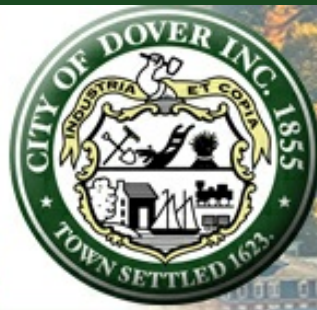


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 17, 2025



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**City Hall
hours:**

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

Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
p.m.

**Recycling
Center hours:**

Tuesday,
Thursday,

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

County Warming Center, Waterfront Project on Council Oct. 22 agenda

The City Council will hold a public hearing on a pending resolution to enter into an agreement with Strafford County and the cities of Rochester and Somersworth to build an emergency warming center on county land at the former humane society location. The City Council discussed the proposal at its Oct. 8 meeting, referring it to a public hearing at its Wednesday, Oct. 22 meeting.

The City Council will also hold public hearings on accepting and expending federal grants for two city infrastructure projects, and a public hearing on reprogramming a previously authorized sewer-related Capital Improvements Program project to a different sewer CIP project.

Also on the agenda is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate, finalize, and execute the Waterfront Development Project's Phase II Public Improvements

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

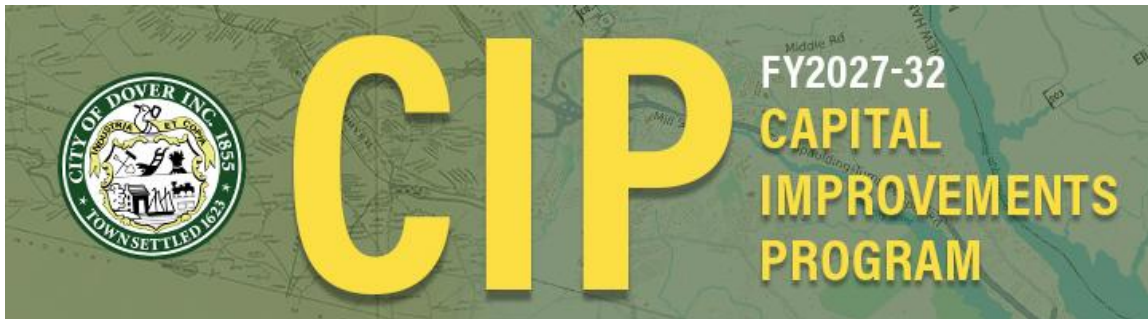
Completion Agreement. The agreement is needed as the city is currently working toward a real estate closing on the sale of the next set of Waterfront parcels with the private developer Cathartes.

The City Council will also consider resolutions for approving the employment agreement with newly hired Police Chief David Terlemezian, awarding the bid for a downtown pedestrian and vehicle improvement project utilizing federal Community Development Block Grant funds, and awarding a bid for the cleaning of two drinking water wells.

The City Council will begin the approval process for the Capital Improvements Program by referring three resolutions to public hearings at its Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, meeting, with a vote to occur at the Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, meeting. The CIP includes three resolutions: adopting the six-year document, approving FY27 capital reserve fund appropriations for non-debt financed projects, and authorizing appropriation and bonding for FY27 debt-financed projects. The CIP's first-year projects and appropriations will become part of the FY27 municipal budget that the City Manager will present to the City Council in February 2026.

Find the complete agenda and materials online in the [Oct. 22, 2025 meeting folder](#).

The meeting will be televised on DoverTV and [online](#), where it will be available on demand.



Capital Improvements Program presented to City Council and Planning Board

Planning Board to hold public hearing Oct. 28

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., presented his proposed [Fiscal Year 2027-2032 Capital Improvements Program](#) (CIP) during an Oct. 15. [televised joint session](#) of City Council and Planning Board. Deputy City Manager Christopher G. Parker walked the members through the sections of the CIP booklet.

The six-year CIP outlines significant capital expenditures over \$25,000 with a useful life of three years or more. It includes the funding source for each project, such as capital reserve funds, bonding, grant funding, and the annual operating budget, and it also links the projects to the priorities outlined in the city's Master Plan. The detailed CIP document is [accessible online](#) and physically at City Hall's Planning Department and the Dover Public Library's temporary location in the McConnell Center.

