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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



November 24, 2023



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



Dover SAU Business Administrator Michael Limanni reviews estimated revenue and expenditures for fiscal year 2025 with the Dover School Board at the Board's Nov. 20 workshop.

School Board begins FY25 budget process

School Board members began their fiscal year 2025 budget planning this week with a brief review of next fiscal year's estimated revenues and expenditures

At the [Nov. 20 workshop](#), Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limanni gave an initial, high-level overview of the School Department's FY2025 budget, including significant drivers on the revenue and expenditure sides of the FY2025 budget.

The budget process will continue on Monday, Nov. 28, with a workshop that will begin to go into greater detail. Additional budget workshops are planned for December and January. By ordinance, the School Board must submit its budget request annually to the City Manager by Jan. 15. The City Manager will then incorporate the School Department's proposed budget into the overall city-wide budget that will be presented to the City Council by Feb. 15. The City Council must adopt a final budget by April 15. The new fiscal year begins on July 1.

Video recordings of all budget workshops and meetings and all budget-related documents will be posted to the FY2025 Budget Revealed webpage, available at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2025-budget/>.



Dover Holiday Parade steps off Sunday

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, beginning at 3 p.m. The parade begins at the intersection of Sixth Street and Central Avenue, and continues down Central Avenue to Pine Hill Cemetery.

For more information about the parade, visit <https://cochechofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade>.

Holiday Parade street closures and traffic restrictions

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures and parking

restrictions for the Dover Holiday Parade, which returns after a three-year hiatus. The parade begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, and will follow its traditional route along Central Avenue (NH Route 108) from the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, 550 Central Ave., to Cleary Cleaners at 120 Central Ave.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, Central Avenue will be closed to all traffic from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. from the intersection of Chestnut and New York streets to the intersection of Stark Avenue and East Watson Street. This includes much of the downtown area. Temporary traffic detours will be in effect, but motorists not coming to watch, participate or visit the downtown are encouraged to avoid the downtown area entirely.

Additional street closures will be in effect from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to accommodate parade staging and setup. These include:

- Sixth Street, between Horne Street and Central Avenue;
- Maple Street, between Sixth and Hough streets;
- Grove Street, between Fifth and Hough streets;
- Mt. Vernon Street, between Sixth and Milk streets.

Parking restrictions will be posted to prohibit on-street parking on Sixth Street between Horne Street and Central Avenue, beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26, and in other locations where necessary along the parade route.

Dover Police are coordinating with CSX Transportation railways to temporarily suspend freight trains at the downtown crossings to accommodate the event. Amtrak Downeaster passenger train service will not be interrupted. For information about traffic, contact Dover Police Lt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.

The Dover Holiday Parade is produced by Cochecho Friends, a group of local citizens. Additional information is available at <https://cochechofriends.com/dover-holiday-parade>.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup on delayed holiday schedule

Curbside trash and recycling pickup is operating on a delayed schedule due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thursday's collections will occur today, Friday, Nov. 24, and today's collections will occur on Saturday, Nov. 25.

In addition, **fall leaf collection** is also delayed. Due to staffing shortages, Waste Management will remain two days behind schedule for fall leaf collection for the duration of the pick-up cycle.

Holiday hours this week

City administrative offices, including City Hall, are closed today, Friday, Nov. 24, 2023, for Thanksgiving.

The **Public Library** is closed today, Friday, Nov. 24. The Public Library will also be closed on Sunday, Nov. 26, for the annual Holiday Parade.

The **Dover Community Senior Center** is closed today, Friday, Nov. 24.

Inspection Services, located at the North End Fire Station, is closed today, Friday, Nov. 24.

Capital Improvements Program before

City Council and Planning Board Nov. 29

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. will submit and present his proposed FY2025-2030 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to the City Council and Planning Board at a joint public workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 29. It begins at 7 p.m. in the McConnell Center's Room 305.

The CIP prioritizes all capital spending of \$25,000 or more for items with a useful life of three years or longer. It includes cost estimates, recommended time schedules to complete projects, and financing methods, which include debt financing, the annual operating budget, capital reserve funds, and grant funding.

