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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 5, 2023



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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to vote on Community Power plan

Revised development agreement for waterfront also before City Council

The City Council will consider a resolution at its [May 10 meeting](#) to determine if and when to proceed with authorizing a Dover Community Power Program with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). If authorized as currently presented, it would allow the city to prepare for the program's launch in 2024 and begin outreach to inform the public of the plan and its benefits.

Resilience Manager Jackson Kaspari outlined the status of the Community Power program at a May 3 City Council workshop, [available here](#). He gave a brief overview of the history of the program and the recent launch of the statewide Community

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Power programs, with 10 communities beginning to enroll customers. He also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of waiting until next year to launch Dover's program. Chief among the advantages is the increased time for public outreach and allowing the CPCNH to mature as an organization, which recently appointed its first CEO, giving additional time for issues to be worked out with utility providers and allowing for the city's electricity load to be included in the program. Currently, the city has a two-year contract for a competitive rate set to expire in November.

The disadvantage of waiting is not being able to capitalize on the electricity savings for city residents and businesses, estimated to be \$900,000 over 11 months. It also delays the opportunities for residents and businesses to purchase power from renewable sources. In March, the CPCNH announced the fixed supply rates effective for the coming launch, with the basic community power rate set at 15.8 cents per kilowatt hour. It's a 4.4 cent reduction from Eversource's current default supply rate of 20.221 cents per kWh, or 21.9%, which runs through the end of July. Community Power's 100% renewable option is 19.1 cents per kWh. Eversource's new rate, effective Aug. 1, will be announced in June. New rates through CPCNH will also go into effect on Aug. 1.

When launched, the program will be self-funded through revenues generated by participating customers and not use taxpayer funds to cover program expenses. Eversource will continue to own and operate the distribution grid and be responsible for delivering power to all customers within the city. Community Power impacts the electricity supply portion of the bill, and all other aspects, such as distribution, will still be determined by Eversource.

Also on the agenda:

- Approval of amending the Land Development and Disposition Agreement between the city and the waterfront developer; the agreement was unanimously endorsed by the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee [earlier this week](#). City staff has tentatively negotiated the amendments with the developer Cathartes through their waterfront business entity, CPI Management, LLC. Some of the proposed terms include changes to the public improvements construction schedule. It also includes updating the guaranteed minimum assessed values (GMV) on the private development. Originally the GMV amount was set at a maximum of \$15 million for all buildings. In the proposed third amendment, the aggregate GMV would increase to \$35 million, applicable no later than FY2026, \$66 million applicable no later than FY2029, and \$75.5 million applicable no later than FY2032. The draft agreement is included in the agenda materials.
- Amend the City Council's financial policies, which City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., outlined at the Council's May 3 workshop, [available here](#). Changes include increasing the minimum assigned fund balance to 25% of the General's fund annual budget and increasing the amount of new debt of the water fund to not exceed 10% of the state's legal limit, up from 5%.
- Authorize a license agreement with Belknap Apartments,

LLC to install a graffiti wall that abuts the Community Trail.

- Authorizing this year's street paving contract.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers and is open to the public. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



Curbside weed control spraying to begin next week

The city's contracted and licensed weed control applicator will begin operations next week, targeting specific city streets with Esplanade, a non-glyphosate pre-emergent weed control. It will be applied to the targeted areas highlighted on the map below.

The city will also use the following weed control strategies:

- Finalsan, an organic post-emergent weed control that will be applied multiples times as needed in specific areas;
- Acetic acid: a post-emergent weed control product made available at no cost to the city by a concerned Dover citizen that will be used on a trial basis and applied in select test areas. Acetic Acid is the main component of vinegar.
- Curbside sweeping: Crews will utilize a street sweeper attachment designed specifically for weed removal.

