

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 6, 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,



Apple Harvest Day: A Guide

The 39th annual Apple Harvest Day festival takes over downtown Dover on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The family-friendly event features live entertainment, food, kids' activities, vendors, contests and more.

Apple Harvest Day 5k Road Race begins at 8:30 a.m.

Apple Harvest Day will continue its tradition of kicking off the Seacoast's premier fall street festival with a 5k road race. The <u>USATF certified course</u> winds through historic downtown Dover and is perfect for advanced runners as well as beginners and families. Once you finish the race, be sure to stick around for some North County Cider! Each runner over the age of 21 will receive two complimentary beverages, with non-alcoholic apple cider available for minors. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Opening ceremonies, Rotary Arts Pavilion at 9 a.m.** Representatives from the City of Dover, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and event underwriter, First Seacoast Bank, will gather for the ceremonial "first bite" of an apple, kicking off the day. The Dover High School Marching Band finishes the Opening Ceremony with a rousing performance.

Apple Pie Contest, Rotary Arts Pavilion at 11 a.m.

Nothing screams Apple Harvest Day like an Apple Pie Contest! Hosted by 97.5 WOKQ, dust off your favorite family recipe and enter your pie on Saturday, October 7. Amateur pie bakers can enter two divisions: Adults (16 years or older) and Youth (15 years or younger). Register online at <u>https://ow.ly/XKN750PSbXO</u> and bring your pie to Henry Law Park by 11 a.m.

Electric Vehicle Showcase, sponsored by Brueckner Group USA, from noon to 3 p.m.

The Dover Energy Commission is partnering with the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce to host an electric vehicle (EV) show on Saint Thomas Street, by the McConnell Center. Come explore a range of EVs from bikes to trucks at the show. Experts on EV charging will be on hand to provide information about installing residential and commercial charging stations.

Festival Information Center staffed by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce

Located at the intersection of Washington Street and Central Avenue, snap a picture in the Apple Harvest Day Photo Frame sponsored by Index Packaging.

Hydration Station

Refill water bottles at the Poland Springs hydration Station located at the intersection of Central Avenue and Third Street.

Cochecho Kid's Club, sponsored by Northeast Credit Union, Top of Henry Law Park for ages 2-12

Located just outside the entrance of The Children's Museum of New Hampshire on the new play patio, staff from the museum will have crafts, activities, and hands-on sensory tables for children. This is the perfect place for young kids to create, play, and have fun.

KidZone, sponsored by Kennebunk Savings, Lower Henry Law Park

Featuring inflatables, face painting, and a roaming train, and more. The KidZone has something fun for all ages.

Inflatable Fun

All-day bounce wristbands: Kiddie City \$8, Big Kids \$12; Individual rides: \$5

Bounce and play on numerous inflatables, the KidZone will keep youngsters busy for hours. The many activities include obstacle courses, slides, bouncy houses, and much more! All profits will be going to the Dover Children's Home.

Roaming Train, sponsored by Martineau Electric

Children and their parents are welcome to ride around the exterior of Lower Henry Law Park on a miniature Thomas the Tank Engine train driven by Conductor Dan of the Roaming Railroad.

Wildlife Encounters, sponsored by Holy Rosary Credit Union

Now known as the "Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center & Farm School", meet a variety of farm, pet and wild species of ambassador animals, hear their rescue stories and participate in an educational talk.

Touch a Truck, sponsored by Breezeline

Dover Community Services and Fire Department will showcase construction and fire protection vehicles for children to explore.

Family Fun Zone, sponsored by Bank of America

The NH Department of Children, Youth and Family's Foster Care Program will offer spin art, sand art, and face painting while raising awareness about the state's foster care program.

Waldron Court Stage at 388 Central Avenue, sponsored by SavATree

- 10 a.m. Chris George
- 11 a.m. Jonathan Booth
- 12 p.m. Carol Corson
- 1 p.m.– David Corson
- 2 p.m. Bob Moore
- 3 p.m. Chris George

Rotary Arts Pavilion Stage, sponsored by Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin, P.A.

