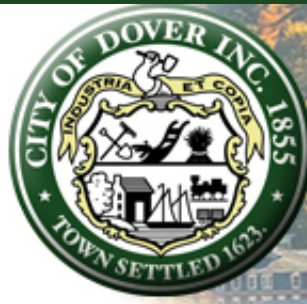


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 8, 2026



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

288 Central
Avenue
Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

**City Hall
hours:**

Monday-
Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 5:30
p.m.
Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
p.m.

**Recycling
Center
hours:**

Tuesday,
Thursday,
Saturday:

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Henry Law Avenue reconstruction contract on Council's May 13 agenda

The City Council will consider awarding the contract for the reconstruction of Henry Law Avenue and Payne Street at its Wednesday, May 13 regular meeting.

City staff recommends awarding the contract to Northeast Earth Mechanics for \$12,836,873. The project scope includes new drainage infrastructure, including an underground stormwater management system, sewer reconstruction and rehabilitation, sidewalk construction and surface restoration of Henry Law Avenue and Payne Street. Part of the funding is contingent on City Council also approving the reprogramming \$1,487,551 from previously funded public works projects, which is also on the agenda.

The City Council will also consider an additional \$14,600,000 appropriation and authorization for bonding for water treatment upgrades for the French Cross station. The project is eligible for financial assistance through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with \$5,120,000 in principal forgiveness.

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

Also [on the agenda](#):

- Acceptance of a public access easement from Cochecho Mills Holdings, LLC at 427 Central Ave. for the 9/11 Memorial planned to be installed this summer in the Cochecho Courtyard downtown
- Approval of a tenant agreement to operate at the Nebi Park Pavilion
- Approval of a lease agreement with Belly Park Disc Golf Club
- Authorizing the disposal of city-owned real estate and tax deed property
- Authorizing the awarding a bid to replace the wastewater effluent skid system to Hayes Pump, Inc. for \$179,505

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

Public informational meeting on upcoming Central Avenue reconstruction on May 19

Section from Stark Avenue to Silver Street to be upgraded

City staff will hold a public informational meeting on the plans to reconstruct Central Avenue from Stark Avenue to Silver Street on Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Staff anticipates soliciting construction bids this fall, with work to begin in spring of 2027.

Roadway reconstruction include upgrades to underground utilities, drainage systems, roadways surfaces, sidewalks and other related infrastructure. The project will also improve the Central Avenue intersection at Stark Avenue, East Watson Street and Jenness Street. The project is being designed to be safe and accessible for all users regardless of age, physical ability or mode of transport.

The city has contracted with Sebago Technics, Inc. to assist with designing the project. Staff from Sebago Technics will also be at the informational meeting to discuss the design of the project.

This project has qualified for \$4,500,000 million in Congressional Directed Spending, which requires a \$1,125,000 match from the city.

As the project progresses, the public can sign up to receive regular updates via email. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select "Lower Central Avenue Project Updates."

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

Road closures in effect Sunday for Moms on the Run 5K

Dover Police Chief David A. Terlemezian announces the following road closures for the annual [Moms on the Run Mother's Day 5K event](#) on Sunday, May 10, part of the Dover Race Series events.

On Sunday, May 10, the following road closures will be in effect:

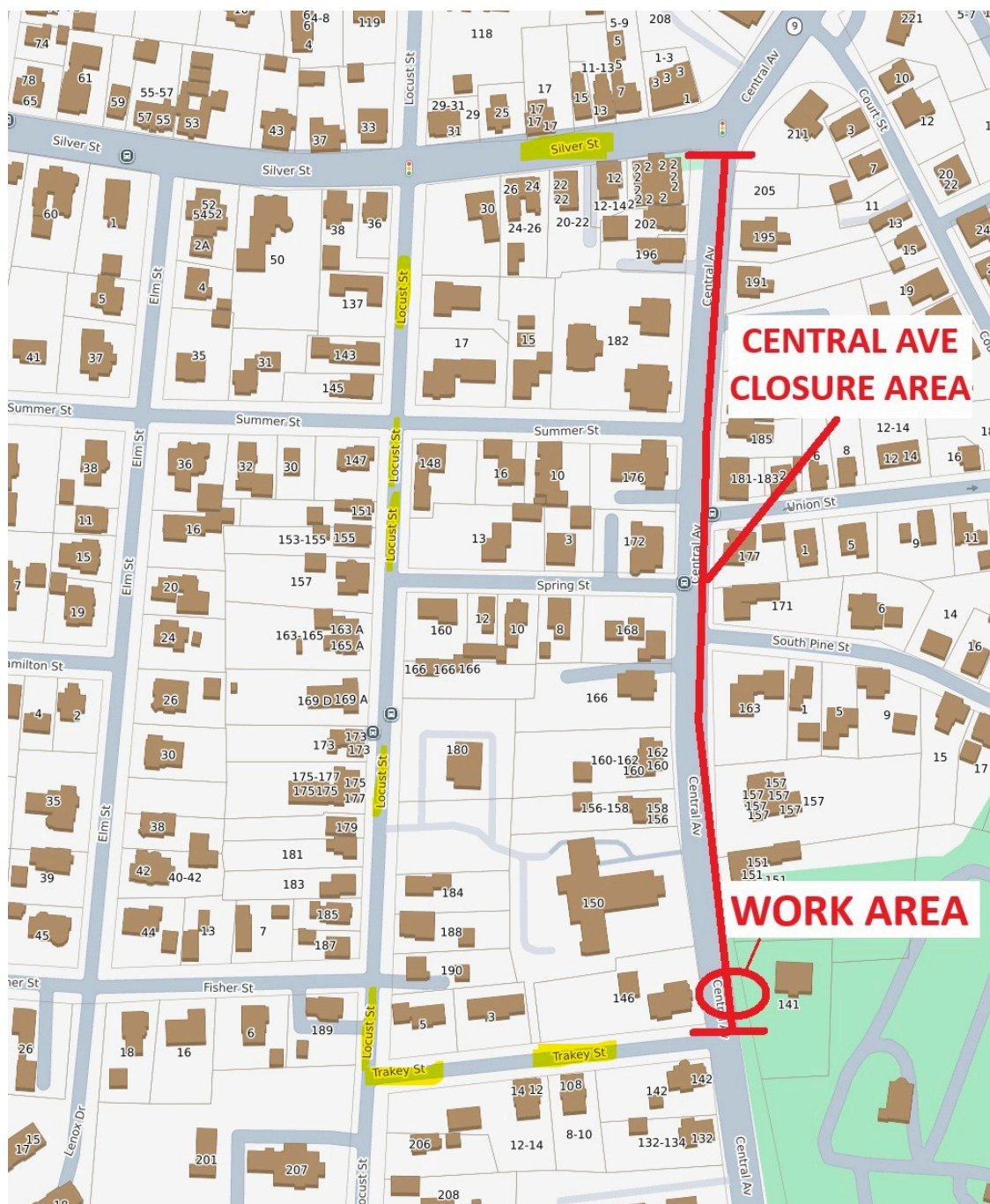
- Spaulding Turnpike Exit 7 southbound on and off-ramps, from 9:30 to 10 a.m.
- Bellamy Road, in the northerly direction from Durham Road to Cataract Avenue, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Rutland Street between Cataract Avenue and Central Avenue, from 9:30 to 10 a.m.
- Cataract Avenue, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Alumni Drive, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Dover High School, 25 Alumni Dr. The course ends at the same location.

Motorists should expect delays at the Central Avenue/Mill Street/Exit 7 intersection, and a lane shift along Route 108 between Rutland Street and Bellamy Road. Dover police personnel and event volunteers will help manage the flow of traffic along the race route.

This event is organized by and will benefit [Zebra Crossings of Dover](#), which provides year-round empowerment programs for children with chronic medical conditions.

Questions about traffic implications may be directed to Dover Police Lt. Alex Mitrush, Community Outreach Bureau at 603-742-4646.



Central Avenue traffic impacts next week

Closed from Silver to Trakey on Wednesday

Motorists should anticipate traffic delays and detours Monday through Wednesday, May 11-13 to allow utility work in the area of 141 Central Ave.

Conditions permitting, the anticipated work schedule is as follows:

- **Monday, May 11, 9 to 11 a.m.** Crews will saw cut the road. Traffic will remain open in both directions, but motorists should anticipate lane shifts, brief delays
- **Tuesday, May 12, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Traffic will be reduced to one lane of alternating traffic. Expect delays through the work area.
- **Wednesday, May 13, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.** Central Avenue will be closed from Trakey to Silver Street. Northbound traffic will be detoured via Trakey and Locust streets; southbound traffic will be detoured via Silver and Locust streets. Access St. Joseph Church from Silver Street side.



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.

Deadline to change party affiliation is June 2

State Primary Election is Sept. 8

The last day a registered voter can change their political party affiliation before the 2026 State Primary Election is Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Per state law, voters may not change their party affiliation 90 days before a primary.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on June 2 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave. The supervisors will register new voters, record changes of address, name and party affiliation, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist.

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, with the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3. At the election, voters will cast ballots for county, state and federal

offices.