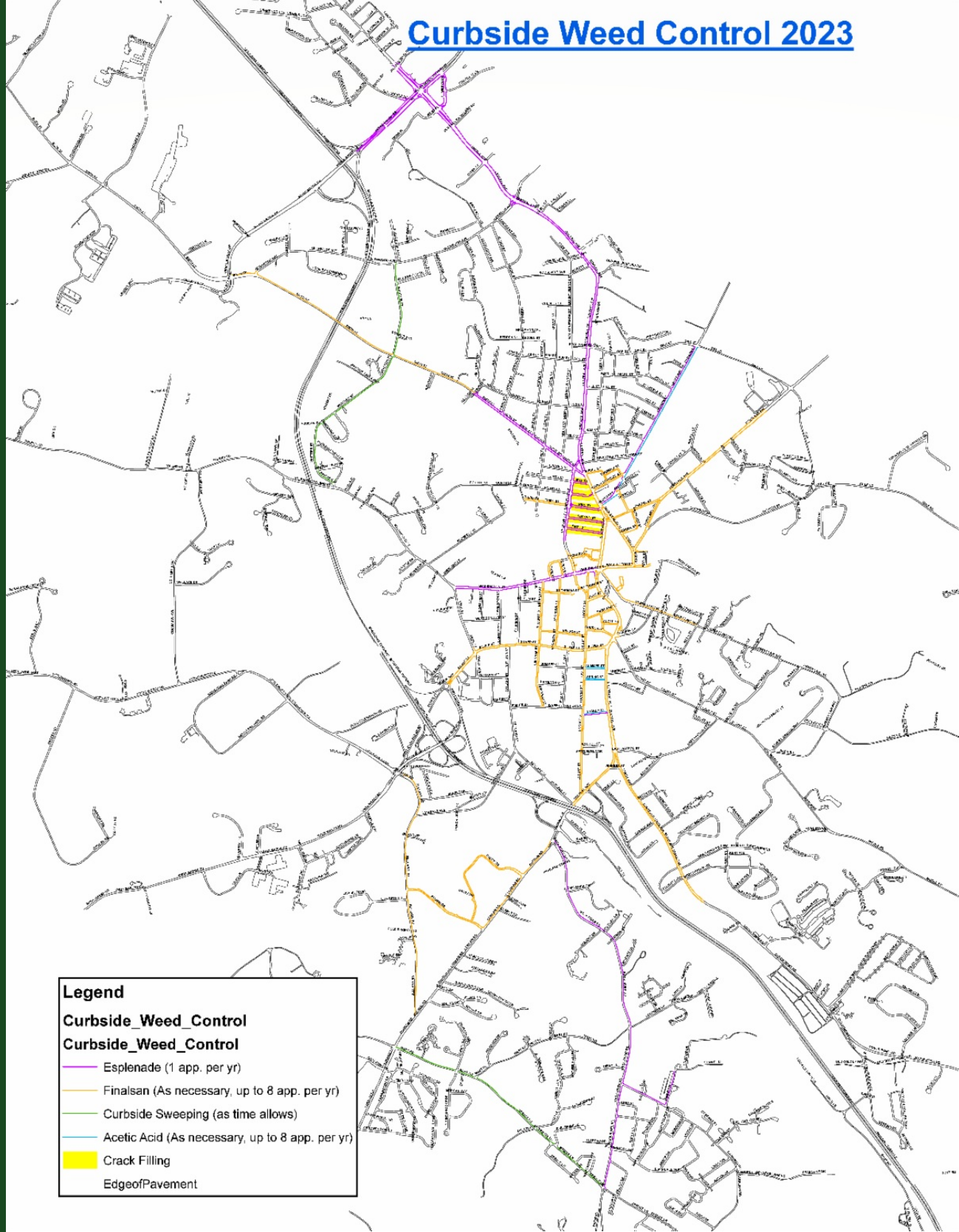
The city's goal is to find the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly pre-emergent herbicides, as weed removal is much more expensive than preventing them from growing. The Esplanade treatment will be monitored and evaluated along with the following other weed control strategies for how well they work, cost-effectiveness, and any adverse environmental impacts.

The [Curbside Weed Control 2023 Map](#) shows where the different strategies will be utilized and the application frequency.

