer to the people who need it. Public librarians are available to help patrons use Westlaw and to find legal information and appropriate organizations for more help."

Researchers do not need a library card to use Westlaw, and librarians are available to provide reference assistance.

For more information about the New Hampshire Law Library, see <https://www.courts.nh.gov/resources/nh-law-library>.

Dover Public Library is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, from 1 to 5 p.m.

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## **New programming at the Library for adults with disabilities**

Dover Public Library prides itself on being a welcoming environment for all and, starting in April, will be introducing monthly programming for adults with disabilities.

The programs will take place on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. with a rotating roster of activities featuring arts, gaming, and time for socializing.

The first Wednesday of the month will continue the Adult Chapter Book Club. At each session, several chapters are read from a popular book followed by activities and crafts related to the story. The current book being read is "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling.

On the second Wednesday of the month, attendees are welcome to join in the hands-on program Art For All. This program features an exploration of art in different mediums as various art and craft projects are created.

Stop in for a Morning Movie on the third Wednesday of the month. From documentaries to popular animated films, each movie will entertain and delight. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch to eat while they watch.

On the fourth Wednesday of the month, adults with disabilities can try their hand at some Wii games in the Lecture Hall. From Just Dance to bowling on Wii Sports, these team games will have participants working up a sweat and belly-laughing from all the fun.

Adult with disability programming is free and open to the public.

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

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## This Week at the Library

### **21st Annual Poetry Contest March 15 - April 19**

Contest open to 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 judged on originality, style, and creativity. Deadline for entry is April 19th. Information about the contest available at the Dover Public Library or [online](#).

### **April VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Saladish* by Ilene Rosen. Throughout the month of April, 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](mailto:e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### **Monday, April 3, 6 to 8 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: Adults**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. 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 other Monday 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.

### **Monday, April 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. NEMO Equipment: taking Care of our Outdoor Gear**

### **Wednesday, April 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime**

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

### **Wednesday, April 5, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adult Chapter Book Club**

Adults with disabilities are invited to join the Chapter Book Club. At each session, we will read several chapters from a popular book. The first book will be *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling. Session ends with activities and crafts and some socializing.

### **Wednesday, April 5, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Beaded Poetry**

Enjoy an afternoon of creating beaded poems to celebrate the library's 21st Annual Poetry Contest! Use the word beads to create a poem that you can wear as a bracelet or necklace or use as a keychain. All supplies will be provided. This event is open to participants of all ages.

### **Wednesday, April 5, 6 to 8 p.m. Organic Gardening with Vince**

A free, comprehensive 3-part organic gardening course on consecutive Wednesday nights, March 29, April 5, and April 12 from 6-8pm in the Library's Lecture Hall. The course, totaling six hours over the three nights, will include practical tips on how to create a new garden, soil preparation, seed starting, planting techniques, container gardening, and more.  
*Register to watch virtually.*

### **Thursday, April 6, 10 to 11 a.m. Cover to Cover Book Group**

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. April's selection



With Spring starting and warm weather on the way, are you ready to put on your hiking boots, grab your tent, pack your sleeping bag, and head out for some adventures?

Check your gear first and make sure you have all the supplies you need to keep your gear in the best shape for your adventures!

**Tuesday, April 4, 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, other props and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

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**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**

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**Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Genealogy Group**

Whether you're new to genealogical research or a seasoned pro, this group is a great way to meet others who share the same passion, can give you advice in your research, and listen to your newly-discovered family histories.

**Wednesday, April 5, 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.

is *Educated* by Tara Westover. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members welcome.

**Thursday, April 6, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Arts and Crafts Storytime**

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

*Registration required.*

**Thursday, April 6, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Scrapbooking, Card Making, and Papercrafting Workshop**

Whether you're a scrapbooker, a paper crafter, a card maker, an origami master, or a quiller, you are welcome to this program. Bring your papercrafting projects and work together with other folks. Share space, tools, ideas, and supplies as you like.

*Registration required.*

**Friday, April 7, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

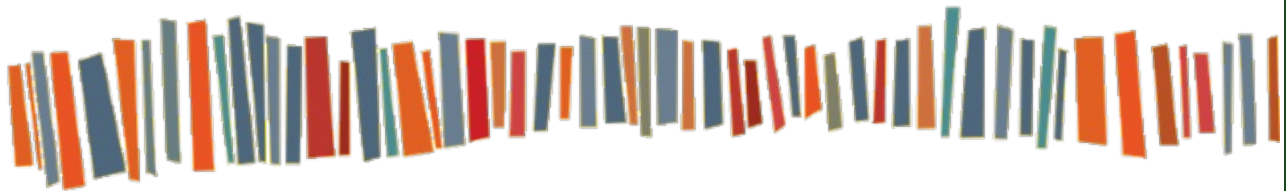
**Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**

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.

