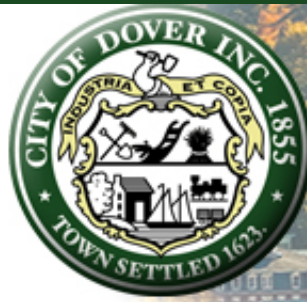


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 1, 2026



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

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Council to receive updates on housing, dredge cell at May 6 workshop

The City Council will hold a [workshop session](#) on Wednesday, May 6 to receive updates on housing report recommendations, the closure of dredge cell, and redevelopment at Maglaras Park.

The update on housing report recommendations will include presentations from city planning staff as well as from the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast. Information may also be presented from the New Hampshire Housing and the Dover Housing Authority.

The update will include discussion on the housing landscape in Dover, policies, and land use. It will also touch upon housing production in the city versus the state, and pathways to promote attainable housing.

Community Services staff will provide an update on the process to close the dredge cell located west of Maglaras Park, and the plan to redevelop the park. The dredge cell was constructed in the early 2000s to dispose of material dredged from the Cochecho River.

The workshop begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on DoverTV and [online](#), where it will be available on-demand.

Court grants school district's request for preliminary injunction against SchoolCare

Order requires continuation of status quo payments of healthcare claims

A Strafford County Superior Court justice granted the Dover School District's and Superintendent Christine Boston's motion for a preliminary injunction to require SchoolCare to continue paying covered health care claims for the school district's enrolled members, spouses, dependents and retirees until further court order.

In an invoice transmitted to the Dover School District on Oct. 1, 2025, SchoolCare had threatened to suspend the payment of medical claims of Dover's SchoolCare enrollees if the district did not pay a special assessment fee of nearly \$1.7 million, with interest, by May 1, 2026. The SchoolCare Board of Directors approved an overall \$30 million special assessment on Sept. 21, 2025, to be allocated to all its members due to depleted its reserves. The special assessment came after the contract year with the school district began on July 1, 2025.

In early April 2026, the Dover School District and Superintendent Boston filed an action in Strafford County Superior Court contesting the lawfulness of the assessment on various grounds, along with a motion for a preliminary injunction seeking to preserve the status quo.

The court's April 30 order requires the status quo to continue, with the Dover School District continuing to pay SchoolCare premiums, and SchoolCare paying the District's medical claims.

The court case will continue to determine a jurisdictional challenge asserted by SchoolCare and the New Hampshire Secretary of State, and whether or not SchoolCare's assessment was legally authorized and required to be paid by the Dover School District.

Last fall, the Dover School District issued an request for proposals for healthcare coverage for its employees and their families. At a special meeting last month, the School Board voted to award the contract for fully insured plans to HUB International, which will begin on July 1, 2026.



Dover Pride Clean Up Day is Saturday

Dover Main Street will hold its annual Dover Pride Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers, including individuals, organizations and groups, are invited to help with the spring cleanup effort. Participants [may register in advance](#) through the Dover Main Street website or sign up in person the day of the event at the registration table in the Cocheco Mill Courtyard between 7:30 and 8 a.m. Volunteers will then be assigned to cleanup sites.

A volunteer pizza lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The lunch is sponsored by Kendall Pond Pizza.

Dover Pride Clean Up Day is sponsored by Breezeline.

For more information or to register, visit www.dovermainstreet.org.



‘Power of an Hour’ draws hundreds, removes nearly two tons of litter

The third annual Power of an Hour community cleanup on April 25 drew over 400 volunteers citywide, resulting in the removal of nearly two tons of litter in just one hour.

According to organizers, 362 participants officially signed in across Dover’s six wards, though attendance was higher based on turnout at cleanup sites. In total, volunteers collected 3,835 pounds of litter, just 165 pounds shy of two tons.

Among the materials collected were approximately 100 pounds of aluminum, which was recycled, along with discarded vape devices that were brought to the Dover Recycling Center for proper disposal.

Cleanup efforts took place simultaneously across all six wards, with strong participation at each location.