Property owners within the Esplanade treatment area may opt out of its application by contacting the Community Services department at 603-516-6450. The deadline to request the opt-out is today, Friday, May 5, 2023, at 4 p.m.

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

Curbside Weed Control 2023



Curbside Weed Control 2023 Map. [Click here](#) or the map image above to enlarge.

Dover Police Department

Breaking Barriers:

Strengthening Police-Community Relationships

A monthly series fostering transparency, community, and connection.

May:

Response to Homelessness

WEDNESDAY
MAY 17

Dover Police
Department
46 Chestnut Street
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Dover Police Department to host third 'Breaking Barriers' event

Latest session focuses on homelessness response

The Dover Police Department invites the public to attend the third installment of their monthly series, "Breaking Barriers: Strengthening Police-Community Relationships," on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dover Police Department. This month's event will center on the department's response to homelessness and related quality-of-life issues in the City of Dover.

Chief William Breault and members of the Police Department will lead a discussion on the department's balanced approach to addressing homelessness. They will share information about enforcement actions taken in response to criminal activity and collaborative efforts with community partners and service providers to connect individuals with resources such as housing assistance, mental health services, and substance use treatment services.

The goal of the department's approach is to help individuals transition out of homelessness and towards stability and self-sufficiency.

"The Dover Police Department believes in empowering individuals through a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand out' strategy, promoting self-determination and a more effective support system for those experiencing homelessness," Chief Breault said.

Community members, business owners, and service providers are encouraged to attend the event and participate in the conversation. The "Breaking Barriers" series aims to build relationships, foster transparency, and work towards positive change in the community.

For more information about the event, please contact the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646.

City to hold informational workshop on stormwater and flood resiliency utility

The City of Dover will host a public workshop on Tuesday, May 23, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the creation of a stormwater and flood resiliency utility for the city. The workshop, to be held in Room 305 of the McConnell Center, will include a presentation about the benefits followed by a breakout session to solicit public feedback on how best to implement it.

At the direction of the City Council, city staff, working with the Ordinance Committee, Utility Commission, and a consultant, are drafting an ordinance that authorizes a stormwater and flood resiliency utility that will be brought to City Council in the future for adoption. On Feb. 2, 2022, the City Council accepted the recommendation of the ad hoc Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding and declared its intent to form a stormwater and flood resiliency utility by ordinance. The stormwater committee, created by City Council 2020, was to investigate, study, identify, and make recommendations to the Council concerning potential funding opportunities for current and future stormwater and flood resiliency management planning. Its membership included a diverse group of stakeholders that met for over a year before making their recommendation to the City Council.

Stormwater runoff flows across impervious surfaces and does not soak into the ground, collecting surface pollutants such as oil, bacteria, and sediment as it flows, often deposited into our local waterways untreated. During heavy rain events, the city's stormwater drainage system is overwhelmed, causing flooding and significant financial damage to roads and property. Therefore, reducing stormwater runoff makes financial and environmental sense but requires ongoing investments. The City has accumulated at least \$5 million in deferred stormwater and flood resiliency projects due to insufficient funding, with rising costs projected from increasing federal and state regulatory requirements.

Currently, stormwater funding is primarily through the City's General Fund, much of which is generated through property taxes. The City Council's ad hoc Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding found that its neither sustainable nor a fair way to fund stormwater runoff infrastructure, as 55% of the stormwater infrastructure is funded by residential property owners, even though they account for only 25% of the city's impervious area. Stormwater affects all City parcels, but not all parcels pay into the General Fund, such as tax-exempt properties.

The city will provide regular updates about the ongoing development of the utility. To sign-up for project-specific emails, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Project Updates: Stormwater and Flood Resiliency Utility" to your current email subscription list.

City to hold online auction of surplus property

Beginning Monday, May 8, the City of Dover will hold an online auction of surplus property, including vehicles, electronic equipment, public works machinery, furniture, and other miscellaneous items. The auction will be conducted on <https://www.govdeals.com>, where interested parties can search for Dover, NH to find the available items. Available items will not appear online until 9 a.m. on Monday, May 8.