**Saturday, April 8, 2 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Learn to Knit: No experience needed**

If you've always wanted to learn how to knit, here's your chance! This class will cover the basics of casting on, knitting, purling, and casting off. You'll knit a rectangle or square that can be used as a washcloth or dishcloth. No experience knitting is required, but you will need to bring a pair of knitting needles. Worsted weight yarn for the class will be provided. This event is open to adults and teens age 14 and older. *Registration required.*



# Woodman Museum's opening day is April 5

## Special Dover 400 Day celebration for residents is April 22

The Woodman Museum will open for the 2023 Season on Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

Comprised of four historic houses, the Woodman Museum provides an opportunity for visitors to explore and experience history, natural sciences, and the arts. The museum is located at 182 Central Ave. and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$10 for students, teachers, seniors, and military personnel; and \$7 for students ages 4-17.

Dover residents are invited to celebrate Dover 400 Day on Sunday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Dover 400 Day, the Woodman Museum will host an open house and community event. Guests and activities include:

- Meet and greet with Woody the Woodman Polar Bear
- Red's Good Vibe food truck
- UNH 4-H "Plant A Row" Program
- Fire and smoke education trailer provided by the Dover Fire and Rescue
- Twenty-one senses calm room and play area
- Sign up for a library card with the Dover Public Library

Open to All. Free Admission with proof of Dover Residency.

For more information about the museum or Dover 400 Day, visit [woodmanmuseum.org](http://woodmanmuseum.org).



## SEED's annual fundraiser kicks off April 3

Seacoast Endowment for Education in Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools, has announced dates for its annual fundraiser. The online auction is set to go live on Monday, April 3, and will close on Friday, April 14, 2023, with a spring mixer at the Cochecho Country Club in Dover, New Hampshire. All proceeds will be used to underwrite innovative learning opportunities in Dover public schools.

For the first time in three years, the non-profit has planned an in-person social to complement the auction. The festive live event starts at 6:30 pm and will include plenty of food, music, and raffle opportunities.

"The in-person component is an important element of our fundraiser," said Mindy Marcouillier, Chair SEED Event Committee. "It's about coming together as a community, meeting people, and networking while fundraising for education in Dover."

Tickets for the social are \$75 per person and [can be purchased here](#).

The online auction will run for only 12 days and will include hundreds of quality items including Items include; local gift cards, paddle board, boat cruise, local art, electronics, sports memorabilia, and plenty of experiences.

SEED has secured several initial event sponsors including Jewelry Creations, Great Island Realty, Cinco de Mayo, RW Health & Employee Benefits, Scrubbed Clean, and Luminate Home Loans.

"We are so grateful for our early sponsors," said Toby Arkwell, Chair, SEED Board of Directors. "Business support is critical to the success of our fundraiser."

The annual fundraiser is a key factor in SEED's ability to fund grant requests twice annually. The organization recently awarded more than \$25,000 in curriculum, professional development, and technology improvements for teachers and students during its fall grant cycle. This was the second-largest grant cycle in SEED History.

"We anticipate similar numbers for the spring cycle, coming up in May," Arkwell said.

Since its inception, SEED has contributed more than \$300,000 to Dover public school teachers and administrators. To participate in the auction, please visit [SEED auction website](#). To learn more about available sponsorships, please visit [www.DoverSEED.org](http://www.DoverSEED.org).

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## DMS production of Peter Pan begins April 13

The Dover Middle School Drama Club will stage a production of 'Peter Pan the Musical'. Join them in Neverland as Peter, Wendy, Michael, John and the lost boys, along with Captain Hook and his pirates and Tiger Lily with the Neverlandians seek adventure in their quest to never grow up.



Show dates are Thursday, April 13, Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 16, at 2 p.m. in the Dover High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 per child and \$8 per adult and can be purchased online at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/71121>.

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## 40th annual Red's road race April 15

The 40th annual Red's "Race for a Better Community" will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Participants in this 5-mile road race and 2.4-mile walking course span from the serious runner to recreational joggers enjoying a challenging, yet beautiful running course, and to families and community members of all ages and sizes walking the 2.4-mile walking route.

The road race begins at 9 a.m. at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., and is the third race in the 2023 Dover Race Series.

