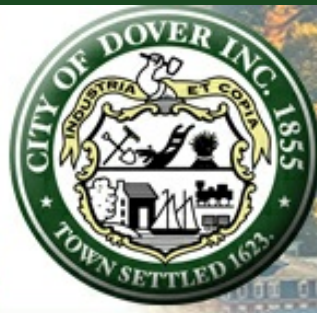


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



November 17, 2023



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

288 Central
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Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

**City Hall
hours:**

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

**Recycling
Center hours:**

**Tuesday,
Thursday,
Saturday:**

STORMWATER & FLOOD RESILIENCE UTILITY CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

November 15, 2023

Deputy Mayor; Dennis Shanahan
City Engineer; Ken Mavrogeorge, PE
Stantec; David Hyder & Kelly Westover
VHB; Bill Arcieri

City of Dover, NH



Stormwater
Community Services | Dover, NH



Council workshop digs into proposed stormwater utility

Public hearing scheduled for Dec. 13

The City Council this week held a workshop on the proposed stormwater and flood resilience utility ordinance.

A video of the Nov. 15 workshop can be [viewed here](#) and on Channel 22.

At the workshop, city staff and consultants reviewed all aspects of the proposed ordinance, including the work and findings of the Council's ad-hoc stormwater funding committee, the need for the ordinance, how it would work, utility fee structure and available credit options.

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

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance at its Wednesday, Dec. 13 meeting, followed by a potential vote by the Council on whether or not to enact the ordinance and establish a stormwater utility. As currently proposed, the stormwater utility would begin on July 1, 2024, the beginning of the city's 2025 fiscal year.

The Council held a first reading of the ordinance, entitled Municipal Stormwater Utility, at its [Nov. 8 meeting](#). The proposed ordinance, previous workshops, as well as other stormwater and flood resilience utility information are available on the city's [Stormwater Management webpage](#). Information on this page includes but is not limited to how a stormwater utility would work and its need, a link to frequently asked questions, and prior presentation materials.

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

Presidential primary date set, absentee ballot applications now available

This week, New Hampshire Secretary of State David M. Scanlan set the 2024 New Hampshire Presidential Primary date for Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

There will be two separate ballots in the primary election: One for registered Republicans and one for registered Democrats. Voters who are undeclared and wish to vote can declare a party on the day of the primary and will receive that party's ballot. Voters can change party status back to undeclared before leaving the polls or by visiting the City Clerk's office and filling out a change of affiliation form after the primary. The deadline to change party affiliation before the presidential primary election was Oct. 6, 2023.



Applications for absentee ballots now available

New Hampshire voters may vote by absentee ballot for specific reasons. The reasons for absentee ballots include: being absent from the voter's city or town, a religious observance, disability or illness, and employment commitments (including caregiving) during the entire time the polls are open. Absentee ballots may also be available when a weather emergency impacts an election.

If you qualify to vote absentee, complete an [absentee ballot application](#) and return it to the Dover City Clerk's office, located in the Customer Service Center of City Hall, 288 Central Ave. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The absentee ballot application and other information related to the 2024 Presidential Primary election are available on the city's dedicated primary election page at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2024-presidential-primary/>. Information is also available at the Secretary of State website <https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections>.

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

City Council calls for special election for vacant state representative seat

The City Council voted unanimously on Wednesday to request the Governor and Executive Council to order a special election to fill the state representative vacancy that represents Dover Ward 4 constituents.

The special election would fill the seat of Hoy R. Menear of Lee, who died recently. Menear represented Strafford District 11, which includes Dover's Ward 4, Lee and Madbury.

The City Council requests the special election occur before March 15, 2024, and preferably on March 12, 2024, which coincides with Lee's Election Day.

[Click here](#) to watch the meeting.

Upcoming holiday hours for City offices and facilities

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday Nov. 24, 2023, for Thanksgiving. City administrative offices will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

The **Public Library** will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 24. The Public Library will also be closed on Sunday, Nov. 26, for the annual Holiday Parade.