The Planning Board reviews the CIP to ensure the proposed projects are based on the

priorities established by the city's Master Plan. It will begin its review process at its [Tuesday, Oct. 28 meeting](#), where it will also hold a public hearing. After its review, the Planning Board will provide its recommendation to the City Council.

The City Council will begin its CIP review in November. At its Wednesday, Nov. 12 meeting, the Council will hold public hearings on the CIP resolutions. The Council is tentatively scheduled to adopt the CIP at its Wednesday, Dec. 10 meeting.

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For more information on the CIP and upcoming public hearings, visit the [City of Dover website](#).

Downtown road closures, parking restrictions Sunday for 'Witches' Market'

Dover Police Chief David A. Terlemezian announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the fourth annual Witches' Market on Sunday, Oct. 19. The event will take place in City Hall's auditorium and on sections of Saint Thomas Street and Central Avenue near City Hall.

To facilitate the event, the following road closures will be in effect:

- **Central Avenue** will be closed from Hale Street to Washington Street from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Saint Thomas Street** will be closed from Central Avenue to Locust Street from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Parking will be prohibited:

- On Central Avenue between Hale and Washington streets
- On Saint Thomas Street between Central Avenue and Locust Street
- At the Belknap municipal parking lot

The Witches' Market is a downtown block party featuring vendors and small businesses specializing in witchcraft, magic, herbalism, spiritual readings, and handmade artisan goods. The free, public event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19. The Groovy Witch, located at 332 Central Ave., is the host. For more information, visit the [event website](#).



Aquifer update on Dover Utilities Commission's Oct. 20 agenda

At its Monday, Oct. 20 meeting, the Dover Utilities Commission will receive an update on the city's aquifers used for drinking water.

The presentation from Emery and Garrett Groundwater Investigations, the city's hydrogeological consultant, will include an overview of aquifer management and how they've been affected by the current drought conditions.

The Dover Utilities Commission issued a call for voluntary water restrictions last month due to the ongoing drought conditions. Dover remains in severe drought, with more than half the state classified as being in an extreme drought.

[Agenda items](#) also include reports from abatement review, utilities and finance.

The meeting will be held at the public works facility, 271 Mast Road, starting at 6 p.m.

Spot an overflowing city trash bin? Reporting it is easy

The City of Dover is deploying stickers on municipal trash cans around the city, giving the public simple, quick ways to report overflowing trash cans.

Trash cans are emptied regularly, but sometimes they fill faster than anticipated. Alerting the city of the

problem allows the issue to be solved quickly.

The sticker provides a QR code to the city's [Service Request Portal](#), allowing the user to quickly create a digital work order. Using the portal, users can identify the location and upload photos. Users can also call Community Services directly to report the issue at 603-516-6450.

OVERFLOWING?



**LET US
KNOW!**

HELP KEEP DOVER CLEAN
BY REPORTING FULL BINS!



SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE
OR CALL 603-516-6450



Upcoming Meetings:

Recreation Advisory Board, Oct. 20, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at the McConnell Center, Room 224.

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

Dover Utilities Commission, Oct. 20, 6 p.m.

The Dover Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

Planning Board, Oct. 21, 5 p.m.

The Planning Board TDR Sub-Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Waterfront Committee, Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

Trick-or-Treat in Dover is Thursday, Oct. 30

Trick-or-Treat in Dover is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, from 5 to 8 p.m., the day before Halloween, as is the tradition in Dover.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6401.

NHDOT seeks input on Ten Year Plan

On Thursday, Oct. 23, the Governor's Advisory on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) is holding four public hearings in the Seacoast area, including one in Dover, on the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's draft 2027-2036 Ten Year Plan. These are among many public hearings held across the state. The draft plan is available at <https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/ten-year-plan>.

The hearings on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, include:

- **Durham:** 10 a.m., Durham Town Hall, 8 Newmarket Road
- **Dover:** 1 p.m., Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave.
- **Rochester:** 4 p.m., Rochester City Hall, 32 Wakefield St.
- **Farmington:** 7:30 p.m., Farmington Town Hall, 356 Main St.