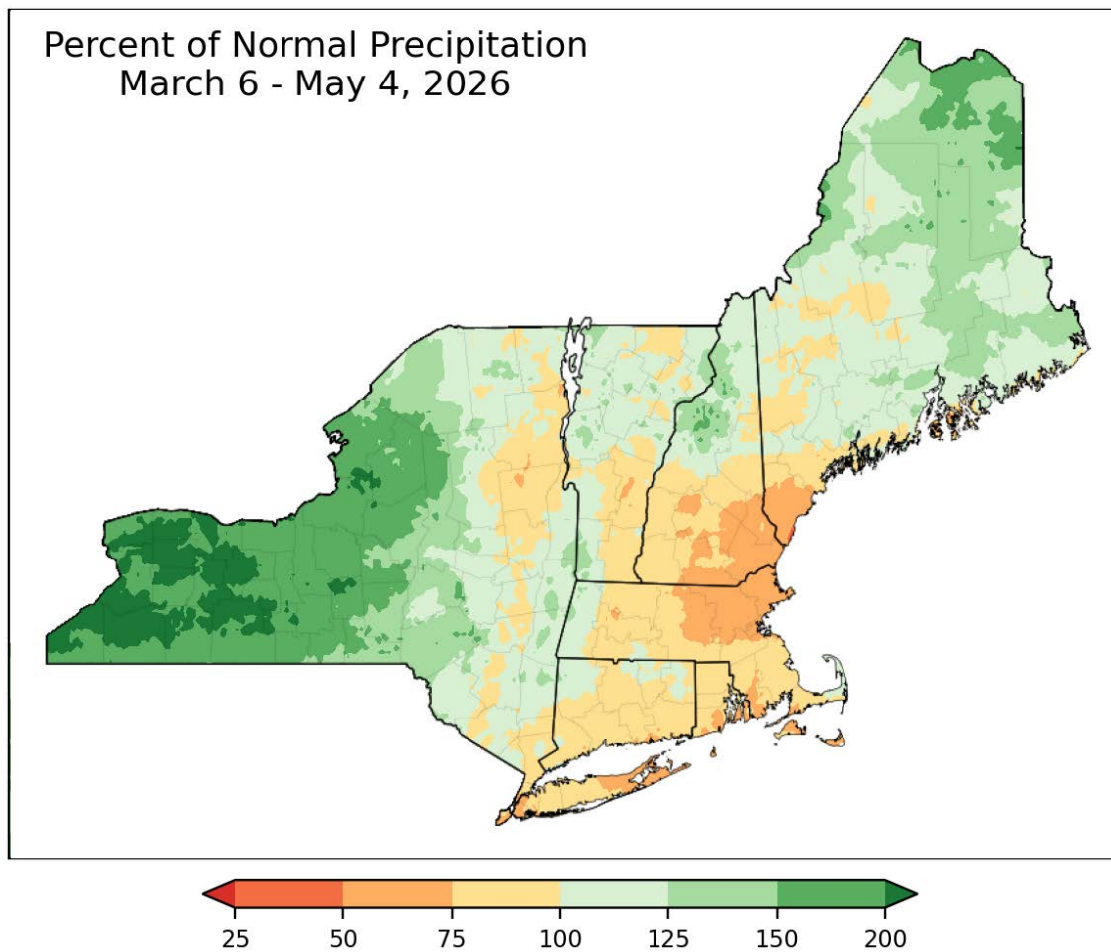
Voters domiciled in Dover may change their party affiliation at the City Clerk's Office, or any scheduled meeting of the supervisors of the checklist except between the first day of the filing period for the primary election and the date of the primary election itself.

Registered voters may check their political party affiliation through the Secretary of State's [Voter Information Lookup](#). The voter must enter their last name, town/city, and date of birth, and complete the security entry.

Candidate filing period June 3-12

The filing period for candidates seeking county, state or federal offices is from June 3 to 12. Find information about running for office on the Secretary of State's [Running for Office page](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018.



Above: Data from U.S. Drought Monitor. Below: Data from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather station in Durham.

Severe drought conditions persist

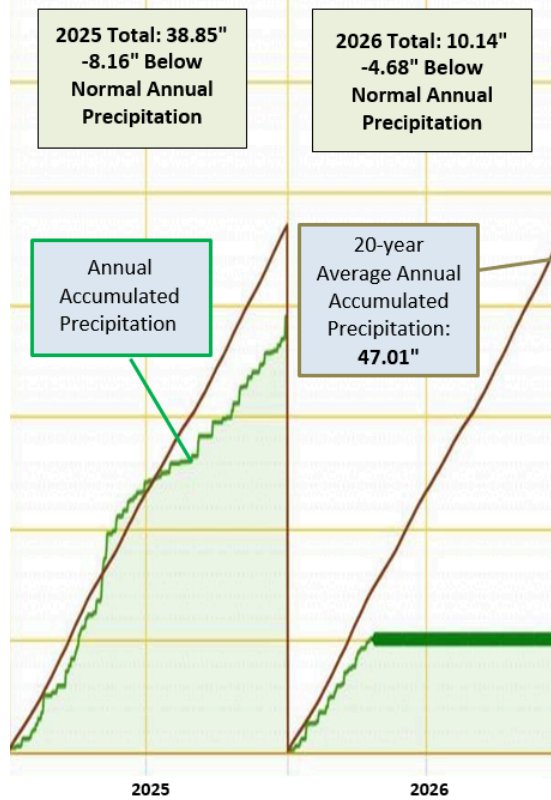
Despite snowy winter and spring rains, drinking water aquifers still more than a foot below normal

Strafford County and much of New Hampshire continues to have drought conditions, with U.S. Drought Monitor classifying Dover to be in a severe drought, which began last summer.