After it is presented, the Planning Board and City Council will review the proposed CIP, and each body will hold a public hearing. The Planning Board reviews the CIP to ensure the proposed projects are based upon priorities established in the Master Plan and recommends whether the Council should adopt it. After its review, the Council will adopt the six-year CIP, authorize appropriations of capital reserve funds to finance the FY2025 non-debt financed projects, and authorize bonding and appropriations of debt-financed FY2025 CIP projects.

The CIP page, [found here](#), will be updated with the proposed FY2025-2030 CIP after the Nov. 29 presentation.

[Click here](#) for the workshop agenda. Immediately following the workshop, the City Council will hold a special meeting to formally introduce the CIP resolutions and schedule public hearings to occur on Dec. 6, 2023. [Click here](#) for the special meeting agenda.

The workshop and meeting will be televised on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>.

Tax rate not yet certified by state

The City of Dover 2023 property tax rate has not yet been certified by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, and tax bills have not been mailed.

Upon receiving the certification from NHDRA, the city will issue a public notice of the 2023 property tax rate. Tax bills will be calculated with the certified rate, printed and mailed to property owners. Last year, the NHDRA certified Dover's 2022 on Dec. 7.

For more information, contact the Finance Department at 603-516-6030.



Support local merchants on Plaid Friday and Shop Small Saturday

Today and Saturday are parking holidays

Show your support for the local merchants who help Dover thrive by shopping locally 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.

Plaid Friday is a parking holiday, and no payment at the meters is required, except at the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is paid parking at all times, including holidays. The Parking Commission this week approved a request by the Dover Downtown Retailers Coalition to also include Shop Small Saturday as a parking holiday, except for the Parking Garage.

City Hall clock tower clock being repaired

Expected to be operational within a couple of weeks

The City Hall clock tower clock is expected to be operational in the next couple of weeks, if not sooner.

The clock's synchronous motor seized on the morning of Oct. 31, which may have been the result of a power outage in the downtown area that occurred that morning. David Graf of Tower Clock Repair & Restoration of Kittery, Maine, has removed the motor and brought it to an electrician for repairs. Graf has informed the city that the motor can be fixed and is anticipated to be completed by the end of next week. Once fixed, Graf will reinstall the motor and get the clock running again.

The city estimates the cost of repairs will be \$1,000 or less.



Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Nov. 25, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the front entrance of the Dover Ice Arena. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo. For those able to participate, an additional clean-up will occur at 11 a.m. on Nov. 25, under the Broadway Bridge.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers and safety vests available to loan, if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1357504675023436>.

Upcoming Meetings:

**School Board, Nov. 27,
6 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a workshop on Monday, Nov. 27,

2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

**McConnell Center
Advisory Board, Nov. 27,
7 p.m.**

The McConnell Center Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

**Housing Authority,
Nov. 28, 12 p.m.**

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

**City Council and Planning
Board, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.**

The City Council and Planning Board will hold a joint workshop, followed by a special meeting, on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

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

**Planning Board Technical
Review Committee,
Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m.**

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

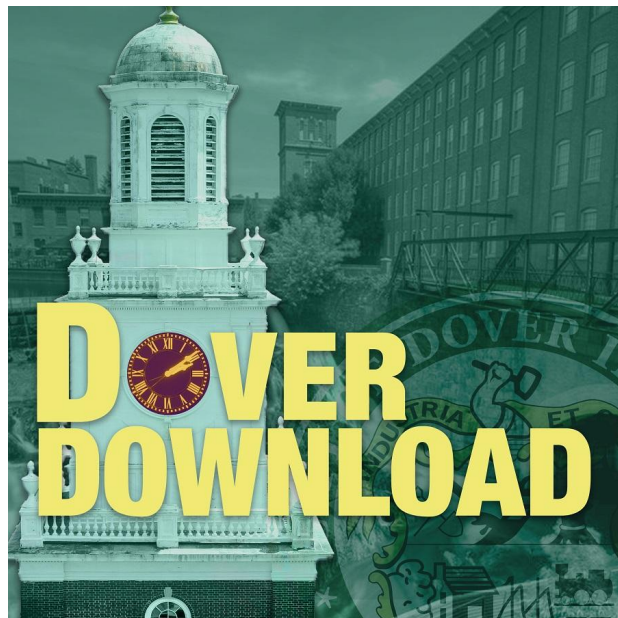
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).