Find the schedule of GACIT hearings at <https://www.dot.nh.gov/about-nh-dot/calendar>.

The purpose of these hearings is to receive public comments/testimony on transportation projects and priorities included in the draft plan, as recommended by NHDOT to

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

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 Vansylvong-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.

GACIT. Those not able to attend the meetings can submit written testimony within 10 days of the completion of the public hearings.

GACIT is comprised of the Executive Council and the NHDOT commissioner. The Ten Year Plan allows the state to participate in federally supported transportation improvement projects as well as to outline projects and programs funded with state transportation dollars, according to the NHDOT. State law requires the NHDOT to propose a plan every two years.

For more information, contact NHDOT at 603-271-3734

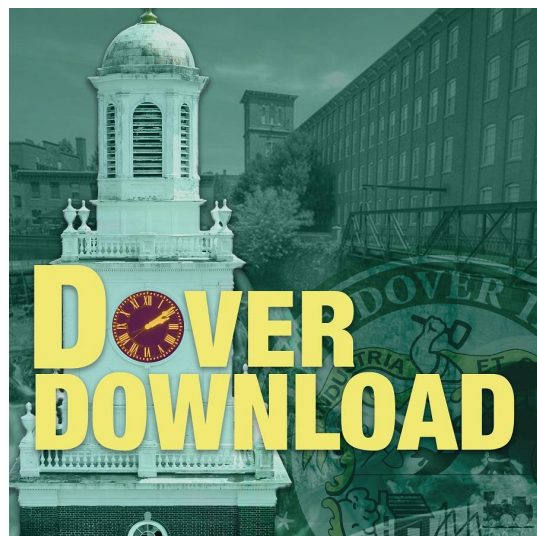
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [HVAC System Installation and Structural Upgrades at Griffin Well Building](#)
- [Dispatch Alarm Modernization](#)
- [Cooling Tower Water Treatment](#)

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.



Patience and Perseverance: How Dover Finally Developed the

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

Waterfront

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with George Maglaras and Dana Lynch about the decades-long journey to redevelop Dover's waterfront. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3Ja5bwS>



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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



Dover Chamber to host City Council candidate forums before Nov. 4 election

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host two candidate forums for the City Council races in the Nov. 4, 2025 Municipal Election.

The candidate forums will occur on Monday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited to attend. The forum will be broadcast live on DoverTV, Dover's government access television channel, and [streamed live](#) via the City's website. The forums will subsequently be available for on-demand viewing online.

The Monday, Oct. 27, forum will feature candidates for Mayor and the at-large seats on the City Council. The Wednesday, Oct. 29, forum will feature the individual ward races.

No forum is scheduled for School Board candidates. Candidates for Dover School Board in all six wards and at-large are running unopposed this year.

For more information, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

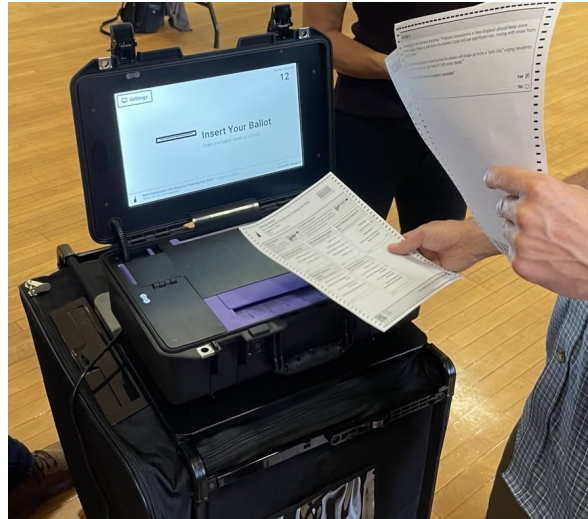
For a complete guide to the municipal election, visit the city's online resource at www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/

City Clerk to test ballot counting machines Oct. 23

City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier will test the city's VotingWorks electronic ballot counting machines on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, starting at 11 a.m. in the City Hall auditorium on the second floor.

The testing is open to public observation in accordance with state law RSA 656:42, and is in preparation for the Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025 municipal election.

The Nov. 4 municipal election will be Dover's first with the VotingWorks ballot counting machines, which replace the aging AccuVote machines.