While there has been increased flows in rivers from the winter snow melt, the groundwater aquifers that the city relies on for drinking water are more than a foot below normal levels

"The message for us is awareness right now," said Community Services Director John Storer about the drought. "If conditions don't improve, we will need to implement mandatory restrictions later this year."

The prolonged drought status has already pushed some neighboring communities to institute mandatory water restrictions. Storer, whose department manages the city's drinking water, said there is no plan at this time for the city to institute mandatory restrictions, but that may change if precipitation deficit continues growing at its current trajectory. Daily water usage typically increases by a millions gallons in the summer.



"We always encourage mindful use of a precious resource like water, and even more so during a drought," Storer said. "We are hopeful we won't have to institute mandatory restrictions, but it will depend on what mother nature brings us."

Outdoor irrigation is often inefficient, wasteful

Outdoor irrigation for lawns and gardens uses a significant amount of water – roughly 30% of residential water use nationally, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. As much as 50% of that water can be lost due to wind, evaporation, and runoff caused by inefficient irrigation methods and systems. A household with an automatic landscape irrigation system that isn't properly maintained and operated can waste up to 25,000 gallons of water annually, [according to the EPA](#).

Track water use, get leak alerts with 'Eye On Water'

Water customers can monitor their water usage with the Eye On Water online portal and mobile app. The system helps track daily, monthly, and yearly consumption; users can also sign up to receive alerts for potential leaks. Access the portal at <https://eyeonwater.com/signup>. Customers will need their account number from their water bill. For assistance, contact the Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.

Ways to conserve

Residents and customers can conserve water by adopting the following best practices:

- Limit outdoor watering. Avoid irrigating during the hottest parts of the day when evaporation is highest. Hand watering is best.
- Utilize commercial car washes. They are more efficient with water and don't dump dirty water into the storm drains.
- Fixing leaky plumbing conserves water and saves money. Leaking faucets and toilets can waste thousands of gallons a year, leading to increased water bills. The average family can waste 9,400 gallons of water annually from leaks, according to the EPA.
- Be mindful of indoor water use. Take shorter showers, turn off the water when brushing teeth, and run dishwashers and washing machines only when full.

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



CELEBRATE WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 17-23, 2026

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 16
11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

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Paint a Plow!

AND
LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS, ICE CREAM
AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, FOOD
TRUCK, VENDOR DISPLAYS, AND
MUCH MORE!

SEE TRUCKS AND VEHICLES FROM:

- Community Services
- Dover Police
- Dover Fire and Rescue
- Pine Tree Helicopter
- Moore's Crane Rental
- S.U.R. Construction
- Northeast Earth Mechanics
- Waste Management
- Severino
- And many, many more!

WHERE:

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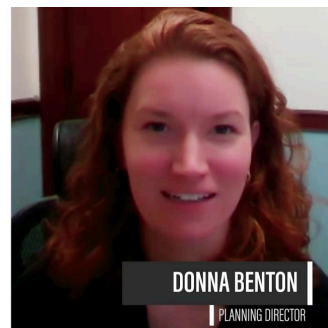


Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Board, TDR
Subcommittee, May 11,
4:30 p.m.

The Planning Board's Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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



On the Agenda: Planning
Board, 5/12/2026

Conservation Commission, May 11, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, May 11, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., at the McConnell Center, Room 224.

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

Planning Board, May 12, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Athletic Complex Joint Building Committee, May 13, 5:30 p.m.

The Athletic Complex Joint Building Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council, May 13, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, May 14, 10:30 a.m.

In this video, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=mZvCmXiuo7fHlo84>

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on DNTV and streamed live online.

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.

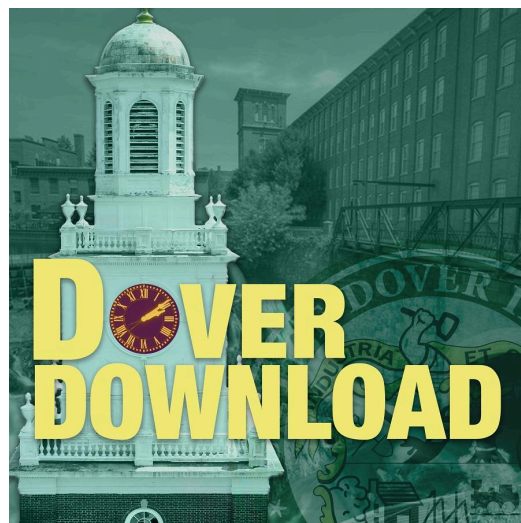
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Sand and Gravel](#)
- [Landscaping for Dover Public Library](#)
- [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services](#)
- [Bulk Oil and Lubricant Products](#)

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.