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.



This week on the Dover Download podcast:

Dover's Policymakers through the Decades: The 1980s

In this week's episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with former Dover Mayor Jesse Andrew Galt about his time as a policymaker in Dover during the 1980s. This episode is the second in a series with Dover policymakers over the decades.

In This Week in Dover History, we learn about a

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

boxing match in 1900 that took an unexpected turn.

The podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and by [clicking here](#).

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.

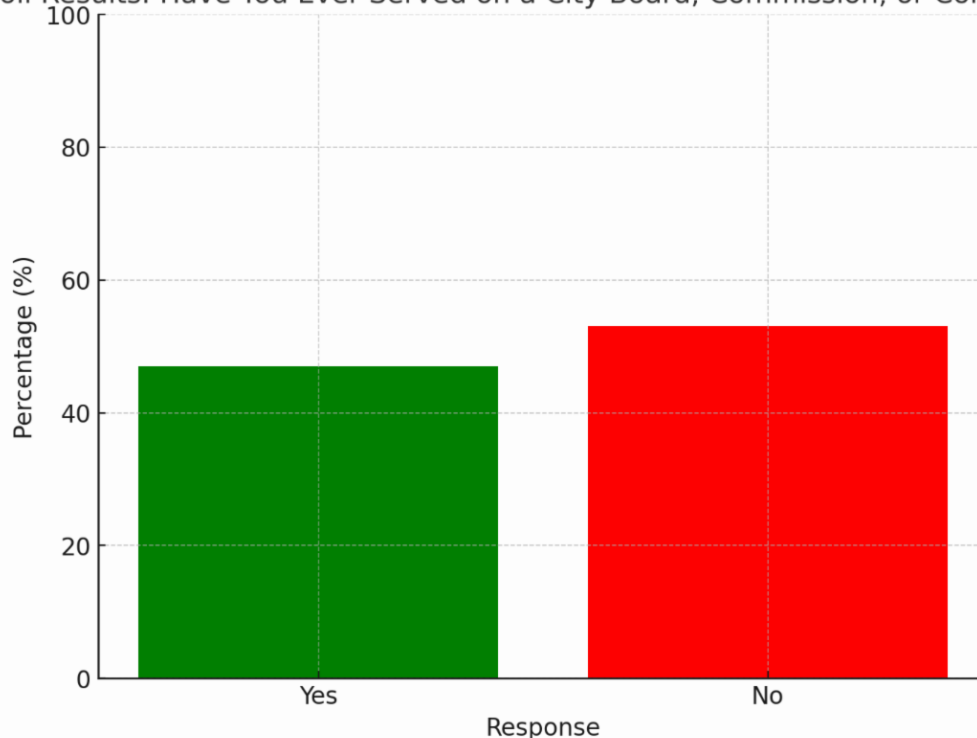
This week's question: **If you work in Dover, how many people work at your business?**

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, "Have you ever served on a City board, commission, or committee?"

Poll Results: Have You Ever Served on a City Board, Commission, or Committee?



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](#).

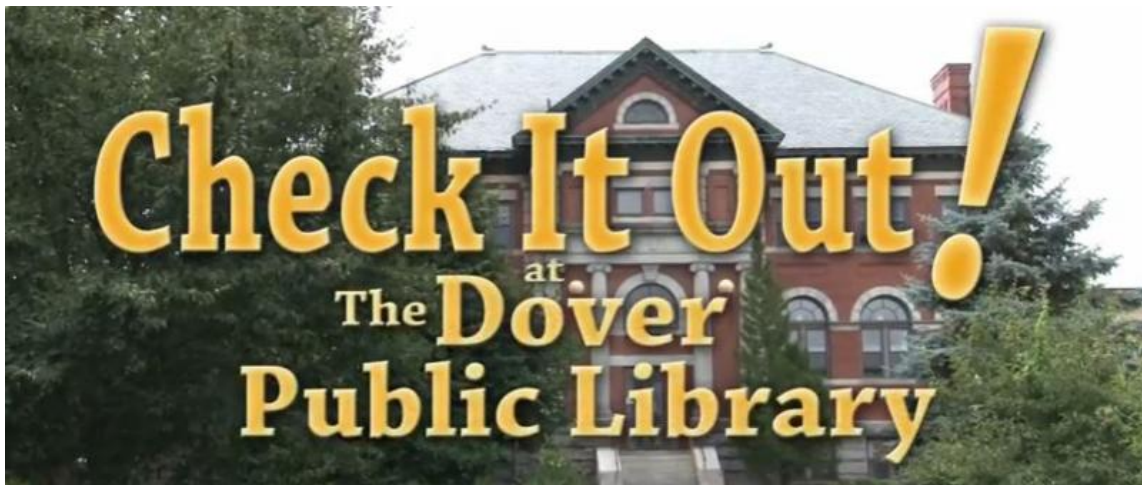
Nov. 28, 1692 — In an attempt to prevent the drawing off of soldiers from the Cochecho and Oyster rivers, the Provincial Council ordered the Treasurer to disburse 20 or 30 pounds to supply the soldiers with provisions and to enable them to continue at their posts for the better defense of the Province.