The New Hampshire Ballot Law Commission [authorized the use](#) of VotingWorks ballot counting devices in 2023. Last month, City Clerk Vansylyvong-Bizier held a training session with the city's election moderators.

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

Supervisors of the Checklist in session Oct. 27

The Supervisors of the Checklist [will meet](#) on Monday, Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. in First Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors register new voters, record changes of address, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist. This will be the last day residents may register to vote in person at City Hall. Afterward, any voter registration will occur at the voters' polling place during the [Nov. 4 Municipal Election](#), where polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Absentee ballots available for Municipal Election

Absentee ballots are now available for the Nov. 4, 2025 Municipal Election. Voters may apply for absentee ballots from the City Clerk's Office through Monday, Nov. 3, 2025, in the following ways: in-person at the City Clerk's Office, by mail, email, or fax.

Applications for an absentee ballot are [available online](#) and at the City Clerk's Office. [State law](#) allows absentee voting for voters who can't attend the polls on Election Day due to religious observance, physical disability, or employment, among other reasons.

A new state law, [RSA:17-c Verification of Absentee Ballot Applicant](#), became effective on Sept. 30, 2025. This law requires voters requesting an absentee ballot to verify their identity by one of the following methods:

- Include a copy of their qualifying photo identification with their absentee ballot application;
- Personally present a qualifying photo identification to the City Clerk; or,
- Include a notarized signature on the absentee ballot application.

Qualifying photo identifications must meet the requirements of state law [RSA 659:13, II\(a\)](#).

The City Clerk's Office is in Dover City Hall's Customer Service Center on the ground floor. It is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 603-516-6018 or visit www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/.

State reps hold Town Hall Oct. 23 at City Hall

Local state representatives will hold a Town Hall event on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, at 6 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. Rep. Seth Miller expects most of the local delegation to be present at the Town Hall.

After the representatives provide brief introductions, members of the public will have the opportunity to address the representatives about any issues or challenges.

For more information, email Rep. Miller at Seth.Miller@gc.nh.gov.

Woodman Park Basketball Court closed next week for maintenance

The Woodman Park Basketball Court will be closed starting on Monday, Oct. 20, to allow maintenance work on the court. The city's paving contractor, Tri-State Paving, will be grinding and repaving the severe cracks that have developed. The court will reopen once the work is complete.

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

Downtown parking restrictions next week

Parking will be restricted on Central Avenue between Chapel Street and Broadway to allow city crews to remove multiple tree stumps on Monday, Oct. 20. There will be 12 spaces in total not available for parking.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, parking will be restricted on Saint Thomas Street between Atkinson and Belknap streets to allow trucks to maneuver near the former AT&T building.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

We want to hear from you. In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the results for the previous week. Participating is easy. Click on the link below to cast your vote.

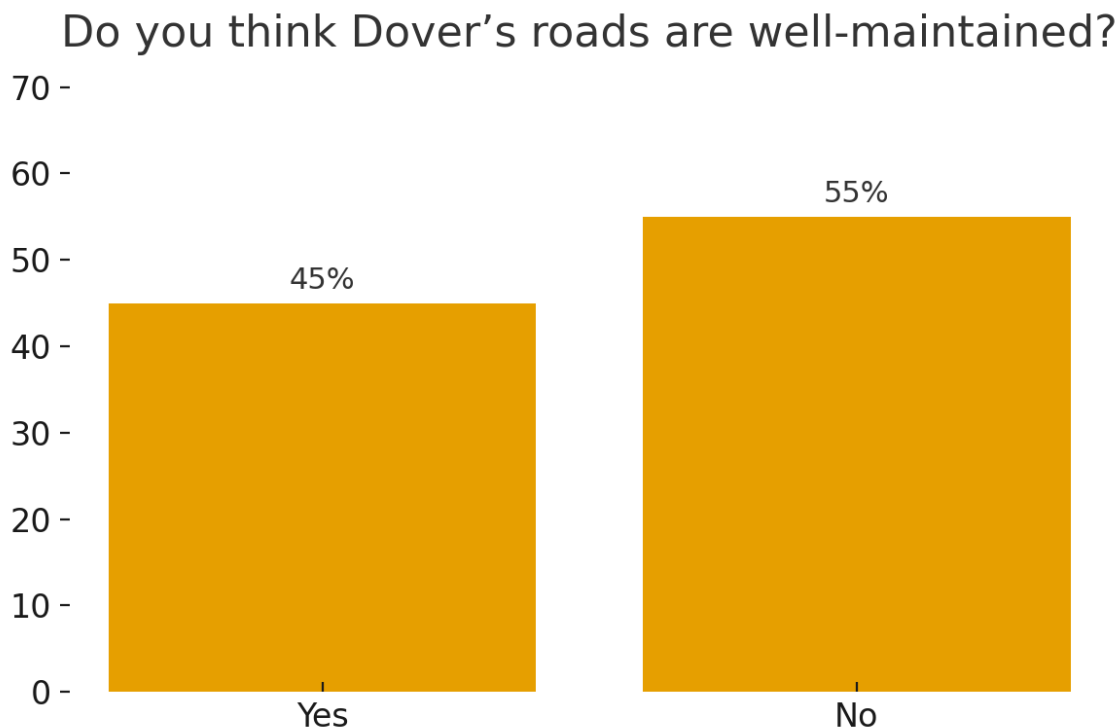
This week's question:

"Have you ever visited the McConnell Center for a city service?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m42c4x>

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, **"Do you think Dover's roads are well-maintained?"**



The following events are from various historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

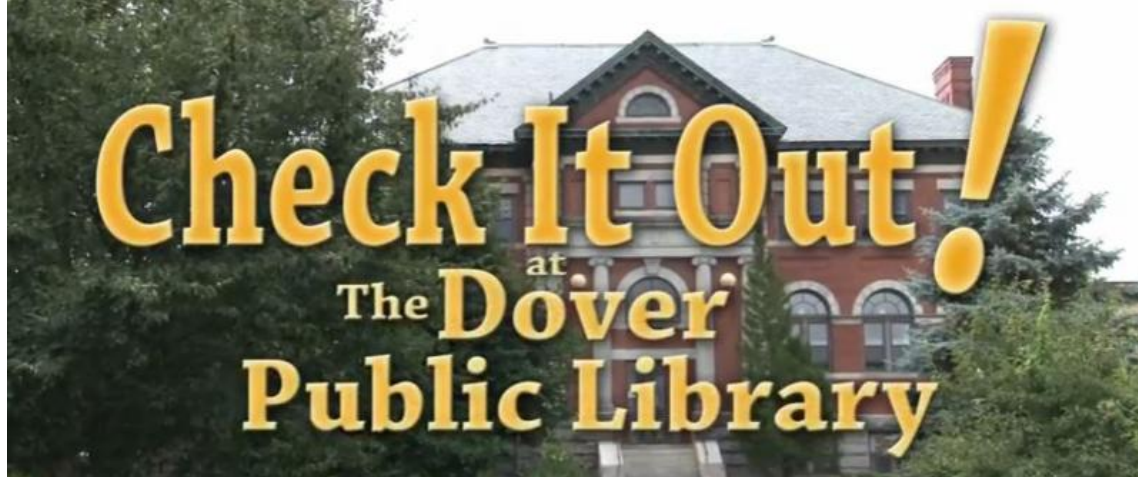
For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online

Oct. 19, 1652 — The Massachusetts General Court officially established Dover's northern boundary. The order stated that the town's limits would extend "from the first fall of the Newichawannock River" — known today as Salmon Falls, near the present-day town of Rollinsford — on a line running "north and by west" for four miles. This ruling was part of a broader effort by the Massachusetts Bay Colony to formalize town boundaries throughout New England during the mid-17th century. At the time, Dover was one of the earliest permanent English settlements in what would become New Hampshire, and its territory covered a vast area along the Piscataqua River. Clear boundary definitions were essential to avoid disputes with neighboring settlements such as Kittery, Maine (in what was then part of Massachusetts), and with other land grants being issued to settlers.