- 9 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 9:30 a.m. Northeastern Ballet
- 10 a.m. McDonough-Grimes Irish Dance
- 10:30 a.m. UNH Theater Department
- 11 a.m. WOKQ Pie Contest
- 12 p.m. Garrison Players Youth Troupe
- 12:30 p.m. Seacoast Men of Harmony
- 1 p.m. Curtain Call Performing
- 1:30 p.m. SNHUG
- 2 p.m. Musical Arts of Dover
- 2:30 p.m. Sole City Dance
- 3 p.m. Extreme Air Jump Rope

Henry Law Park Food Court, sponsored by WIN Waste Innovations

- T & D Concessions
- Slush King
- Seacoast Street Eats
- Sonny Boy Ice Cream
- Sunrise Pointe Café & Occasions
- Bamee Restaurant

- Coffee Craving
- Shaved Ice LLC
- North End Food Court sponsored by Orpheum
- Wing-Itz
- Hong Asian Noodle Bar
- St. George Catholic Maronite Church
- Cotton Candy Skies
- Pro Scoops

Shuttle Information

Shuttle parking is available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All shuttle parking is free of charge.

North End Shuttle Lot

Exit 9 off Route 16 C&J Park-n-Ride Lot 23 Indian Brook Drive Dover, NH 03820

South End Shuttle Lot #1

Exit 7 off Route 16 279 Locust Street Dover NH 03820

South End Shuttle Lot #2

Exit 7 off Route 16 118 Central Avenue Dover NH 03820

The drop-off and pick-up location for all shuttles is on Washington Street in front of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire.

Shuttle Providers: Coast Spring Village at Dover St. Thomas Aquinas

Shuttle Lot Hosts: C&J Summit Land Development and Property Investment Bruton & Berube PLLC

Vendors

Shop local merchants and crafters. For a list of participating vendors, visit: <u>appleharvestday.com</u>.



Parking and traffic restrictions in place Saturday for Apple Harvest Day

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following street closures and parking restrictions for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's 39th annual Apple Harvest Day festival on Saturday, Oct. 7.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the following streets will be closed to all traffic:

- Central Avenue southbound, from Fourth to Washington streets;
- First, Second and Third streets between Chestnut Street and Central Avenue;
- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington to George streets;
- Williams Street;
- Saint Thomas Street, from Chestnut to Atkinson streets.

Southbound traffic on Central Avenue will be diverted through the Third Street lot to Chestnut Street. Motorists should expect delays in the downtown area. See the map at the bottom of this email for downtown traffic flow.

Parking and free shuttle service

Off-site parking with free shuttle service will be provided between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the following parking lots:

- 118 Central Ave. (Cleary Cleaners/Strafford House of Pizza);
- 279 Locust St.;
- C&J Park-n-Ride at 23 Indian Brook Drive.

Limited festival parking will be available at:

- Orchard Street parking garage;
- Dover Public Library/McConnell Center municipal lot;
- Dover Transportation Center lot.

Additional road closures for Apple Harvest 5K Road Race

There are additional road closures for the Apple Harvest 5K Road Race, which begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7. The Apple Harvest 5K course starts and finishes on Saint Thomas Street in front of the Dover District Court. Post-race activities will occur on the adjacent McConnell Center front lawn.

The following roads will be closed for the race:

- Saint Thomas Street, from Chestnut to Belknap streets (8 to 10 a.m.)
- Rutland Street, from Silver Street to Cataract Avenue (8:30 to 9:30 a.m.)
- Cataract Avenue, from Bellamy Road to Rutland Street (8:30 to 9:30 a.m.)
- Silver Street, between Belknap and Elm streets (8:30 to 8:45 a.m.)

The closure of Silver Street is expected to be brief to allow race participants to cross Silver Street early in the course. Traffic delays should be expected, however. Additional delays may occur on Bellamy Road near Cataract Avenue, where traffic is restricted to a single, alternating lane while runners are present. The course utilizes a portion of the Dover Community Trail between Fisher and Folsom streets.

Parking restrictions

On-street parking will be prohibited during the overnight of Friday, Oct. 6, and all day on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the following locations:

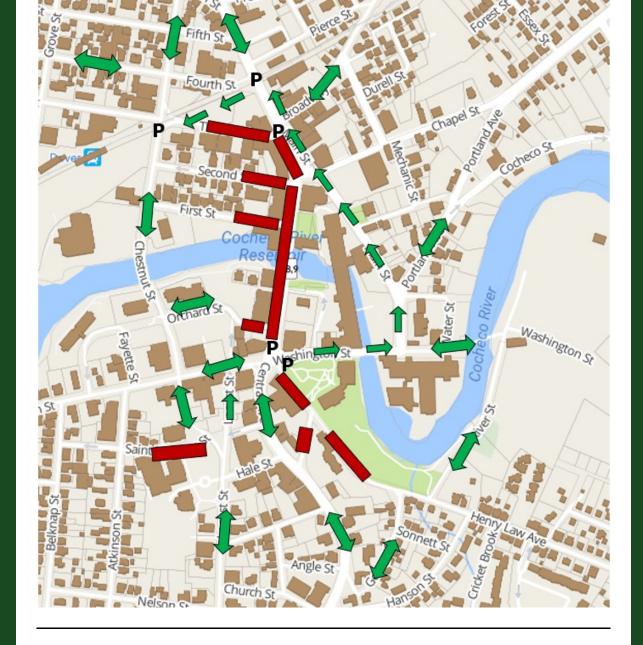
- Central Avenue, from Third to Washington streets;
- Henry Law Avenue, from Washington to George streets;
- Third Street, from Chestnut Street to Central Avenue;
- Portions of Second Street;
- Portions of First Street;
- Saint Thomas Street, from Chestnut to Atkinson streets.