Deb Clough of Don’t Trash Dover credited the success of the event to the strong turnout of volunteers and support from city staff, who assisted with collecting and removing the litter gathered during the cleanup.

The annual event, held in recognition of Earth Day, continues to grow each year.



Members of the Dover Mental Health Alliance assemble in front of the podium in Council Chambers at City Hall as Mayor Dennis Shanahan reads a proclamation at a recent meeting, recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

City Council recognizes May as Mental Health Awareness Month

The City Council recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month during its April 22 meeting, with Mayor Dennis Shanahan reading a proclamation reaffirming the city's commitment to promoting mental wellness and reducing stigma.

"Mental health is essential to the well-being of individuals, families and the overall health of our community," Mayor Shanahan said, reading from the proclamation. The proclamation also noted that mental illness affects people of all ages and backgrounds, and that stigma and misunderstanding can prevent people from seeking help when they need it.

The proclamation recognizes the work of the Dover Mental Health Alliance, which partners with community members, organizations and city leaders to build a more informed, responsive and compassionate community. It also encourages residents to support efforts that foster a community where all individuals feel seen, supported and empowered to seek help when needed.

Suzanne Weete, a member of the Dover Mental Health Alliance steering committee, thanked the mayor and City Council for recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month again this year.

"The fact that you do this so easily and readily is a testament that you recognize that the mental health and wellness of our community is important," Weete said. She added that mental health awareness is relevant to everyone.

The city also plans to light the clock tower at City Hall in green during the month of May in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Upcoming Meetings:

Trustees of the Trust Fund, May 4, 9 a.m.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, beginning at 9 a.m. p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Arts Commission, May 4, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, May 5, 4 p.m.

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, beginning at 4 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee, May 5, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning Board's Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

City Council, Appointments Committee, May 6, 6 p.m.

Supervisors of the Checklist begin annual voter checklist verification May 14

The Supervisors of the Checklist will begin the annual verification of the voter checklist during its Thursday, May 14 meeting.

During the session, the supervisors will identify registered voters who have not cast a ballot in five years. These voters will be mailed a letter informing them of their removal from the checklist and that they will need to reregister before voting. Voters can re-register at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voters may also register at the polls on election day. The next election is the state primary on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026.

Any voter who has voted at least once in the last five years, or who has registered to vote since the 2024 general election will remain on the checklist and do not need to take any action.

Beginning this year, voter checklists are to be verified annually following a change in state law. Verification was previously required every 10 years. Dover's elected Supervisors of the Checklist last verified the list in 2021.

Active voters can review their voter registration information through the state's secretary of state's voter information lookup portal, app.sos.nh.gov.

For information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018. The City Clerk's [webpage](#) [has information](#) about registering to vote.

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Specialized Municipal Legal Services](#)
- [Two Six-Wheel Dump Trucks](#)
- [Sand and Gravel](#)
- [Landscaping for Dover Public Library](#)
- [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services](#)

The City Council Appointments Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council, May 6, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Ethics Commission, May 8, 2 p.m.

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Friday, May 8, 2026, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

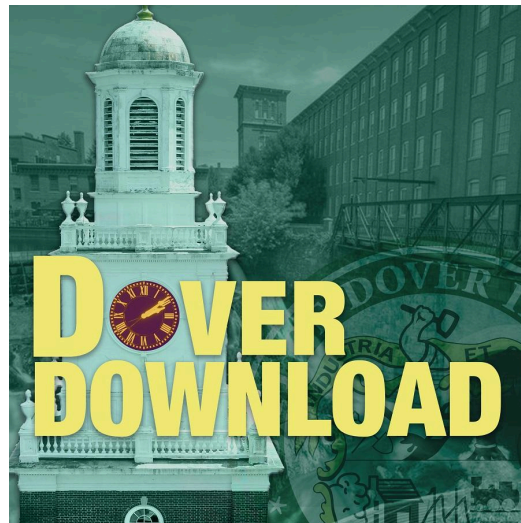
The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

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

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.