Oct. 18, 1669 — On this day, Dover residents voted to contribute 32 pounds to Harvard College to help construct a new brick building. Harvard's original wooden structure, built in the 1630s, had become too small and was deteriorating after decades of use. This donation reflected both Dover's prosperity and its commitment to education during the colonial period. At the time, Harvard College, founded in 1636, was the only institution of higher learning in New England, training ministers and civic leaders who often went on to serve in towns throughout the region. Dover's financial support, though modest by modern standards, demonstrated the early town's participation in shaping the intellectual and moral foundation of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and what would become New England's enduring tradition of valuing education.

Oct. 20, 1823 — Walter Cooper, the first cashier of the Strafford Bank in Dover, died in the town of Lee at the age of 49. Cooper held an important position during the early years of organized banking in Dover. The Strafford Bank, chartered in 1803, was among the first banks established in New Hampshire outside of Portsmouth and played a key role in the region's growing economy. As cashier, a position equivalent to a modern bank manager, Cooper oversaw daily operations, transactions, and the handling of currency at a time when banking was still a developing institution in the young United States.

Oct. 17, 1997 — On this day, then Gov. Jeanne Shaheen joined city and company officials to cut the ribbon on Liberty Mutual's new \$28 million, 235,000-square-foot office complex off Sixth Street, a facility that was called the "pride of Dover." The move brought 1,200 employees from the company's leased space in the downtown Cochecho Falls Millworks to a newly built, state-of-the-art campus on 223 acres near Exit 9 of the Spaulding Turnpike. Liberty Mutual's investment capped years of planning between city, state, and company leaders, including major roadway upgrades to the Sixth Street Connector and Exit 9 bridge to support the expansion. The new facility reflected what Liberty's CEO called the firm's long-term commitment to Dover, a city the company praised for its skilled workforce and strong community spirit. The Dover campus continued to grow in the following decade. In 2006, Liberty Mutual broke ground on a second major building, a 350,000-square-foot, \$50 million expansion designed to house more than 2,000 employees and provide over 200 construction jobs in the region. For years, the complex was among Dover's top employers and taxpayers, contributing more than 2 percent of the city's total property valuation. However, by the early 2020s, Liberty Mutual began consolidating operations, closing the Dover campus and relocating staff to Portsmouth. Today, the 150 Liberty Way property is poised for a new chapter. The Planning Board recently approved plans to transform the former corporate campus into a mixed-use neighborhood with housing, retail, and public spaces.



This Week at the Library

Monday, Oct. 20, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

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

Monday Evening Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

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

Virtual: Taylor Swift Style: Fashion Through the Eras

Register: <https://ow.ly/6yuw50X8504>

Author Sarah Chappelle will deliver a fascinating presentation based on her recent bestselling book, "Taylor Swift Style: Fashion Through the Eras." For Taylor Swift, fashion and music go hand-in-hand -- each playing a powerful role in shaping the narrative of this generation's most prolific storyteller. From cowboy boots to teetering heels, fairytale dresses to bleach-tinged tresses, and the many memorable moments in between, learn the fashion story behind every single Taylor Swift album, tracing Swift's musical evolution along with her ever-changing personal style.

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Knitting Group

McConnell Center, Room 323

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

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 11 am to 12 pm

All Abilities Music Club

Great Bay Services, Dover

Join us for a lively sing-along to your favorite tunes.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids

McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their imagination and creativity to the Drop-In Open Art Lab. We will have a variety of supplies available for you to use to create artwork of your own design.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 5:30 to 8 pm

Teen Move Night: The Addams Family

McConnell Center, Room 306

Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to a showing of *The Addams Family* (1991, rated PG-13)! Themed snacks and drinks will be provided. Join in making spider web slime before the movie starts.

Thursday, Oct. 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cochecho River Writers

McConnell Center, Room 306

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

Saturday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Halloween STEM Event - all ages!

McConnell Center, Room 306

Join for a fun, educational, and spooky science event for kids. We'll gather to explore hands-on science experiments with scarecrows and spiders, and engineer a flight pattern or two for bats!! Kids of all ages are welcome with

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Make a Spell Box

McConnell Center, Room 306

Come and learn to create an origami spell box (also called an intention box). A spell box is a magical tool that helps you focus your energies and intentions towards a goal. We'll do some reflective journaling and you will create your own customized sigil to put in your spell box. This class will involve some meditation like practice and some gentle breath work. No previous experience is necessary. All supplies will be provided.