Nov. 25, 1831 — The barn of Jacob Sawyer at Garrison Hill was destroyed by fire, killing eleven cows and a large quantity of hay.

Nov. 27, 1852 — "The shock of an earthquake was distinctly felt, resembling the rattling of carriage wheels on frozen ground."

Nov. 26, 1855 — Elections for ward officers under a new city charter were held this week.

Nov. 26, 1999 — Proceeds from the 1999 Dover High School alumni basketball game held on this day benefited a new scholarship fund honoring former Green Wave player Mary Ellen Driscoll, who died in May of that year. Driscoll, part of Dover's 1977 championship team, loved playing basketball and alumni games. The fund named for the nursing professional would support a student going into that field. About 60 former players took part in the games that year.



The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in America at Dover Public Library

How did Christmas go from a rowdy celebration to the family-centered event it is now?

Trace the development of the celebration of Christmas at Dover Public Library on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in "The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in America." This is an in-person program with the option to stream live from home. Sign up is needed at the library's website to receive a link for virtual viewing.

In this illustrated lecture, Kenneth C. Turino explores the history of the holiday from when it was outlawed in 17th century New England through the mid-21st century when all the trappings of a traditional Christmas were in place. For many, the celebration of Christmas today is the most important holiday of the year. However, many of the customs taken for granted as part of the current holiday festivities and religious celebrations are actually a product of more recent history. Among the topics discussed are how Christmas trees were raised, halls were decked, and Santa Claus came to town.

Turino is the manager of community partnerships and resource development at Historic New England. He has published several articles on the history of Christmas and has a

book in development.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information or to receive a virtual link, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050. Library hours are 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

Learn to bake a holiday favorite with “fearless baker” Chef Erin Jeanne McDowell

Erin Jeanne McDowell began baking at age 14 in her mother and grandmother's kitchens. What started as a hobby morphed into a job when she began working at a bakery two years later. Eventually her passion would lead her to study at the Culinary Institute of America with the goal of sharing her love of baking with others.

On Tuesday at 7 p.m., Dover Public Library will welcome chef and bestselling author Erin Jeanne McDowell to the virtual stage as she demonstrates how to make one of her favorite recipes, while answering any “burning” questions the audience may have. The program is brought to you by the Dover Public Library in partnership with Ashland, Massachusetts Public Library. Sign up on Dover Public Library's website to receive a link to the livestream.

McDowell is an author, recipe developer and award-winning food stylist with specialized focus in baking. Her first book, “The Fearless Baker,” was named one of the Best Baking Books of 2017 by The New York Times. She's a regular contributor to New York Times Cooking, Food52 (where she also serves as baking consultant at large) and PureWow. She hosts weekly baking classes on Food Network Kitchen and the series “Bake It Up a Notch” for Food52. Erin has been featured in The New Yorker, New York Magazine, Food and Wine Magazine, Food Network Magazine and Rachel Ray Magazine. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Better Homes and Gardens Magazine, Fine Cooking Magazine, Bake From Scratch Magazine and Sift Magazine.

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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. 26, All day
Library closed for
Dover Holiday Parade

Wednesday, Nov. 29 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

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

Thursday, Nov. 30, 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, Nov. 30, 4 to 5 p.m.
Multilingual Book Group
Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center lead this group that features a different language each week.