The event also helps raise much-needed funds for three local nonprofit organizations that provide important services in Strafford County: Woodman Park School PTO, Seymour Osman Community Center, and Community Partners. To make a donation, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/66331/reds-race-for-a-better-community/fundraising-organizations#event-description>.

This year's race is dedicated to Brian Collins (June 30, 1955 to Sept. 5, 2022), lifelong runner, Red's race director, and advocate for vulnerable citizens.

For more information or to register, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/66331/reds-race->



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## Upcoming trips at the Community Senior Center

### The Hills are Alive at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vt.

Join the Dover Community Senior Center for a visit to the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vt., from May 15-17, 2023. Trapp Family Lodge is a unique mountain resort featuring Austrian-inspired architecture and European-style accommodations and offers stunning mountain views, old-world comforts, impeccable service, along with activities for every season.

The trip includes transportation, deluxe accommodations, a Von Trapp History Tour led by a member of the von Trapp family, a luncheon cruise on Lake Champlain, Quechee Gorge, Ben & Jerry's Factory Experience, and much more.

The cost of the trip is \$890 per person double occupancy. The non-member fee is \$30 per person.

For more information, contact Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6420 or email [l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov](mailto:l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov).

### Visit the Memorials of World War II

Join the Dover Community Senior Center on a 10-trip to London and Paris from September 13-22, 2024 to visit the Memorials of World War II, featuring the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landing. Tour includes Portsmouth, The D-Day Story Museum, English Channel Crossing, Juno Beach, Caen Peace Memorial Museum, Arromanche-les-Bains, Longues-sur-Mer, Apple Cider Farm Visit, Normandy American Cemetery, Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc, Airborne Museum, Utah Beach, Giverny Gardens, and Seine River Dinner Cruise. View the [full itinerary](#).

The cost of the trip is \$5,448 per person for double occupancy, a savings of \$250 if you book now. Price includes cancellation waiver and insurance of \$449 per person, round trip air from Logan Intl Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, and 12 meals.

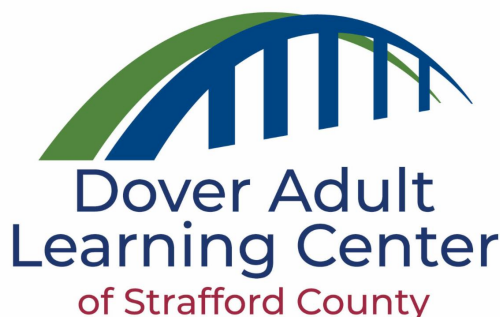
For more information, contact Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6420 or email [l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov](mailto:l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov).

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## Coming up in April at DALC

Ease into movement with a wide variety of classes through the Dover Adult Learning Center in April.

Starting April 6, join DALC's "Introduction to Yoga" class at the Seymour Osman Community Center in Dover. The class meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays for five weeks. Please bring your own mat. Props (blankets, blocks, etc.) are recommended but not required. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mryx3x2y>



Have you always wanted to try Pilates? Starting April 6, from 5-6 p.m. and running for five weeks, this class will give you what you need to increase postural and muscular awareness every day. This class is recommended for those who've never tried Pilates or who've taken a substantial break from their practice. Join the class at <https://tinyurl.com/mryen8wt>.

Learn Tai Chi with Nancy Little at Pointe Place in Dover. This mind-body practice integrates slow, intentional movements with breathing and cognitive skills like mindfulness and imagery. This class meets on Saturdays for five weeks from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Register here at <https://tinyurl.com/24nbnykw>.

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## Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Energy Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission

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

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Susan Mistretta at [s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov](mailto: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.

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## City of Dover employment opportunities

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

The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **City Planner**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Automotive Technician**
- **Utility Systems IT Administrator**
- **Summer Camp Supervisor**
- **Summer Camp Counselor**
- **Police Systems IT Technician**
- **Truck Driver -- Streets**
- **Maintenance Specialist I**
- **Working Foreman -- Water and Sewer Pump Stations**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator -- Utilities**

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

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## Dover School District employment opportunities

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

- **Dean of Students**
- **English Teacher**
- **Physical Education/Wellness Teacher**
- **Science Teacher**
- **School Psychologist**
- **DALC - Adult High School Math Teacher**
- **Child Care Coordinator-Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC)**
- **DALC Teacher-Spanish Literacy and HiSET Prep in corrections facility**
- **Special Education Paraprofessionals**
- **Noon Aide/Recess Monitor**
- **Sub-Varsity High School Boys Soccer Coach**

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

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