Prospective bidders are encouraged to carefully read all information and guidelines before submitting a bid. The complete list of items, specifications, timelines, and terms and conditions can be found on the [GOVDEALS](https://www.govdeals.com) website.

Those interested in viewing the items in person may do so by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by emailing k.cragin@dover.nh.gov between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with at least 24 hours notice.

All items will be sold in "as-is" and "where-is" condition, with no warranties expressed or implied, and no refunds will be issued. Successful bidders must remove their purchased items within ten (10) business days after full payment. The City will not provide delivery; buyers are responsible for picking up their items. To schedule a pick-up appointment, please email k.cragin@dover.nh.gov, providing at least 24 hours notice. Pick-ups will be scheduled between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Buyers must present a signed copy of the Bill of Sale and a photo ID when collecting their items. This auction presents an excellent opportunity for the public to acquire valuable assets at competitive prices while also allowing the City to manage its resources efficiently.

Bids for this online auction will close on Friday, May 19.

For more information on the auction and available items, please visit <https://www.govdeals.com> and search for Dover, NH.

Dover and Oyster River to participate in listening session on public education

Former Chair of the State Board of Education, Fredrick Bramante, is hosting a listening session at the Oyster River High School Auditorium, located at 55 Coe Drive, Durham, on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. Dover School District and Oyster River Cooperative School District communities are invited to this meeting to discuss proposed changes to New Hampshire's public education standards.

"ED 306 Minimum Standards For Public School Approval" lays out the requirements for public education, determines the state funding portion of a school district's budget, and addresses the essential aspects of school such as:

- School climate and culture
- Learning levels
- Personalized learning plans
- Competency-based learning
- Assessment
- Course-level competencies, standards, and frameworks
- Work study practices
- School calendar / instructional hours
- Learning opportunities
- Physical activity
- Overall language
- Other areas

This event is an opportunity for community members and educators to ask questions and provide valuable feedback to the State Board of Education.

For additional information on the proposed changes, view the document online: [NHSAA Feedback on 306](#).

The full report is [available here](#).

Dover Pride Clean-Up Day is Saturday

One of Dover Main Street's flagship activities, Dover Pride Clean Up Day, will be held on Saturday, May 6, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding by noon.

Join hundreds of volunteers, with help from the City of Dover's Community Services Department, to rake, prune, sweep, mulch, weed, paint, and plant multiple sites in the

downtown area. Celebrate at the end with a pizza lunch courtesy of Kendall Pond Pizza.

Clean Up Day is an opportunity for community members to give a few hours of time by contributing some sweat equity to make Dover look its best for the coming tourist season. Come see friends and neighbors and meet new ones. Dover Pride Clean Up Day is a great opportunity to get out of the house and do something for our community. This civic volunteer effort is an important aspect of helping keep the downtown area clean and beautiful throughout the spring and summer and also provides cost savings to the City of Dover.

Individuals, groups, or families can volunteer for just an hour or come for the entire morning. Locations will be set up by Dover Main Street, but there are numerous spots around the city to lend a helping hand, such as Henry Law Park, the Community Trail, Joe Parks Riverwalk, Skate Park, and the Library and McConnell Center public spaces. Work will include raking, weeding, edging, sweeping, mulching, and picking up litter.

There are plenty of spots available to help. Register your commitment on the Dover Main Street website at <https://dovermainstreet.org/event.php?id=55> or visit the registration table at the Cocheco Mill courtyard on the morning of the event.

Bring your home gardening tools if you can — gloves, brooms, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows. Make sure to put your name on your tools. This is a rain-or-shine event, so please come prepared.