The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Solid Waste Advisory Committee, May 14, 6 p.m.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., at the public works facility, 271 Mast Road.

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:

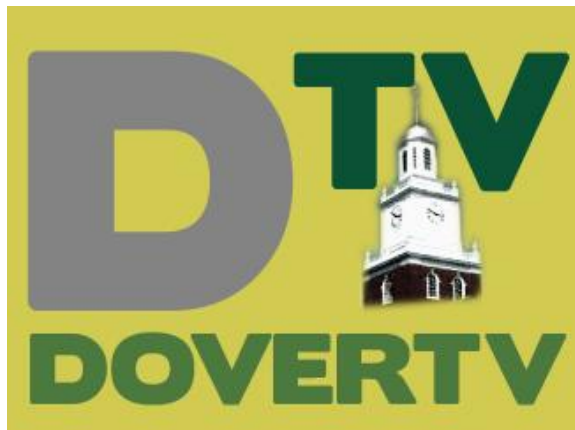
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board

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

To apply, [complete an application](#), and return it to the City Clerk's

April in Review: Budgets, Boards, and Big Decisions

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Mike Gillis about the major actions taken by Dover's boards, committees, and commissions during April. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3OFfPi9>



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Office, or [email it to](#) City Clerk
Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier.
Applicants are welcome to apply to
any board or commission.
Applications are kept on file for one
year.

connected to your community.

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.

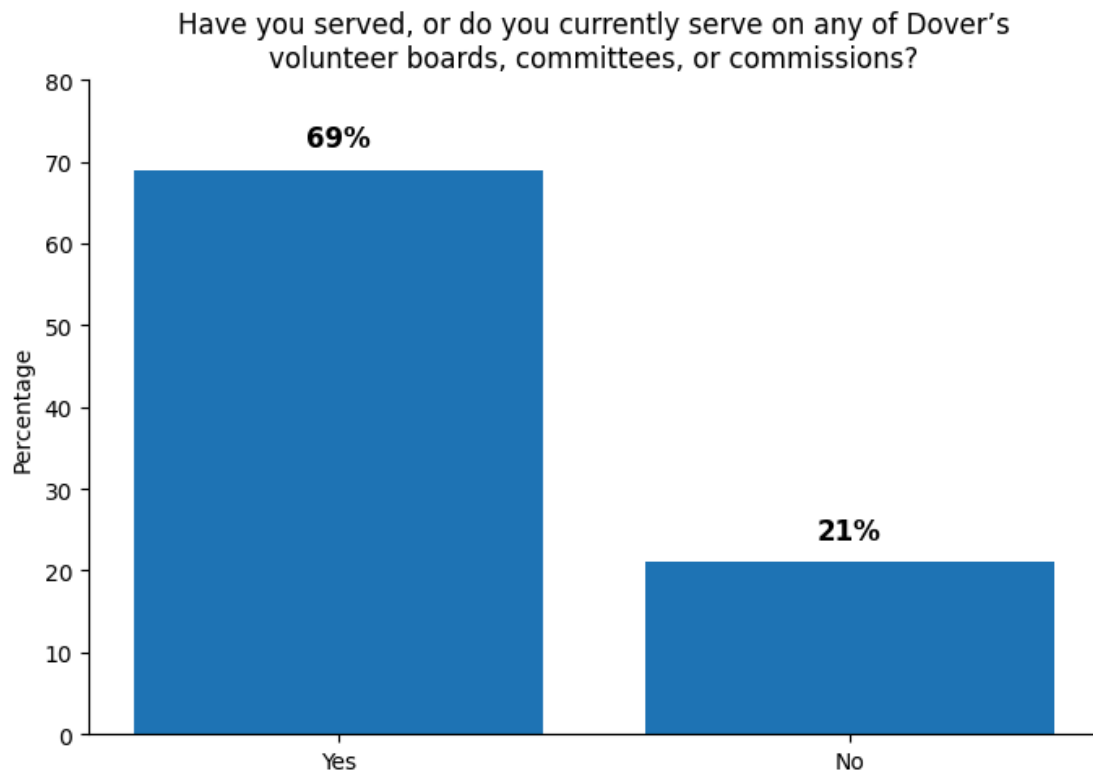
This week's question:

"How could the city make it easier for you to share input on local decisions?"

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

Please note that if you don't already have an account with Polco, the city's polling system, you will be asked to create one. Responses are anonymous.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you served, or do you currently serve on any of Dover's volunteer boards, committees, or commissions?"**



This week in DOVER HISTORY



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](#).