Transparency and Tradition: Meet Dover's City Attorney and Fire Chief

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with returning City Attorney Joshua Wyatt and new Fire Chief Brendan Driscoll. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4sVRVgk>.

- Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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

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

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

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:

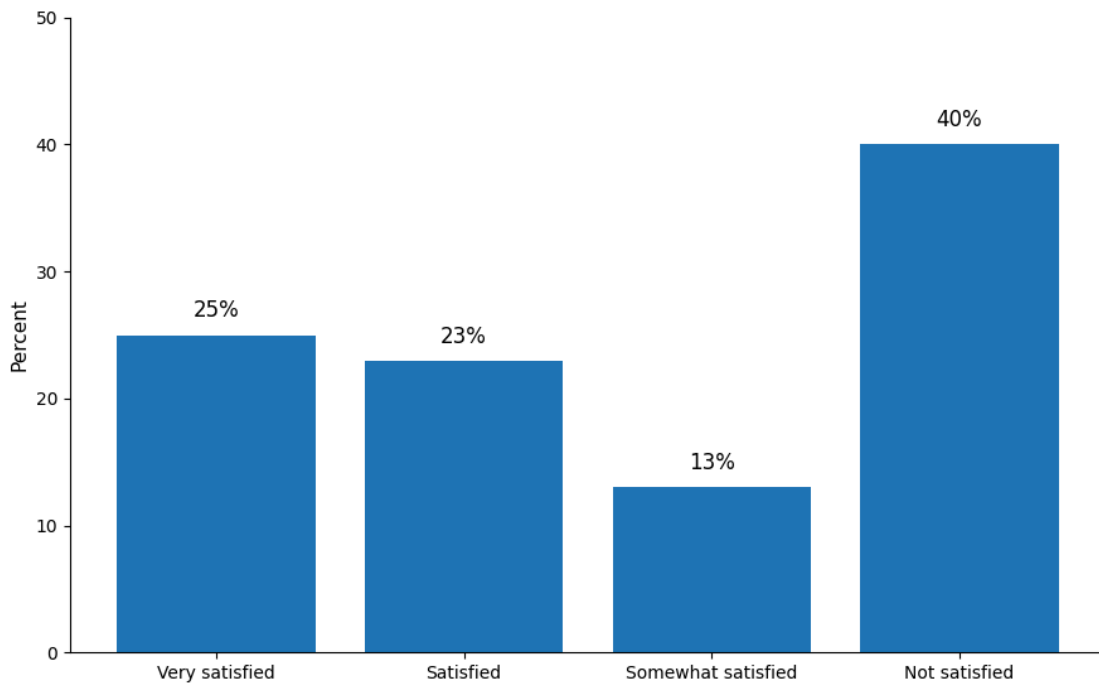
"Have you served, or do you currently serve on any of Dover's volunteer boards, committees, or commissions?"

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

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, **"How satisfied are you with opportunities to provide input on city decisions?"**

How satisfied are you with opportunities to provide input on city decisions?



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 30, 1731 — Dover voted to set aside 1½ acres of land at Pine Hill, near the meeting house, for use as a public burying ground. The vote reflected the growing needs of the town in the early 18th century. Pine Hill was then an important civic and religious center, with the meeting house serving not only as a place of worship but also as a gathering place for town business. Establishing a public burying ground nearby placed one of the community's most solemn responsibilities close to the heart of public life. Today, Pine Hill Cemetery remains one of Dover's most historic burial grounds, containing the graves of generations of residents and a lasting connection to the city's colonial past.