Local merchants to hold 'Spring Fling' in conjunction with Dover Pride Clean-Up Day

In connection with Dover Pride Clean Up Day is the Dover Spring Fling event, which also takes place in downtown Dover on May 6 and 7. Local businesses planned this event to offer special deals and promotions and to welcome spring visitors to Dover. May is the perfect time to support shopping locally, meet some new business owners, as well as revisiting our tried and true favorite shops. But it's not just about the shopping. The Dover Spring Fling is also an opportunity to come together and celebrate spring, our small businesses, and the vibrancy of our city.

Each participating business will be hosting a little something extra special over the weekend. There will be free bubble and sidewalk chalk stations set up throughout the downtown, and maps will be distributed by Dover Main Street (during Dover Pride Clean Up Day), as well as by each participating business. You can follow along with business specials as they are uploaded to the Dover Spring Fling Event Page.

So, mark your calendars for the Dover Pride Clean Up Day and Dover Spring Fling – it'll be a weekend of celebration, community, and fun that you won't want to miss. Come out, show your support for Dover, and enjoy all that our city has to offer. By supporting local businesses and community organizations, we're strengthening the fabric of our community and building relationships that will last for years to come.

**DOVER
SPRING FLING
MAY 6-7, 2023**



*Check out these
participating businesses!*

Auspicious Brew
Aviation Brewing Co.
Central Stitch
Dover Jewelers
Earth Harmony Wellness
Eight-Legged Octopus
Ember
Erin Claire
Fat Dog Kitchen
Flight
Gallivant Global Eatery
Game Chamber
Harvey's Bakery & Coffee Shop
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Upcoming Meetings:

**Ethics Commission,
May 8, 4 p.m.**

The Ethics Commission will
hold a regular meeting on

Monday, May 8, 2023, beginning at 4 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Conservation Commission, May 8, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, May 8, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

Planning Board, May 9, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

City Council, May 10, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Library Board of Trustees, May 11, 4 p.m.



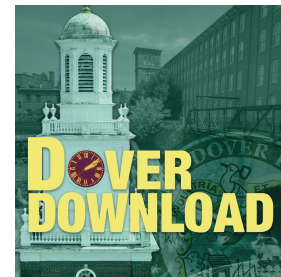
Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

Dover Download 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>.

Need to contact your elected representative?

The City of Dover makes reaching out to your local, state, county, and federal elected officials easy by providing contact information for City Councilors, state representatives, and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, [Find My Representative](#), for a complete list of local, county, state, and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which

The Library Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Dover Public Library.

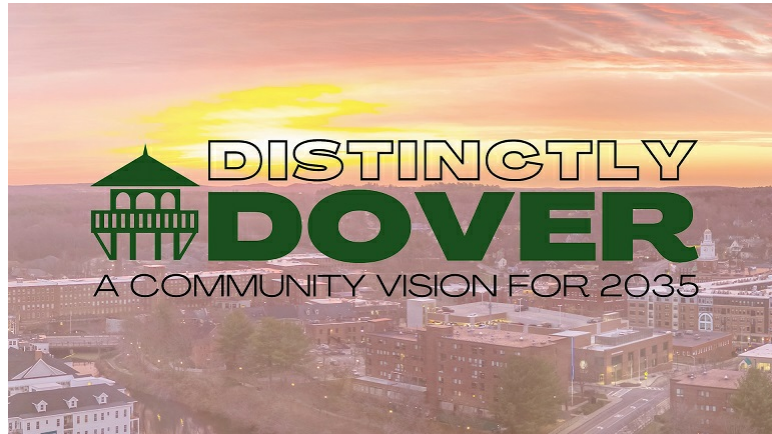
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

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

councilor represents your ward? You can find out [more information about the City Council here](#).

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the [City of Dover's interactive ward map](#). The map also includes polling locations.

A list of School Board members and contact information [can be found here](#).



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](#).