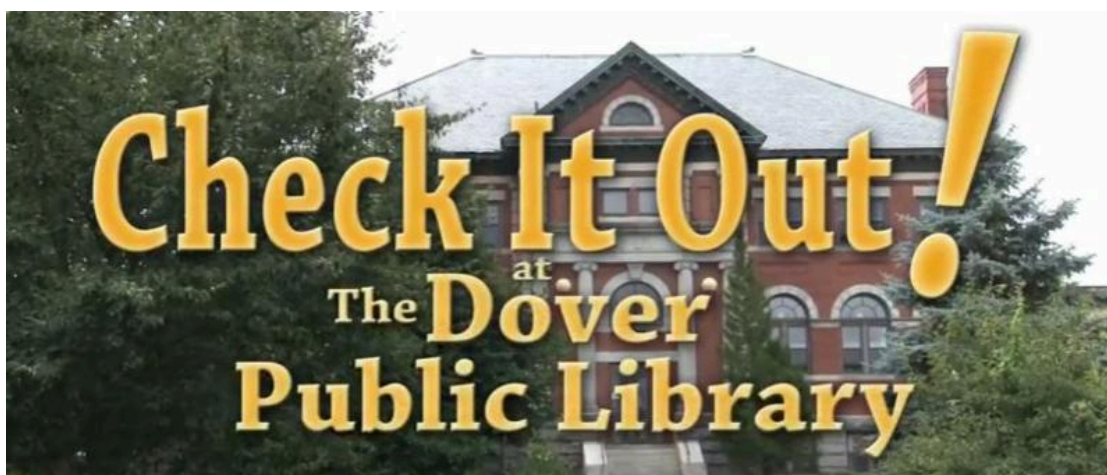
May 13, 1729 — Residents in the northeastern part of Dover took an important step toward becoming a separate community when their petition to form a new parish was heard by the New Hampshire Assembly. At the time, Dover covered a much larger area than it does today. Residents in outlying districts often had to travel long distances to attend church, town meetings and other civic functions. Because the church and town government were closely connected, parish boundaries also affected taxes, public obligations and local identity. After hearing from the petitioners and their counsel, the Assembly appointed a committee to visit the area, examine the districts and recommend a dividing line. Until the matter was settled, the petitioners were excused from paying taxes to support the minister of the old Dover parish. The new parish was organized that same year as “Summersworth,” a name meaning “summer town,” reportedly because ministers preached there during the summer months. The community was later set off from Dover and incorporated in 1754 by colonial Gov. Benning Wentworth. At that time, it also included what is now Rollinsford, which did not become separate until 1849. The name also changed along the way. A clerical error during incorporation shortened “Summersworth” to “Somersworth,” the name the city has used ever since. Somersworth became a city in 1893 and later developed into one of the Tri-City area’s historic mill communities along the Salmon Falls River.

May 15, 1732 — Oyster River, then part of Dover, officially became its own parish under the name Durham. The New Hampshire Assembly voted to establish Oyster River as a separate parish, and Gov. Jonathan Belcher approved the act on this day. As with other early parish divisions, the change was about more than church affairs. In colonial New Hampshire, a parish often served as the center of local government, taxation, public worship and community identity. Oyster River was one of Dover’s oldest settled areas, with deep roots reaching back to the 1600s. Its distance from Dover’s main settlement made a separate parish increasingly practical as the population grew. Creating the parish of Durham allowed residents to manage more of their own local affairs, support their own minister and build a stronger civic center closer to home. The name Durham honored Durham, England, and the new parish eventually developed into a town of its own. Today, Durham is best known as the home of the University of New Hampshire, but its history began as one of the early communities carved from the much larger original Dover settlement.

May 12, 1999 — The City Council on this day voted to change the name of the Sixth Street Connector to Indian Brook Drive, which it remains today. Prior to the vote, there had been some debate about the name, but the City Council ultimately voted 7-2 in favor of the new name. Then-Mayor Wil Boc said Indian Brook Drive paid tribute to the area’s history, as well as provide a clear demarcation between Dover and Somersworth.

May 12, 2016 — Families, friends and supporters gathered at Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover, at the Strafford County complex, for a dedication of memorial bricks honoring loved ones who had received care there. The bricks, placed as part of a garden walkway, served both as a remembrance and as a fundraiser for the hospice house. Seventy new bricks were dedicated, while others already in place were rededicated during a ceremony in which board and staff members read aloud the names of those being remembered. The hospice house, located on County Farm Road, had reopened in 2015 after a temporary closure caused by funding challenges, with Strafford County supporting

its operation as part of Riverside Rest Home. The Hyder Family Hospice House opened in 2007 and became an important place of end-of-life care for families across the region. Today, its future is again uncertain. Strafford County announced in April of this year that the facility would close because of county budget issues, but county officials have since said they are working with Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and Mass General Brigham on a possible agreement to reopen or continue hospice services at the County Farm Road site.



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 11, 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.

Monday, May 11, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 11 am to 12 pm

All Abilities Club: Art for All

Great Bay Services

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

Virtual Author Talk: Megha Majumdar
Register: <https://ow.ly/p1K150YUkll>

A conversation with bestselling author Megha Majumdar about her new book, "A Guardian and a Thief," an Oprah's Book Club pick. Inspired by her childhood in sweltering Kolkata, India, and her journey into parenthood, Majumdar explores a powerful question: What might a mother become in a time of crisis?