The **Recycling Center** on Mast Road will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

All **Recreation facilities** will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

The **Dover Community Senior Center** is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 24.

The **Dover Arena** and **Indoor Pool** will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Both facilities will be open during regular hours on Friday, Nov. 24.

Inspection Services, located at the North End Fire Station, will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 24.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day on Thursday and Friday only. Thursday's collections will occur on Friday, Nov. 24, and Friday's collections will occur on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Thanksgiving is a parking holiday and no payment at the meters is required, except for the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is paid parking at all times. Downtown parking is also free on Friday, Nov. 24, part of the the Plaid Friday initiative to encourage shopping local.



Dover Holiday Parade is Sunday, Nov. 26

Cochecho Friends, a local volunteer organization, will host this year's Dover Holiday Parade. This year's theme is "Dover Lights Up the Holidays."

The parade will be held on Sunday, Nov. 26, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, beginning at 3 p.m. The parade begins at the intersection of Sixth Street and Central Avenue.

The parade organizing committee is seeking volunteers, sponsors, and parade participants. Parade participants are limited to 100 entries, which must be submitted by today, Nov. 17. To submit a parade entry, visit <https://bit.ly/3WMyLdS>.

To volunteer, or for more information, visit <https://cochechofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade>.

Thanksgiving tradition returns with annual Turkey Trot

The annual Dover Turkey Trot will take place Thanksgiving morning, offering area residents a chance to get exercise before their holiday feasts.

The 5K run and walk starts at 8:30 a.m. Thursday outside Garrison Elementary School. Online registration is open through Sunday, Nov. 19, at www.DoverTurkeyTrot.com, where participants can sign up and pay the \$25 entry fee. In-person registration and bib pickup will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the school and on race day.



Proceeds benefit the Garrison Elementary parent-teacher organization. The race has been a Thanksgiving tradition in Dover for more than 20 years, with hundreds of runners and

walkers participating annually. For more information, visit the [race website](#).

The Turkey Trot is the last race in the 2023 Dover Race Series.

Road closures and parking restrictions in place for Turkey Trot

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the annual Dover Turkey Trot 5K run/walk event.

The following road closures will be in effect on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, to accommodate the race that begins at 8:30 a.m.

- From 8:20 to 8:35 a.m., Shaws Lane will be closed in both directions between Garrison Road and Tideview Drive to accommodate the start of the race;
- From 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Garrison Road will be closed in the westerly direction at Morningside Drive, with traffic diverted through the Morningside neighborhood.

Between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., motorists should expect additional delays or temporary street closures in the following locations:

- Back River Road and Garrison Road;
- Garrison Road and Shaws Lane;
- Back River Road and Spruce Lane;
- Mast Road and Spruce Lane;
- Linda Avenue, Riverdale Avenue and Morningside Drive.

Parking restrictions will be posted on Shaws Lane on the day of the event. Event parking will be available in the Shaws Lane parking lot, the upper field parking near Garrison and Back River roads, and the Morningside/Meridian/Shadow Drive neighborhoods.

Questions about traffic implications may be directed to the Police Department's Traffic Bureau at 603-742-4646.



Dover's Festival of Trees returns Dec. 1

The 14th annual Dover Festival of Trees will take place on Friday, Dec. 1, from 4 to 8 p.m.

at the Rivermill at Dover Landing. The event is free and open to the public.

The festival will feature more than 35 elaborate trees sponsored and decorated by local businesses, all available to be taken home through silent and live auction or raffle drawings. The event also includes live choir performances, free goodie bags for kids (sponsored by Mr. Electric), a scavenger hunt for kids (sponsored by Breezeline), refreshments and holiday desserts (sponsored by Doyle & Coffin and Cleveland Waters & Bass, P.A.) and even a visit from Santa (sponsored by Hammond Lumber Company). Sprague Energy is also a sponsor for this event. The main attraction will be the Raffle Tree (with an emcee sponsored by MVSb), which will be fully decorated with hundreds of dollars in gift cards to local restaurants and retailers. Tickets for the raffle tree will be \$5 each, or five for \$20.