Monday, Nov. 27, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: 14-plus Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 14 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us for adventure, strategy, and imagination in the Trustees Room. The group meets every other Monday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 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. 28, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Series of the Month Club for
2nd and 3rd Graders**

Are you a fan of the Critter Club series by Callie Barkley? If you are in 2nd or 3rd grade and have read one or more books in the Critter Club series come meet with other fans to talk about these popular books. First graders who have read a book from the series are welcome to join. Children will also make a craft related to the series. *Registration required.*

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 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.

There will also be an art activity based on the theme. This program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3 (other ages OK).

Thursday, Nov. 30, 5 to 8 p.m.

Magic the Gathering

Join every Thursday to play Magic: the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels are welcome. No materials are required.

Friday, Dec. 1, 6 to 9 p.m.

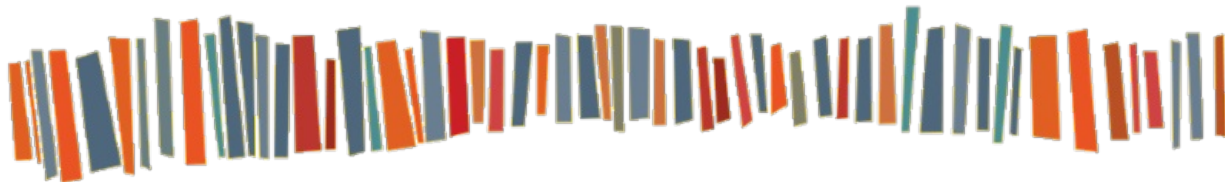
Clothing Library Fashion Show

Get ready for a mind-blowing Clothing Library Fashion Show, where real librarians strut their stuff wearing secondhand clothing! The Dover Public Library is bringing the secondhand and sustainable fashion world right to your doorstep at 73 Locust Street in Dover, NH, USA. Feast your eyes on the secondhand finds collected and curated by Clothing Librarians. Mark your calendars and be prepared to be wowed by the incredibly styled outfits and the electrifying atmosphere. The official opening date of the Clothing Library is Sunday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m.
Pre-registration is required.

Saturday, Dec. 2, 11:30 to 3 p.m.

Toy Swap

Do you have some gently used toys you would like to get rid of? Interested in sustainability? Then come be a part of our first-ever toy swap! From 11:30 am - 12:30 pm drop off a gently used toy in our lecture hall, and receive a ticket to come back and shop from 1:30 - 3:00 pm! Please only drop off toys, no machinery, clothes, stuffed animals, or furniture. Anyone can come to shop between 2:30 - 3:00 pm, even without a ticket!



BE INFORMED

**Sign up for
parking ban
alerts today**

Text DoverNH to 99411 to receive parking ban alerts

Sign up for text alerts at bit.ly/dovercodered

Sign up for e-mail alerts at bit.ly/doverdownload

Current ban status: bit.ly/doverban or 516-PARK



Stay up to date with parking ban alerts

Parking Manager Bill Simons reminds City of Dover drivers to sign-up for parking ban alerts. Parking bans are declared during throughout the winter to facilitate snow removal, and after storms for snow removal and clean-up.

Users can receive text and/or email alerts if a winter parking ban is declared, which requires the removal of all vehicles from public ways to allow street and sidewalk plowing. To receive text alerts, visit <https://bit.ly/dovercodered>, or text "DoverNH" to 99411 from your phone. To receive email alerts, visit <https://bit.ly/doverdownload>.

'As-needed' winter parking bans

During winter storm events or post-storm cleanups, the Community Services Director may declare a winter parking ban to allow crews to clear roads efficiently. When a parking ban is declared, all vehicles must be off public ways by the time the ban goes into effect. If vehicles are not removed, they may be ticketed and/or towed.

Most residents know not to park on the roads when there is an active storm. However, Community Services struggles with compliance with parking bans for post-storm cleanups when crews remove high snow banks or push snow back, so streets and sidewalks are passable and ready for the next storm.

"Ninety-five percent of parking tickets for winter parking ban violations come on cleanup nights," Simons said. "The goal is not to give out any tickets or have any cars towed and let Community Services do their job."