May 7, 1667 — A meeting of the selectmen of Dover and Portsmouth was held in Portsmouth, for "remedying several inconveniences," and it was mutually agreed and ordered between them that as by custom, the public charges both of Court and County had been carried on by each town distinctly for the time past, for the future all charges should be borne jointly by the County, and a County Treasurer chosen according to law. Captain Waldron, deputy to the General Court, was instructed to make known to the Court the papers received from Major Shapleigh, and also not to engage the town by compulsion to build fortifications. Likewise, to consult with the deputies of Portsmouth concerning the enlargement of the County. The selectmen ordered the three-half-penny rate made over the whole town to be delivered to Captain Waldron by the several constables and for him to dispose of the same according to the selectmen's order from time to time.

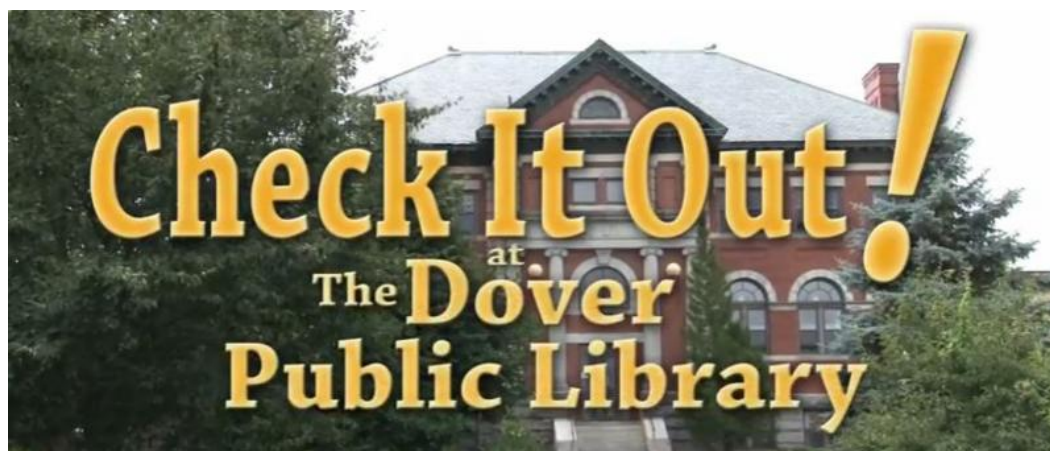
May 6, 1841 — The Hon. Daniel M. Durell died on this day at age 71. From a news account of the day: "He was apparently in the enjoyment of good health, had ridden out on horseback during the day, and was seen walking on the street with his usual vigorous step until late in the afternoon. About six o'clock he was found by his family dead in the yard near his residence. The deceased was one of Dover's most opulent and distinguished citizens and in the course of a long and active life, had filled many offices of trust and importance. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College of the class of 1794 and commenced the practice of law in Dover as early as 1797. From 1807 to 1809, he was a member of Congress from New Hampshire. He afterward represented the town in the State Legislature and, in 1814, was appointed Chief Justice of the District Court of Common Pleas, which office he held until the Judiciary system was changed and the Court abolished. In 1830 he was appointed United States District

Attorney for New Hampshire and held the office until 1834."

May 5, 1864 — The Strafford Guards were ordered to Fort Constitution for 60 days after the two companies of heavy artillery stationed were ordered south.

May 6, 1887 — Dover's Board of Assessors completed their work for 1887 on this day. They made the following returns: 3,002 polls valued at \$3,002; 914 horses valued \$85,201; 83 oxen valued at \$5,330; 749 cows valued at \$23,826; 175 other cattle valued at \$3,915; 160 sheep valued at \$636; 37 hogs valued at \$524; and 224 carriages valued at \$24,463. Public funds were assessed at \$24,570. Bank stock was valued at \$329,790. Money on hand and at interest was \$342,790. Stock in trade was listed at \$1,129,127. Factories and aqueducts were valued at \$1,010,000, and buildings on leased land were valued at \$13,030. The assessors also listed 428 real estate properties valued at \$4,925,428. The citywide valuation was assessed at \$8,228,740. As a result of the work, the tax rate was set at \$14 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

May 7, 1999 — The Dover School Board met with the Rollinsford School Board to discuss a plan for some students in Rollinsford to attend Dover High School. At that time, Rollinsford students attended Somersworth High School. The meeting followed the formation of a Rollinsford committee to seek an optional alternative to Somersworth, in a district able to accept some of the town's high school students. A decade later, Rollinsford sought a school district able to accept all of the town's middle and high school students. The Dover School Board at the time said the district could only commit to accepting high school students. Rollinsford ultimately signed an agreement with SAD35 just over its border in Maine to send its students to Marshwood Middle and High schools.