May 2, 1854 — The Dover Hotel, long considered one of the oldest public houses in New Hampshire, closed and was converted into tenements. The building stood at Tuttle Square, once the center of Dover's civic life, near First Parish Church and the old courthouse. It began as an inn in 1773, after a house built between about 1760 and 1770 came into the possession of John Hanson. Over the years, it was known by several names, including Gage's Inn, Wyatt's Inn and, finally, the Dover Hotel. For a time, the hotel was closely associated with Samuel and Sophia Hayes Wyatt. Sophia Wyatt later recalled that she and her husband opened the hotel in May 1816, when it was still known as the Gage Tavern, and returned to operate it again in 1822, just as the factories at Cochecho Falls were beginning to transform Dover into a major textile manufacturing center. The hotel was more than a place for travelers. In an era before modern event halls and public gathering places, inns often served as centers of business, politics and community life. The Dover Hotel hosted notable visitors, including President James

Monroe in 1817 and the Marquis de Lafayette in 1825, whose visit drew a large crowd to Dover. Former President John Quincy Adams also passed through the area in 1833.

May 2, 1845 — During a heavy windstorm, one of Dover's old landmarks came down. The "great Wingate apple tree," which stood on William P. Wingate's farm on Neck Road, was blown to the ground. According to local tradition, the tree was nearly 200 years old. It measured 16½ feet around and had long been known for its remarkable harvests. In some years, it reportedly produced 40 bushels of apples, and one year as many as 60. Over its long life, it may have averaged about 30 bushels a year for more than a century. The tree stood on land first settled in 1658 or 1659 by John Wingate, an early Dover settler and the ancestor of the Wingate family in this area. The farm remained in the hands of his descendants for generations. Dover Neck, now more commonly associated with Dover Point and Dover Point Road, was one of the city's oldest settled areas. Historic trees were once important landmarks there, remembered not only for their age and size but for the families, farms and stories connected to them. The Dover Public Library's historical collection notes similar long-remembered trees on Dover Neck, including the Bound Oak and Millet Apple Tree, both treated as landmarks tied to early land ownership and local memory.

May 1, 1971 — Dover police arrest a 24-year-old Farmington man, David Woodman, and charge him with the murder of Robert Dodge, a watchman at Kidder Press, who was shot to death earlier that year, in January. Dodge was shot after he discovered burglars in the building. Police would also charge Robert Dodge's brother, Walter, with murder. During the investigation, it was revealed that David Dodge, an employee at Kidder Press at the time, had access to the building and was known to Dodge. The murder is the subject of an 18-part series that starts this weekend, written by Anthony McManus as part of his Crimes along the Cochecho column. McManus, who was City Attorney at the time of the murder, provides the most detailed account of the case to date. The column can be found at <https://madeindover.com/crimes-cochecho/>

May 1, 2001 — Dover and regional officials broke ground on this day for a passenger rail station off Chestnut Street, the site of a former police substation. Although it wasn't known when passenger rail service was expected to begin, the station was being constructed in anticipation of the future service. Dover was a planned stop on what would be an Amtrak Boston-to-Portland passenger rail service. The cost of the new station was \$1,039,326, with Dover contributing \$207,865. Grants under the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Act accounted for the remaining \$831,461. Dover's Transportation Center is now served by the Amtrak Downeaster, which makes several stops in Dover each day between Boston and Portland.s and local employers to build a more prepared workforce.

Dover Chamber to raffle off \$10,000

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Raffle and Auction fundraiser, culminating in a drawing for the \$10,000 grand prize on Thursday, May 7, at Revo Casino and Social House in Dover.