Registration required.



Dover Senior Center Introduces Beginner Line Dancing Class

The Dover Senior Center is now offering a new fitness class for members: *Beginner Line Dancing with Agatha*. This entry-level class is designed for those with little to no prior dance experience and incorporates a variety of music styles.

The class will be held on Wednesday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the McConnell Center dance studio. Participants must have a current waiver on file. Comfortable attire is recommended. Fee: \$6 per class (cash or check payable to Dover Senior Center).

For additional information, please contact Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6420 or via email at l.jarvis@doover.nh.gov

Dover Senior Center

October Travel Presentations

TUSCANY - OCTOBER 14-22, 2026

Tuesday, October 21 at 10 a.m. | 61 Locust Street, Ste. 226

COWBOY COUNTRY - JUNE 2-9, 2026

Tuesday, October 21 at 11 a.m. | 61 Locust Street, Ste. 226

RSVP LINDA JARVIS, SENIOR COORDINATOR
603-516-6420 | l.jarvis@dover.nh.gov



City holding meeting on upgrades to Central Avenue water main on Thursday, Oct. 23

Next year, the City of Dover plans to replace a section of the aging Central Avenue water main between the Garrison Hill water tank and Broadway, including along Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive that leads to the top of Garrison Hill. Construction is slated to begin in spring 2026 and conclude by that fall.

City staff will hold a public informational meeting about the project on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, in City Hall's Auditorium, beginning at 6 p.m.

As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and businesses plan for the construction disruption. To sign up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project Updates: Central Avenue Urban Core Water Improvements" to your email subscription list.

City reminds residents to conserve water as drought persists

The city is reminding residents to conserve water as drought conditions continue across the state. Voluntary restrictions remain in place, first issued by the Dover Utilities Commission on Sept. 15.

The U.S. Drought Monitor's update shows Strafford County, including Dover, remains in severe drought. More than half the state is now in extreme drought.

Conservation tips

Residents are encouraged to:

- Limit outdoor watering, especially during the hottest parts of the day.
- Use commercial car washes, which are more water-efficient than washing vehicles at home.
- Fix leaks, including faucets and toilets, which can waste thousands of gallons annually.
- Reduce indoor use by shortening showers, turning off faucets while brushing teeth and running dishwashers and washing machines only when full.

For more information on water conservation, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450. To see a video with conservation tips, [click here](#).

Fall leaf collection begins Oct. 27

The City of Dover 2025 fall leaf collection will begin Monday, Oct. 27 and continue for six weeks, Monday through Friday, through Dec. 5.

Bagged leaves will be picked up by Waste Management on the same scheduled day as curbside trash and recycling. Please note that pickup is delayed by one day on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at local hardware or home improvement stores.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste are also accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

City to hold bicycle auction Saturday

The City of Dover will hold a public auction of bicycles on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025.

The auction will begin at 9 a.m. at Community Services, 271 Mast Road. Approximately 40 bicycles will be auctioned off.

Bicycles may be previewed after 8:30 a.m. on the day of the auction.

Children 18 and under will be allowed to bid against other children 18 and under on a bike until all children have won one bike for themselves, after which all other bikes will be open to bidders of any age.

The auction will occur rain or shine. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

Pictures of bicycles to be auctioned [are posted online](#). The page defaults to showing 10 files per page. Use the arrows at the bottom to see the next section of files.

The list is subject to errors and omissions, and items may be added or withdrawn at any time prior to the auction.

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:

- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer, Per Diem or Part-Time**
- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Technician**
- **Utilities Technician**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Public Works Supervisor-Streets, Drainage, Snow**
- **Seasonal Snow Plow Driver, Part-Time**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time**
- **Engineer**
- **General Legal Counsel**

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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:

- **Childcare Coordinator-Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC)**
- **Principal's Administrative Assistant**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education**
- **Clerical Aide**
- **Ski Coach**
- **District Special Education Administrative Assistant**
- **Third Grade Teacher**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **District Float School Nurse**
- **Substitute Nurses**
- **Interventionist**
- **Noon Aides/Recess Monitors**
- **DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)**

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