A parking ticket is \$50. A tow is likely to be above \$150.

Unless a parking ban is declared, vehicles may be parked on the street except for areas covered by the seasonal winter parking restrictions.

When a winter parking is declared

A parking ban will be declared by 3 p.m. to begin at a designated time later that evening. When a ban is declared, parking is prohibited on city streets, sidewalks and adjacent parking areas, such as the angled spaces on School or First streets. Vehicles must be parked on private property, at an authorized public parking lot, or the parking garage. Vehicles that violate the parking ban may be ticketed and towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

Apartment building owners are encouraged to alert all tenants about announced parking bans.

The parking ban for the downtown area typically starts later than all other parts of the city.

Many options to receive parking ban notifications

The City of Dover utilizes its website, social media accounts, Channel 22, text and email alerts, and press releases to local news media to notify residents about parking bans. The current ban status is always posted at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/parking-bans.html>. People can also call 603-516-PARK (7275) to check the parking ban status.

For email notifications, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and select the "Parking Ban Alerts" option. For text-based notifications via the City of Dover's emergency notification system, CodeRED, sign-up by texting "DoverNH" to 99411. Please note that cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Text alerts are also available by creating an account and logging into the city's emergency notification system, [CodeRED](#). After creating an account, select the option for Parking Ban Notifications under "Additional Notifications." Users must provide a phone number capable of receiving text alerts. Cellular phone carrier and/or text message fees may apply.

Users should receive a confirmation email or text after a successful sign-up. If not, call the City of Dover's Media Services at 603-516-1641 for assistance.

Where to park during a parking ban?

Some public parking lots have areas available for overnight parking. [Click here](#) to view a map of municipal parking lot locations in the downtown area. The Orchard Street Parking Garage has limited short-term spaces and is for "Permit Parking Only" above the second floor (look for signs). Overnight parking is available in spaces 101-278 for \$1/hr. Paid parking in the garage is 24/7, including holidays. Users may pay for parking or extend parking time through the smartphone "[Flowbird parking](#)" application. Users must know the number of the space where the vehicle is parked.

Dover Race Series season passes on sale

The Dover Race Series is excited to announce a 24-hour Black Friday sale on 2024 season passes. For today only, the Dover Race Series is offering the popular Race Series Season Pass for a deeply discounted price of \$125. This

deal ends at 11:59 p.m. this evening, Friday, Nov. 24. The price increases to \$150 following the sale and will increase again to \$175 on Dec. 15, to \$200 on Jan. 1, and finally to \$215 on Feb. 15. Passes can be purchased at doverraceseries.org.

“Thank you to the hundreds of runners who took part in the 2023 Dover Season Pass,” says Dover Race Series Co-Chair and RunB4 You Crawl Race Director Jeff Spires. “An all-new registration and payment platform has been integrated into this coming year’s season pass to ensure a seamless inclusion of pass holders across all ten races. The new system is provided by Race Roster, which is a widely used platform for both race registration and timing.”



Runners who complete six out of the 10 Dover Race Series races in 2024 will earn a 2024 Dover Race Series jacket. The 2024 Dover Race Series is underwritten by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. The 10 races and their organizers are:

- Run B4 You Crawl 5K (Dover Main Street)
- Reds Race for a Better Community 8K (local nonprofits)
- Saint Mary Academy 5K
- Moms On The Run 5K (Zebra Crossings)
- Spirit of Recovery 5K (Dover Triangle Club)
- Father’s Day 5K (Goodwin Community Health)
- FGH at Horne St. 5K (FGH Elementary Parent Teacher Group)
- Apple Harvest Day 5K (Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce)
- Pumpkin Dash 5K (Dover Middle School Parent-Teacher Association)
- Turkey Trot 5K (Garrison School Parent-Teacher Association)

New this year, the Dover Race Series will include a bonus half marathon, the Cochecho Challenge Half Marathon, organized by First Parish Church of Dover. The half marathon will not count towards the race series jacket requirement.

To purchase a Dover Race Series season pass or for more information about the series and the individual races visit doverraceseries.com.

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-

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.

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**

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Dover School District employment opportunities

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

- **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**

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