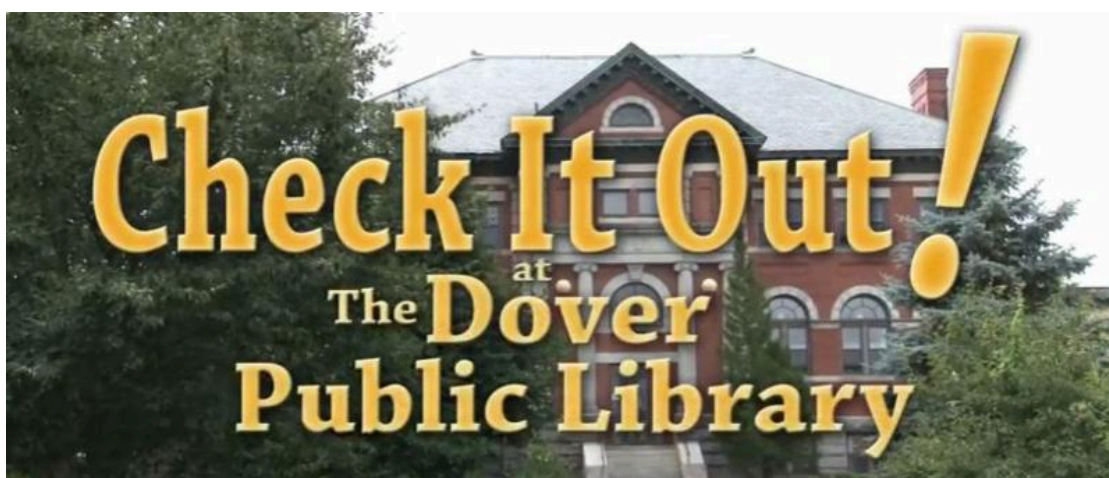
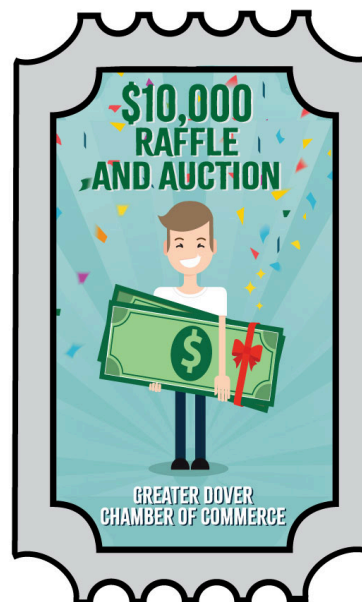
"Our annual Raffle and Auction event brings together both Chamber and community members for a fun-filled and exciting evening, says Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce. "Proceeds from the raffle support our large-scale community events such as Apple Harvest Day, Cochecho Arts Festival, Festival of Trees, and more.

The evening features appetizers, cash bar, a silent auction, raffle prizes, and plenty of games and entertainment for all. Don Briand, the 2015 Dover Chamber Citizen of the Year, will emcee the event.

Tickets are now on sale at dovernh.org/raffle. Each ticket is \$50 and only 300 tickets will be sold.

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 information on other programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email info@dovernh.org, or visit www.dovernh.org.



Dover Public Library to host virtual talk with bestselling author Megha Majumdar

What might a mother become in a time of crisis?

This is the question that Megha Majumdar wanted to answer in her latest book. Inspired in part by her childhood in sweltering Kolkata, India, and her journey into parenthood, Majumdar's story has been making waves in the literary world.



Join Dover Public Library on Monday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. for a virtual chat with the bestselling author about her book "A Guardian and a Thief", an Oprah's Book Club pick. The program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the livestream.

"A Guardian and a Thief" is set in a near-future Kolkata ravaged by climate change and food scarcity. Two families find themselves battling each other in an effort to protect their children. The book was a finalist for the Kirkus Prize, and the National Book Award. It was the winner of the American Library Association's Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence, and also a New York Times notable book, a Washington Post notable book, as well as one of the ten best books of the year per The Atlantic and TIME Magazine.

Majumdar's first book, the New York Times bestselling novel "A Burning", was a TODAY Show Read With Jenna book club pick and a National Book Award nominee, among other honors. Her work has been supported by the Whiting, Civitella Ranieri, and Hawthornden foundations. Born and raised in Kolkata, India, she now lives in New York.

For more information, visit the library's [website](#) or call (603) 516-6050. The library will be reopening on Friday, June 5. From April 20 to June 4, library staff will be working to move back into the Carnegie building. During this time, the library will be located in Room 306 of the McConnell Center and hours will be limited to Monday 9 AM-8:30 PM and Wednesday 9 AM-5 PM.

Reduced Library hours, locations changes in effect

The Dover Public Library has reduced its hours and available book and media collection as staff prepare to open the newly renovated building on Friday, June 5.