Trees are still available for sponsorship by local businesses and organizations. Sponsorship is \$65 for Chamber members and \$90 for non-members. Sponsorship includes the tree and tree stand. The sponsor is responsible for providing all decorations and promotional items for the tree. Wreaths are also available for sponsorship (\$15 for members, \$20 for non-members). Organizations interested in sponsorship should reach out to Community Events Manager Hope Anderson at hope@dovernh.org or call 603-742-2218.

The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser that benefits the Dover Chamber's City Lights Committee, a volunteer group of residents and Chamber members dedicated to illuminating downtown Dover during the holiday season and hanging American flags on Central Avenue during the summer months.

The event's underwriting sponsor is Kennebunk Savings.

For more information on the Festival of Trees, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org/FOT.



Dover Welfare's 2023 Toy Bank now accepting applications

The City of Dover Welfare Department is now accepting applications for its annual Toy Bank through Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at 1 p.m. The annual Toy Bank provides gifts for children in need each holiday season.

To be eligible, children must be 12 years old or younger and residents of Dover. Proof of residency is required by presenting a current utility bill and photo ID. Applicants should provide the child's name and date of birth only. Specific gift requests will not be taken.

Applications can be submitted at the Dover Welfare Office, located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Suite 334.

Gift pickup is Dec. 17.

For more information, contact the Dover Welfare Department at 603-516-6500.



City reminds public of Pine Hill Cemetery policy as winter approaches

The City of Dover's Facilities, Grounds, and Cemeteries staff is nearing completion of this year's fall cleanup at Pine Hill Cemetery. In preparation for winter, the staff will begin the removal of all items from around monuments and gravesites starting Dec. 1.

Family members, friends, and loved ones are kindly reminded to retrieve any keepsakes, flowers, wreaths, or other memorial objects before Dec. 1.

This fall cleanup is vital for maintaining the serenity and appearance of Pine Hill Cemetery. The City of Dover appreciates the public's understanding and cooperation.

For more information, contact Facilities, Grounds, and Cemeteries at 603-516-6480.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Pool Advisory Committee,
Nov. 20, 7 p.m.**

The Pool Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Dover Indoor Pool Meeting

Room, 6 Henry Law Ave.,
Dover.

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

**Ad-Hoc Committee to
Address Community
Housing Needs,
Nov. 21, 5 p.m.**

The Ad-Hoc Committee to
Address Community Housing
Needs will hold a regular
meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21,
2023, beginning at 5 p.m., in
the Council Conference Room
at City Hall.

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

**Arena Commission,
Nov. 21, 7 p.m.**

The Arena Commission will hold
a regular meeting on Tuesday,
Nov. 21, 2023, beginning at 7
p.m., in the Conference Room
at the Dover Arena.

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

For a complete list of upcoming
meetings, visit
[https://www.dover.nh.gov/gover
nment/open-government/public-
meetings/](https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/).



**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.

**Volunteers and donations
needed for Thanksgiving
basket program**

Four Strafford County nonprofits – Community
Action Partnership of Strafford County, The
Salvation Army of Rochester, SHARE Fund and
Grace Community Church – are partnering together
to provide holiday meals to local individuals and
families in need this Thanksgiving. They are
working together to ensure local families have a
memorable holiday meal by distributing hundreds
of baskets filled with a variety of items.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Nov. 18, from
1 to 3 p.m. at the James Foley Community Center
in Rochester. [Sign-up today](#).

You can lend your support by making an [online
donation](#). Meredith Village Savings Bank will match
donations from the community – up to a total of
\$15,000 – to help address food insecurity in
Strafford County this Thanksgiving, so your
donation will go twice as far.