More road race and festival information are available at <u>https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day</u>.

For questions about traffic restrictions, contact the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646.

Downtown traffic flow on Apple Harvest Day

Green arrows denote how traffic will flow on Apple Harvest Day. The red areas indicate where parking is prohibited during the festival.



DOVER CITY COUNCIL CONTRACTOR ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council seeks public comment on variety of topics

Public hearings include traffic ordinance changes, budget adjustments, committee structure

The City Council will hold eight public hearings on pending resolutions at the Council's meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

There are two public hearings on two pending changes to the Boards, Commissions and Committees ordinance. One is a proposal to dissolve the City Council's ad-hoc Committee for Graffiti Management and create a permanent standing committee. The other is a minor change to the membership makeup of the Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority.

One public hearing regarding a number of proposed changes to the Vehicles and Traffic ordinance. Some of the proposed changes include:

- Clarifying that non-electric vehicles cannot park in EV-designated spaces in the Orchard Street Parking Garage. A related amendment would impose a \$100 fine for violations.
- Clarifying the rules for parking in the McConnell Center lot.
- Introducing new stop signs at the intersections of Cranbrook Lane and Old Rochester Road, Maplewood and Old Rochester Road, Emerald Lane and Littleworth Road, and Emerald Lane and Emerald Lane Circle.
- Amendments to the No Parking section.

There are two public hearings on fiscal year 2024 appropriations. One is a budget amendment to appropriate an additional \$40,100 to the city's workers' compensation fund. The other is an FY2024 Capital Improvements Program appropriation of \$25,000 to replace the waste oil furnace used to recycle motor vehicle waste oil; the current one dates to 1985.

There are also public hearings on proposed changes to the city's fine schedule, compensation to election workers, and imposing a special assessment on 4 Jackson Brook Terrace related to publicly funded emergency sewer improvements.

Also on the agenda are resolutions to:

- Authorize and fund a sidewalk assessment study that would undertake a condition assessment of all the city's sidewalks to support the sidewalk improvement program, similar to the pavement condition assessment.
- Authorize capacity analysis of the New Rochester Road and Central Avenue sewer line north of Morin Street.
- Award the bid contract to replace the Dover Ice Arena cooling tower that provides cooling for the refrigeration system for the ice rink for \$61,890.
- Award the bid contract to replace the Dover Ice Arena's rubber roof for \$90,900.

<u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda, which includes background information on all pending resolutions. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <u>https://dovernh.viebit.com</u>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

City offices closed on Indigenous Peoples Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023 for Indigenous Peoples Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Public Library is also closed on Indigenous Peoples Day.

Indigenous Peoples Day is a parking holiday in Dover. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays for most public parking, except for the Parking Garage, which is metered parking at all times.

Trash pickup and curbside recycling are not affected by the holiday and will follow a regular schedule.



City now accepting Community Development Block Grant applications

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development is now accepting applications from public service agencies, qualified individuals and eligible organizations for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The fiscal year spans July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Applications are available online at <u>www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/</u> and at the Planning and Community Development Department, located at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820. The application submission deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, and must be submitted via email to Dave Carpenter at <u>d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</u>.

The City of Dover may reject incomplete or late applications.

Eligible CDBG activities include but are not limited to property acquisition, development or improvement of public facilities, clearance or demolition, public services, and special economic development activities.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must meet specific requirements. They include but are not limited to:

- Submission of a complete and timely application.
- Consistent with the FY2021-25 Consolidated Plan.
- Meet one of the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) national objectives:
 - Benefit low and moderate-income people;
 - Prevention of slums or blight;
 - Meet a particularly urgent community development need.

For more information about project eligibility or to learn more about Dover's Community Development Block Grant program, visit <u>www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/</u>.

The City of Dover has been a CDBG entitlement community for more than 25 years. The HUD program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income people. HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. The entitlement grant is expected to be available in the summer or fall of 2024. The amount to be received by the City of Dover has yet to be determined by Congress.