The library is currently open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only books purchased within the last six months will be available for browsing and borrowing. Adult, teen, and children's collections will be in Room 306 of the McConnell Center, along with limited computing and related services. Room 306 is on the third floor of the McConnell Center. Use Door 3 for stairs and elevator access.

Programming is also limited, with many events, such as book clubs, held off-site. Check the [library calendar](#) for a list of events and locations.

Online collections available for borrowing, research

Patrons may access the [online collections](#), including NH Overdrive, Kanopy, and Hoopla, to stream and download eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and films. There are also [online research databases](#) available; some require library cards.

For more information, contact the Library at 603-516-6050 or [visit the Library's renovation page](#).

This Week at the Library

Monday, May 4, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

May Preschool Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

Children aged 3-5 are invited to join for books, songs, rhymes, and a craft activity independent of their caregivers.

Registration required.

Wednesday, May 6, 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.

Wednesday, May 6, 11 am to 12 pm

All Abilities Club: Bingo

Great Bay Services

Join us for a fun hour of Bingo! Small prizes will be awarded.

Thursday, May 6, 10 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, May 7, 7 to 8 p.m.

**Dover Reads Author Talk: Dan Lawton
Dover High School Auditorium**

Author Dan Lawton will be in conversation with Dover Literary Laureate Shane Morin. Dan Lawton's *The Green House* is a 2021 Winner in Fiction of the Hampshire Writers' Project Literary Awards, a Bronze Medalist in Adult Fiction (E-Book) of the 2020 Independent Publisher Book Awards (IPPY Awards) and is a Finalist of the 2021 Montaigne Medal (Eric Hoffer Awards) for most thought-provoking book. This event is free and open to the public!

Friday, May 8, 10:30 to 11:30 am

Virtual Presidential Series:

James Monroe

Register: <https://ow.ly/jL0i50YRjGt>

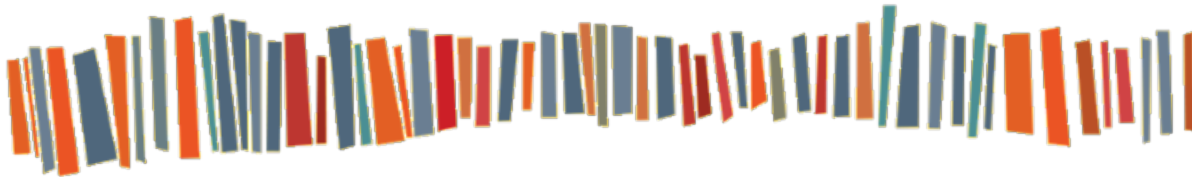
A yearlong series with "America's Preeminent Presidential Doodler,"

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

Held the first Thursday of the month, May's selection is *Gather* by Kenneth Cadow. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are welcome.

Thursday, May 7, 4 to 5 p.m.
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
McConnell Center, Room 306
Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Open to the public.

Heather Rogers, sharing curious facts, surprising tidbits, and lively illustrations of U.S. presidents. This month we're all about James Monroe. He wore knee breeches and stockings long after they were cool; the only foreign capital named for a U.S. president was named for him.



SAVE THE DATE!



Trucks • Family Fun • Food Truck • FREE Ice Cream

**3rd Annual Community Services
Touch - A - Truck and Open House**



Saturday, May 16th 11AM - 2PM
271 Mast Road
Dover, NH



**Dover Senior Center to host
trip to Penn Dutch Country
and Philadelphia**

The Dover Senior Center is hosting a three-day trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country and Philadelphia, Nov. 10-12, 2026. The trip features reserved seating for "Joshua" at the Sight & Sound Theatre. This original stage production brings to life the story of Joshua as he succeeds Moses and



leads the Israelites through the wilderness, facing uncertainty, conflict, and the challenge of guiding his people toward the Promised Land.