Tuesday, May 12, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library
McConnell Center, Room 306

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 \$20 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as cultural events for the community.

Wednesday, May 13, 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 13, 2 to 3 p.m.
Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club
Otto's Pizza, 431 Central Ave., Dover

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book is *Under a White Sky* by Elizabeth Kolbert. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

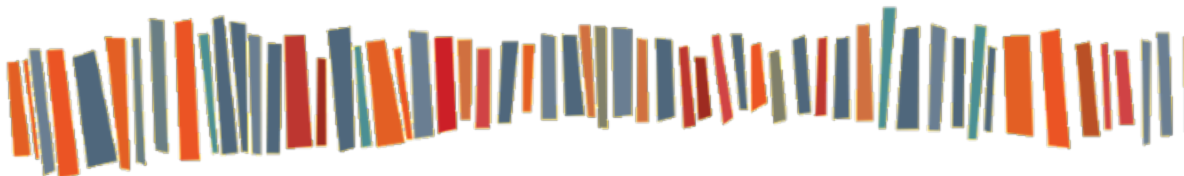
Thursday, May 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Reading Rainbow Book Group
Otto's Pizza, 431 Central Ave., Dover

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *Ring Shout* by P. Djèlí Clark. Copies of the book will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Friday, May 15, 10 to 11 a.m.
Breakfast Book Club
Strafford Farms, 58 New Rochester Rd.

Introducing a new book group with a twist! We will not all be reading the same book. Participants will have a chance to share opinions and ideas about what they are currently reading. This is a great way to get suggestions for your TBR (To Be Read) list and to connect with other book lovers. A list of all books discussed will be emailed to the group after the event.

Register: <https://ow.ly/pJK250YViin>





SATURDAY, MAY 9TH 10 - 5PM

*EACH BUSINESSES HOURS MAY VARY



SHOP, EAT, DRINK, LOCAL.

SNAPOLOGY DOVER - 826 CENTRAL AVE
Two-for-one summer camp enrollment (cash only, in store)
and free giveaway with any paid 2-hour creative play session

THE JUNE CORK PUB - 66 THIRD ST
Raffle for a beach cooler, radio, and a June Cork gift card

POTTER'S GREEN & GIFT - 10 4TH ST STE 102
10% off purchases of \$50 or more

TRUE BEAUTY DAY SPA - 487 CENTRAL AVE
10% off services or retail purchases

CINCO'S CANTINA - 446 CENTRAL AVE
\$2 off mojitos (N/A and regular, all flavors)

MY COUNTRY STORY - 447 CENTRAL AVE
Giving out bubbles to kids

OTTO PIZZA - 431 CENTRAL AVE
Live music on the patio and courtyard

HIP FINDS CO & EIGHT LEGGED OCTOPUS - 394 CENTRAL AVE
Product discounts, raffle giveaway, free gift for kids, snacks and drinks

JEWELRY CREATIONS - 388 CENTRAL AVE
Enter to win an enameled pink flower necklace valued at \$243

THE BRICK - 2 ORCHARD ST
10% off your check (excluding happy hour)

BIRCH THEORY - 93 WASHINGTON STREET
Soda bar, photo booth premiere, latte stand from Barking Sisters Coffee,
and a special "say cheese" surprise

STALK - 286 CENTRAL AVE
Extended happy hour 4-7pm with 15% off apps and salads plus drink specials

APLOMB ART CAFÉ AND GALLERY - 262 CENTRAL AVE
The wall is your canvas! Create your own chalk artwork on the outdoor patio.
Free lemonade, two-for-one Vellum Sun Catchers, "Spectrum" exhibition inside, and live music from 4-6pm

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN - 264 CENTRAL AVE
10% off regular priced clothing

HELLO AGAIN - 268 CENTRAL AVE
Sidewalk sale and raffle

WOODMAN MUSEUM - 182 CENTRAL AVE
Historical Easter egg hunt plus raffle for a free one-year family membership

A FAMILY FUN EVENT!

FIND CHALK & BUBBLE STATIONS AT:
MY COUNTRY STORY
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(NEXT TO JEWELRY CREATIONS)
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FRIDAY, MAY 15
4 - 5:30 P.M.
DOVER TRANSPORTATION CENTER

JOIN US ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM WORK FOR SNACKS AND
A CELEBRATION OF BIKE TO WORK DAY!

WHETHER YOU RIDE YOUR BIKE, TAKE THE BUS, OR HOP ON THE TRAIN, WE'LL BE
CELEBRATING ALL THE WAYS PEOPLE CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION!

Bike to Work Day May 15

Celebrate with others starting at 4 p.m. at the Transportation Center

The City of Dover and Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders (SABR) invite the public to celebrate national Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 15 in Dover. There will be a celebration from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Dover Transportation Center with snacks for commuters and other riders.