For more information, visit:
<https://straftfordcap.org/straftfordneighbors2023/>

Dover Download Question of the Week

We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your

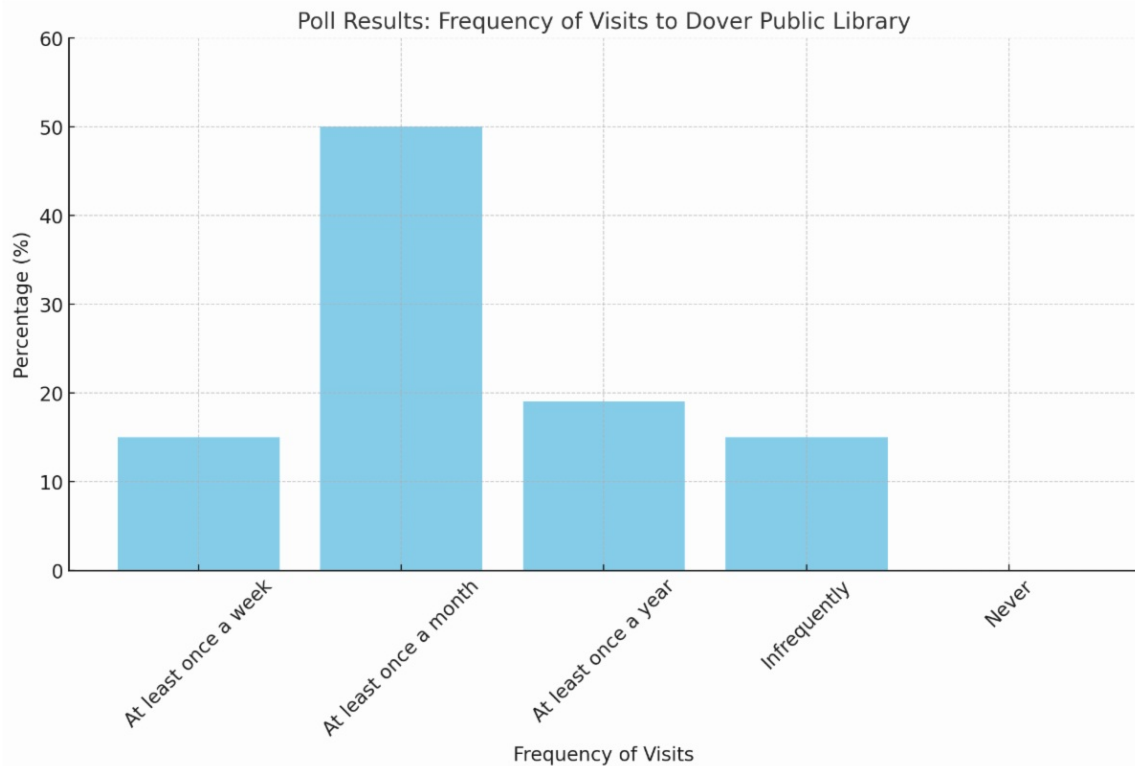
response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **Have you ever served on a City board, commission, or committee?**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mpe5k4>

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.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "How often do you visit the Dover Public Library?"



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](#).

Nov. 25, 1816 — The town voted to sell the public land on the south side of the road leading over Pine Hill and apply the proceeds towards the expense of fencing the burying ground.