Tour highlights include:

- Guided sightseeing tour of Pennsylvania Dutch Country
- Visits to Dutchie Fisher Farm and Kitchen Kettle Village
- Reserved seating for “Joshua” at Sight & Sound Theatre
- Admission and guided tour of the National Constitution Center
- Time at Reading Terminal Market
- Deluxe accommodations at the Eden Resort & Suites
- Four meals: 2 American breakfast buffets (resort) and 2 dinners (hotel day 1, Amish home day 2)
- All necessary taxes, gratuities, and baggage handling
- Deluxe Yankee Line motor coach transportation

Cost: \$875 per person (double occupancy)

Deposit: \$100 due at time of reservation

To sign up or request more information, contact the Dover Community Senior Center at 603-516-6420 or l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov.

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, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). [Learn more about](#) the donation process.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Tuesday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [St. Mary Church](#), 25 Chestnut St.
 - Thursday, May 14, 12:30 to 5 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
 - Friday, May 15, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Dover Point Road
 - Tuesday, May 26, 12 to 5 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.
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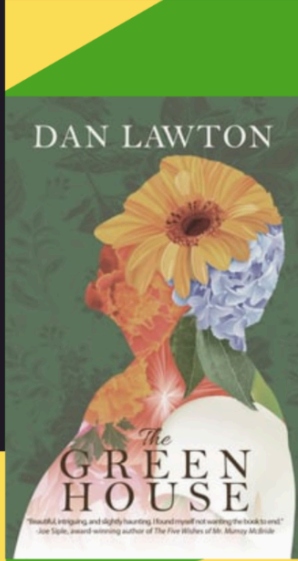

by the Best Selling Author

Dan Lawton

For His Award-winning Thriller *The Green House*

Thursday, May 7th, 7 PM
at Dover High Auditorium

For information
Email Shane:
S.Morin@dover.nh.gov

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The event is free and open to the public.

COAST to hold hearing in Dover May 7 on proposed fare increase

Hearings also slated across the region

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) is proposing a systemwide fare increase later this year to help offset rising operating costs.

Under the proposal, COAST's base cash fare would increase from \$1.50 to \$2 on all bus routes. The half-fare for older adults and people with disabilities would increase from 75 cents to \$1. Fares for COAST's advance reservation demand response services, including ADA paratransit, the Newmarket-Exeter Connector and Portsmouth Senior Transportation, also would be affected.

COAST last changed its fare structure in 2008, when the base cash fare increased from \$1 to \$1.50.

As part of the review process, COAST staff and members of the board of directors will hold public hearings throughout the region to explain the proposal and receive public comment. A hearing in Dover will be held Thursday, May 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in the conference room at Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, 577 Central Ave.

Written comments also may be submitted by email to info@coastbus.org or by mail to COAST, 42 Sumner Drive, Dover, NH 03820. Comments submitted before May 29 will be included in the hearing record.

Public hearings are scheduled at the following locations:

- Exeter Public Library, Large Meeting Room, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 6.
- Portsmouth Public Library, Levenson Room, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6.
- Rochester Public Library, Large Meeting Room, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7.
- Dover CAPSC, Conference Room, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 7.
- Somersworth City Hall, Council Chambers, 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 8.
- Farmington Town Hall, Auditorium, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 18.
- Portsmouth Public Library, Levenson Room, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 20.
- Newmarket Town Hall, Council Chambers, 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

Information about the proposed fare increase and how to travel to hearings by bus is available at coastbus.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**
- **Health/Fire Life Safety Officer**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver-Utilities**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Municipal Construction Project Administrator**
- **Director of Public Welfare**
- **Engineering Intern**

- **Maintenance Specialist-Streets**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer - Full-Time or Part-Time**

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

Dover School District employment opportunities

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

- **Culinary Teacher**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Noon Supervisor**
- **Nurse's Administrative Assistant**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Math Teacher**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Chief Financial and Operations Officer**
- **Title I Interventionist**
- **Operations and Accounting Manager**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Occupational Therapist (Dover Middle and High School)**
- **District Student Support Counselor**
- **English Teacher**
- **Physical Education Teacher**
- **Speech Language Pathologist**
- **Long Term Substitute Preschool Teacher**
- **School Psychologist Charter, Private & Out-of-District Evaluations**
- **District School Psychologists**
- **Business Teacher**

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