Come learn about biking, multi-modal transportation at the COAST Bus and Amtrak hub, Community Smart Seacoast, and learn about the ongoing efforts to update the City of Dover's Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan.



Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

SMARTER WINDOWS, LOWER ENERGY BILLS

While new windows can be a great long-term investment in energy savings, they're not always in the budget. A simple way to boost efficiency today is to add a layer to your existing windows. Blinds and curtains can make a real difference, especially in summer!

- Close blinds or curtains on sunny windows to block heat.
- Choose light or reflective treatments to reduce warming.
- Open windows and treatments at night to let cooler air in.
- In winter, window wraps and closed curtains can help insulate.





25th Annual
Strafford County
Master Gardener Plant Sale



Scan QR code
for website.

Sunday, May 17, 2026
9 AM - 1 PM
Durham NH Town Hall
8 Newmarket Rd

Rain or Shine - Cash or Check

Locally grown native and pollinator plants, herbs,
vegetables, ground covers, sun and shade
perennials, houseplants,
Ask A Master Gardener, Plant A Row, and
Pollinator Pathways NH.

*Sale proceeds support School Gardening Grants, Library Book
Grants, and Community Gardening Projects including Bedrock
Gardens, Great Bay Services, Hyder Family Hospice House, Joe
B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens, Milne Nature Sanctuary,
Outside the Lines, Wagon Hill Community Garden, and
Woodman Museum Gardens.*

Buy Plants — Support Your Community



Rotary



DOVER ROTARY WILLAND POND CLEANUP

Saturday May 23, 2026

9:00 am to 10:30 am

Please join us in the Willand Pond
Lot behind the Somersworth Liquor Store
481 High St - Somersworth
We will be cleaning up trash off the trails and
glass on the shoreline.
Bring Gloves and a wagon if you have one.
Bags will be provided.
Questions? Kimfaustino2227@gmail.com
Or 603.781.7525



Dover Holiday Parade commissions local artist for inaugural ornament

The Dover Holiday Parade has commissioned local artist Julia Nollet, owner of Juno Creates, to design the parade's inaugural collectible ornament.

The ornament will reflect this year's parade theme and the spirit of the Dover community. Organizers said the first-ever ornament is intended to become an annual tradition and a keepsake for residents and visitors.

Nollet is donating her time, talent and creative work for the project.

"Julia's willingness to give back in such a meaningful way embodies the heart of the Dover Holiday Parade," organizers said. "Her work will help us launch a tradition that celebrates

not only the holidays, but the artists and community members who make Dover so special.”

A 2022 graduate of Dover High School, Nollet went on to study at the Film Connection. She has become a familiar presence in the local arts scene, appearing at community events such as Apple Harvest Day and the Strawberry Festival and regularly showcasing her work at The Art Center.

Nollet is known for acrylics, digital art and pencil drawings. She works from her studio at The Art Center and also explores storytelling through screenwriting, film production and directing.

She also accepts commissions, including landscapes, pet portraits, family pieces and whimsical designs.

The theme for the 2026 Dover Holiday Parade was selected through a community-wide contest and will be announced soon. The theme will help set the stage for this year's parade and the debut of the inaugural ornament.

For more information about the parade, sponsorships or how to get involved, visit cochechofriends.com.

The Dover Holiday Parade, presented by The Cochecho Friends, is a downtown tradition that brings residents, businesses and organizations together each holiday season.

The Cochecho Friends is a volunteer-led committee that includes Nicole Andrews, Robert Carrier, Angela Carter, Aaron Cronkrite, Lori Nollet, Michelle Routhouska, Mayor Dennis Shanahan and Samantha Tukey. The group works year-round to produce a festive, themed parade that celebrates local creativity and community pride.

All funds raised go directly toward producing and enhancing the parade.

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

- 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.

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

- Police Officer
- Swim Instructor, Part-Time
- Lifeguard I, Part-Time
- Fire Fighter/AEMT
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities
- Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time
- Health/Fire Life Safety Officer
- Prevention Programmer
- Custodian, Part-Time
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Utilities Laborer
- Truck Driver-Utilities
- Utility Systems IT Technician
- Municipal Construction Project Administrator
- 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:

- 5th Grade Teacher
- Business Teacher
- Chief Financial and Operations Officer
- Culinary Teacher
- Dean of Students
- District School Psychologist
- District Student Support Counselor
- Long Term Substitute Preschool Teacher
- Math Teacher
- Noon Aide
- Noon Supervisor
- Nurse's Administrative Assistant
- Operations and Accounting Manager
- Paraprofessionals
- Physical Education Teacher
- School Psychologist Charter, Private & Out-of-District Evaluations
- Science Teacher
- Special Education Teacher/Case Managers
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Substitute Nurses
- Substitute Teachers
- Title I Interventionist

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



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