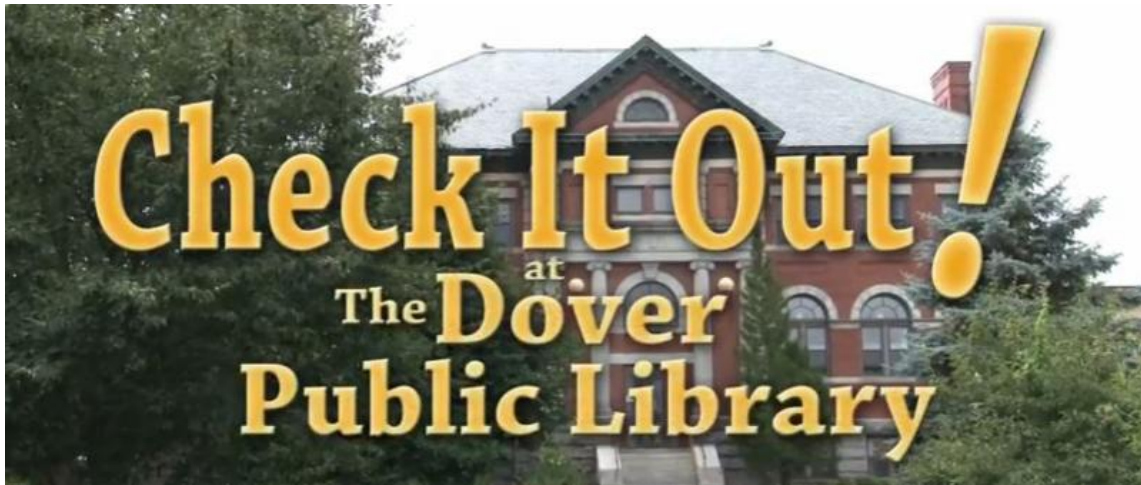
Nov. 21, 1826 — Proposals were issued by a committee of the citizens of Dover, on behalf of the town and county, for the building of a new jail on Silver Street.

Nov. 19, 1856 — Two young men, George S. Clark, aged 26, and John Foss, aged 23,

were killed by the premature discharge of a cannon which they were firing on Garrison Hill, to celebrate the election of President Buchanan. Hear more about this story in this week's Dover Download podcast, available at <https://bit.ly/3FV85k3>, or wherever you get your podcasts.

Nov. 20, 1920 - The Hotel Leighton on Third Street advertises a Thanksgiving dinner for \$1, beginning at noon on Thanksgiving. Among the dishes served are Consomme Britaniere Royal, Roast Stuffed Vermont Turkey, Roast Stuffed Chicken with Giblet Gravy, Fried Fillet of Sole, Green Apple Fritters, and a wide variety of soups and sides.

Nov. 20, 1930 - The keys to the new National Guard Armory in Dover are turned over to Battery B. It would formally open to the public on Nov. 25.



This Week at the Library

November VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Open Kitchen* by Susan Spungen. Throughout the month of November, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book.

Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2 to 4 p.m.

Nanowrimo: Come Write In

Come Write In with us for a National Novel Writing Month Write In. Write ins will feature some games and challenges to inspire you as you work on your novel.

You can unlock squares on your Nanowrimo Bingo Card and possibly win writing related prizes!

Monday, Nov. 20, 3 to 4 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group

bestselling author of the Mike Bowditch series of crime novels. This program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. *Sign up needed to receive a link to the virtual program.*

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 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, and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, strategy, and imagination. The group will meet every Tuesday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 11am to 12:30 pm

to discuss *Varina* by Charles Frazier. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

Monday, Nov. 20, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Varina* by Charles Frazier.

Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

Monday, Nov. 20, 7 to 8 p.m.

**An Evening with Bestselling Authors
Tess Gerritsen & Paul Doiron**

Bestselling author Tess Gerritsen will discuss her brand new book, "The Spy Coast," in conversation with Paul Doiron,

All Abilities Club:

Wednesday Morning Movie

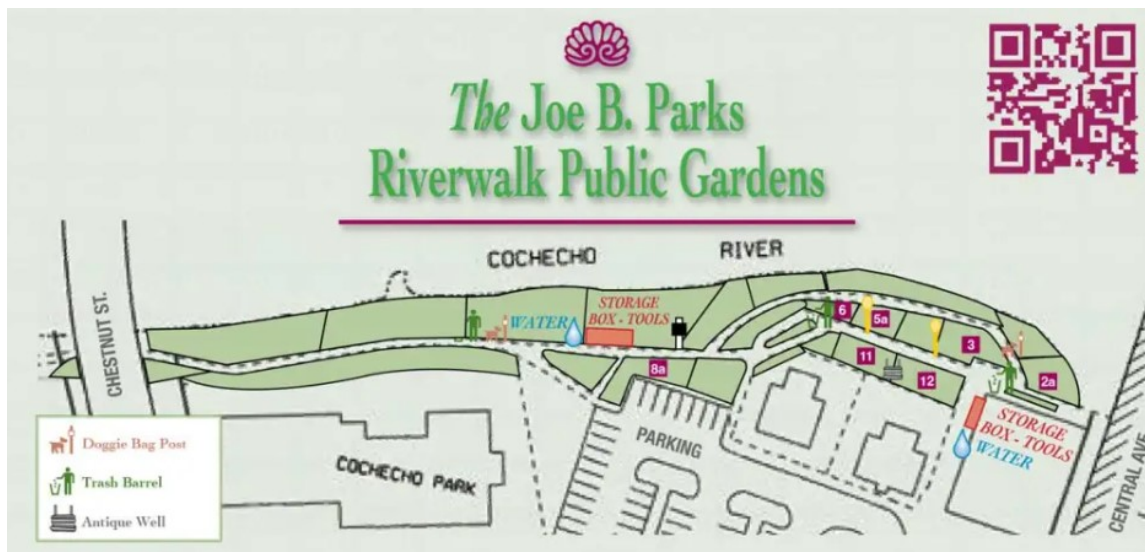
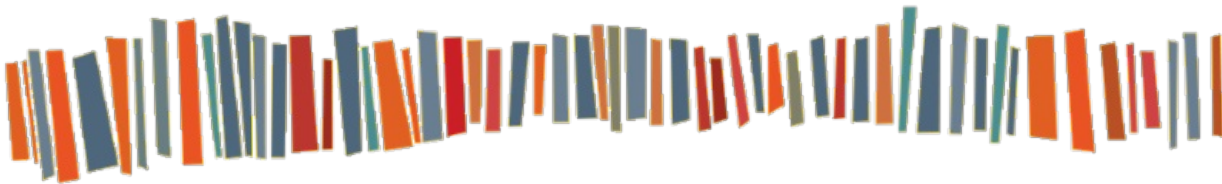
Come watch Disney and Pixar's "Elemental", an all-new, original feature film set in Element City, where fire-, water-, land- and air residents live together. The story introduces Ember, a tough, quick-witted and fiery young woman, whose friendship with a fun, sappy, go-with-the-flow guy named Wade challenges her beliefs about the world they live in.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 4 p.m.

Library closing early

Thursday, Nov. 23 - Friday, Nov. 24

Library closed for Thanksgiving



Adopt-a-Tree Program at Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens seeks donors

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens in downtown Dover has launched an [Adopt-a-Tree program](#) to help replace dead and dying trees, which are reducing the tree canopy.

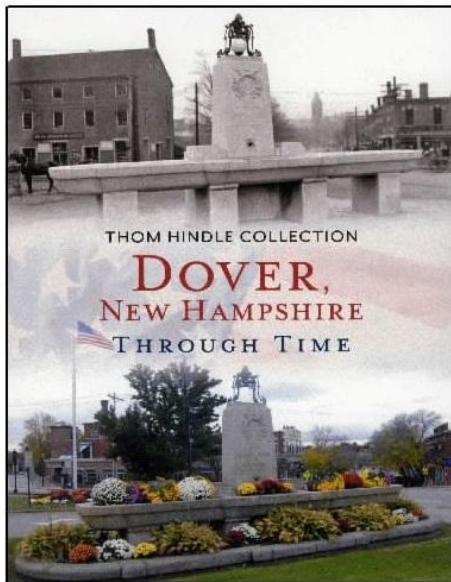
The green space along the Cochecho River has lost and will continue to lose ash trees to the emerald ash borer. Consulting with arborists, the garden committee chose several species to replant, including crabapple, elm, birch, maple, tupelo, and ginkgo trees.