Library book sale begins today

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will hold a book sale beginning on Friday, May 5, through Sunday, May 7, in the Library Lecture Hall. All leftovers will be free on Monday, May 8.

Hours will be Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hundreds of items will be available for sale, including fiction and nonfiction books, biographies, DVDs, CDs, children's books, cookbooks, and more. Prices range from 50 cents to \$3, and all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Dover Public Library funds, which are used to help support the library in many ways. The Friends pay for programs throughout the year, support the Summer Reading Program, purchase all of the museum passes available to patrons, and much more.

For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050.

Give 'lift' meditation a try at the Dover Public Library

Many people have felt the stress of the last few years during the pandemic. If you want to learn

how meditation can help relieve stress, join the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, May 16, at 2 p.m. for a free session led by Thomas McGrevey.

When people are stressed, they cannot reason well in the grip of anxiety's fight/flight/freeze response. By physically and naturally boosting the brain, similar to a runner's high, some are able to dissolve anxiety and bring back a thinking brain on the spot.

Thomas P. McGrevey, Jr., is a professor emeritus of business at New England College. He has taught graduate and undergraduate business classes at New England College, SNHU, the University of New Hampshire's Granite State College, and others. He co-owned and operated small businesses, including Antics Grill and Games in Manchester, and has been a management consultant specializing in information systems, strategic management, and assisting international companies with opening branches and new businesses in the United States.

Professor McGrevey is speaking for himself about the lift method of meditation. His views do not represent any of the colleges and universities he has been affiliated with. He has no training in psychology, neuroscience, or therapy. He says he is just "a cool guy who developed an amazing hack for anxiety and wants to share it with the world."

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Library at 603-516-6050.

This Week at the Library

May VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *The Weekday Vegetarians* by Jenny Rosenstrach. Throughout the month of May, 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@doover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 6 Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

There will be hundreds of books and DVDs for sale in the Library Lecture Hall. Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, DVDS, CDs, kids' books, cookbooks and more. Items will be priced at \$3 or under, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library to support programs and museum passes. On Monday, May 8 all leftover items will be free!

Tuesday, May 9, 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.

Wednesday, May 10, 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, May 10, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All Abilities Club: Art for All

This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with special needs as we create art and craft projects. Each session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

Wednesday, May 10, 6 to 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7-12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students. Members attend monthly meetings in order to share their ideas, help to plan future events/ services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

Thursday, May 11, 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, May 11, 6 to 8 p.m. Adult Knitting Group

Tuesday, May 9, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

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

Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Friends of the Dover Public Library

As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$15 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as many cultural events for the community.

Wednesday, May 10, 10 to 11 a.m.

Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club

Dover Public Library's book group dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *A Molecule Away from Madness* by Sara Manning Peskin. Pick up a copy at the front desk or listen to it as an audiobook through Hoopla.

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

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Reading Rainbow Book Group

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's new Queer book group as we discuss *Hell Followed With Us* by Andrew Joseph White. Copies of the book will be available to borrow via Interlibrary Loan at the Circulation Desk. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Friday, May 12, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

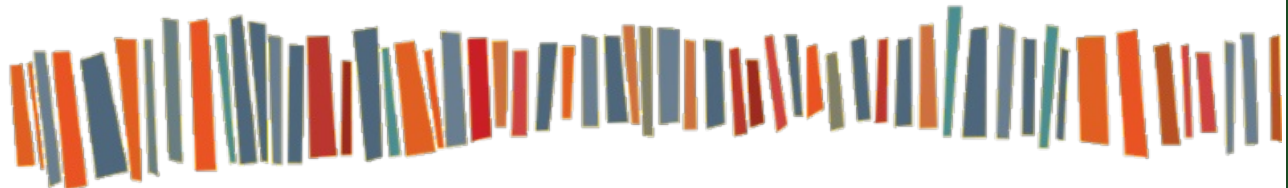
This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

Friday, May 12, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Sensory Storytime

This storytime is for children, ages 3-6, with autism, sensory challenges, developmental delays, and their caregivers. This fun, interactive program will engage the senses through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs, rhymes and movements, as well as tactile and sensory activities.