Donors who "adopt" a tree will have their names on a plaque in front of that tree. The adoption costs \$1,500, which covers purchasing, planting, and maintaining the tree. Larger granite or bronze markers with the donor's name are available for an additional \$650.

Interested donors should contact the garden committee to schedule a walk-through and select a tree, then [fill out the adoption form](#).

The riverside garden at 400 Central Ave. relies on community support and volunteers. The Adopt-a-Tree drive aims to restore the canopy and beauty of the public space.

More details are at www.joeparksgarden.org and www.facebook.com/joeparksgarden. Questions can be directed to the garden coordinator at 603-817-1843 or contact@joeparksgarden.org.

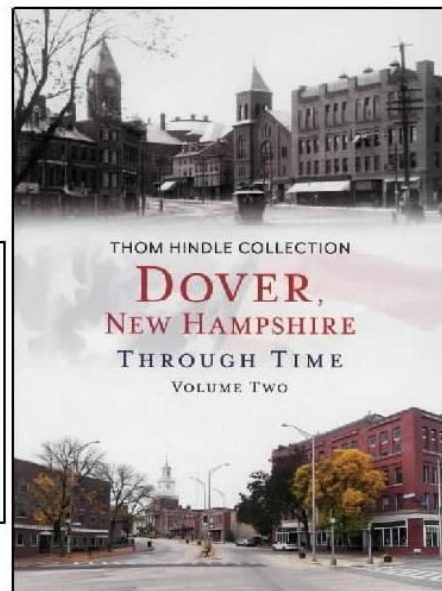


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128 pages over 325 photos

Take a stroll through time with Dover book series by local historian

See Dover "then and now" in local historian and photographer Thom Hindle's two-book series, "Dover, New Hampshire Through Time: Volumes I and II".

The books feature hundreds of photographs and illustrations of Dover's past and present, as well as recognition and information on some of Dover's early photographers. Photos from the past are reproduced from original negatives printed in sepia tone and the present in full color. The books also include early invoices and trade cards. Many of the photographs in the books, some dating back to 1860, appear in print for the first time.

Hindle is a commercial photographer, local historian and former trustee-curator at the Woodman Museum. He has preserved over 100,000 original negatives taken by New England photographers from early 1900s to present.

The books make great gifts. Signed copies of both volumes are available for sale at the City Clerk's Office at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

Support local merchants on Plaid Friday and Shop Small Saturday

Show your support for the local merchants who help Dover thrive by shopping local this holiday season.

Many Dover businesses are participating in Plaid Friday, Nov. 24, and Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Plaid Friday is an alternative to Black Friday and encourages people to do their holiday shopping with locally owned and independent businesses. Small Business Saturday is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Check out plenty of special offers from local merchants this weekend and throughout the holiday season.

Both days are parking holidays, and no payment at the meters is required, except at the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is paid parking at all times, including holidays.

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:

- Energy Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Committee to Address Community Housing Needs

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.

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**
- **Firefighter/EMT**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Environmental Projects Manager**
- **Arena Program and Marketing Supervisor**
- **Wastewater Pump Station Operator**
- **Truck Driver, Streets**
- **Laborer**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Water Treatment Operator**

- **Camera Operator**
- **Planning Division Supervisor**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Meter & Backflow**

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:

- **Literacy Intervention Specialist**
- **Teaching and Learning Administrative Assistant**
- **Special Education Teacher - Autism Support**
- **Business Office Assistant**
- **Noon Aide/Recess Monitor**
- **Lead Custodian for C&W Services**
- **Preschool Aide**
- **Coach Girls Basketball**
- **Coach Unified Basketball**
- **DALC Technology Integrator & Digital Literacy Instructor**
- **Head Coach Girls Lacrosse**
- **Special Education Teacher Case Manager**
- **Cleaner for 2nd shift for C&W Services**
- **Paraprofessional**
- **Long Term Occupational Therapist Substitute**
- **Speech and Language Assistant**
- **Coach Girls JV Lacrosse**
- **Substitute Teacher**

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

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