Registration required.



Dover exhibit of George Floyd quilts aims to foster racial justice

The Racial Justice Team of First Parish Church Congregational in Dover will host the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry exhibit, which features a series of quilts displaying the last words of George Floyd. The exhibit will be held at First Parish Church Congregational Church, 218 Central Ave. The project is a collaboration between nine United Church of Christ congregations in New Hampshire and aims to show that racism is not the only reality and serve as a reminder of the need for racial justice. The City of Dover's Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee supports this event.

The quilts will be available for public viewing in the First Parish Church sanctuary during the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, May 10, 2-4 p.m.
- Thursday, May 11, 6-7 p.m.
- Friday, May 12, 2-4 p.m.
- Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Admission to view the quilts is free.

In addition, the public is invited to attend a screening and discussion of the documentary film, *Stitch, Breathe, Speak: The George Floyd Quilts*, by New Hampshire filmmaker Chris Owen. The film chronicles the creation of the quilts and will be shown on Thursday, May 11, from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, e-mail clricricker@comcast.net.



ANXIOUS NATION

FREE SCREENING
THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

Refreshments: 5:30 PM
Screening: 6:00 PM

Dover High School
Auditorium
25 Alumni Drive
Dover, NH 03820

Join us for a screening of the feature documentary *Anxious Nation*, which explores anxiety and our kids. Following the film will be a panel discussion with industry experts that work with youth and families.

MEET THE PANELISTS



Sandra Woodman
Director of Youth
and Family Services
at Community
Partners



Charlene Hoyt
31 Year High School
Teacher with a
Graduate Degree
from Johns Hopkins
University in Mind,
Brain, Teaching



Peter Naitove
Dover High School
Psychologist and
trained Therapeutic
Breathworker



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SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Pick a time to:

Learn how to recognize and respond to warning signs and behaviors that may indicate a peer or loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis.

We all can play a role in suicide prevention.

*A minimum of 10 people must register and attend for class to be held.
Participants must be 18 years or older to attend.*



Dover High School Library
25 Alumni Drive, Dover, NH

OCT 6

5-8 PM

NOV 10

5-8 PM

DEC 1

5-8 PM

JAN 5

5-8 PM

FEB 2

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APR 6

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MAY 4

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For more information please contact:
suzanneeweete@communitypartnersnh.org

<https://dovermentalhealthalliance.org/>

Storm debris cleanup continues

City public works crews continue to remove woody debris left from the January winter storm.

The work is expected to take several more weeks to finish, as weather conditions and work priorities allow. Crews are not accepting new work orders for debris pickup.

Residents are encouraged to bring woody debris to the Recycling Center for free disposal. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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
- Arts Commission

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

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

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

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

- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **City Planner**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Automotive Technician**
- **Parking Maintenance Specialist**
- **Summer Camp Counselor**
- **Police Systems IT Technician**
- **Truck Driver -- Streets**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator -- Utilities**
- **Laborer -- Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker -- Summer intern**

- **Seasonal Maintenance Worker -- Facilities and Grounds**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**

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:

- **Physical Education/Wellness K-4 Teacher**
- **School Counselor, Bellamy Academy**
- **Student Services Counselor**
- **Auditorium House Manager and Technician**
- **DALC Adult High School Math Teacher**
- **Special Education Paraprofessionals**
- **Noon Aide/Recess Monitor**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Custodian**
- **Substitute Teachers**

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