For more information, contact Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner, at <u>d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</u> or 603-516-6008.

Upcoming Meetings:

Recreation Advisory Board, Oct. 9, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

Conservation Commission, Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

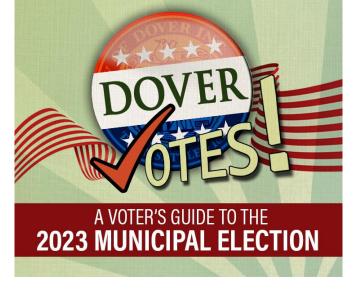
To view the meeting agenda, click <u>here</u>.

Planning Board Technical Review Committee, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click <u>here</u>.

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



The City of Dover municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023. At the election, voters from all wards will elect the Mayor, two at-large City Councilors, and one at-large School Board member. In addition, voters in each of the six Dover wards will elect a City Councilor and School Board member and election officers, including a Supervisor of the Checklist, a Moderator, three Selectpersons, and a Ward Clerk. All elected positions are two-year terms. For a complete guide to the municipal election, including a list of candidates, visit the city's <u>website here</u>.

Sunday hours at the Recycling Center

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 26, and continuing through Sunday, Dec. 6, the City of Dover Recycling Center is open additional hours on Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, call 516-6450.



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 <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Foraging rights, update on active land conservation projects on Conservation Commission's Oct. 10 agenda

At its Tuesday, Oct. 10 meeting, the Conservation Commission will consider whether to endorse a resolution that would recognize traditional forging rights on the city's public conservation lands.

The draft resolution states, in part, "It shall be the policy of the Dover Conservation Commission to recognize and support foraging rights as outlined in the guidelines presented in the background material."

The background material provides six subsections of guidelines, including that "foraging must be done in a non-destructive manner" and that "hunting, trapping, fishing, and timber harvesting" would not be considered foraging within the meaning of the proposed guidelines.

If endorsed, the resolution will be brought forward to the City Council for adoption.

Also on the agenda is a presentation by Resilience Manager Jackson Kaspari on the active land conservation projects in the city. The presentation is included in the agenda materials. The Commission will also consider a permit application for a Gerry's Lane property.

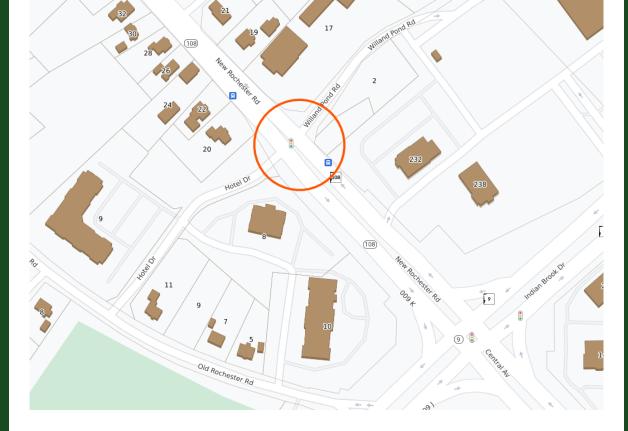
<u>Click here</u> for the complete agenda and background materials.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall's Council Conference Room.

Community Services to hold public hearing on possible Roosevelt Avenue tree removal

Community Services will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. regarding the possible tree removal at 30 Roosevelt Ave. It is in response to a safety concern discussed at the Transportation Advisory Committee on Sept. 25, 2023, for the agenda item, "Crosswalk safety concern – Horne Street @ Roosevelt Avenue." <u>Click here</u> for the agenda and an audio recording of the meeting. The discussion begins at the 1:07:50 mark.

The public hearing will be held at the public works facility, 271 Mast Road.



Repair underway for faulty traffic sensor on city's north end

The traffic signal at New Rochester Road (Route 108), Hotel Drive and Willand Pond Road is not working efficiently due to a malfunction of signal equipment that senses vehicles. The equipment has been sent out for repair.

When this malfunction occurs, the traffic signals default to a fixed-timing interval until the equipment is fixed. This may mean motorists will temporarily wait at red lights when there are no other vehicles waiting to enter the intersection.

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

Citizens Leadership Academy offers behind-thescenes look at how local government works

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dover will host the 2023 Citizens Leadership Academy beginning this October. The free six-session program gives residents an inside look at local government operations and a chance to help shape the city's future.

Attendees will hear from city officials, including the City Manager, Superintendent, Police Chief, and Department Directors. Topics will cover city departments, including planning, library, fire, police, and recreation.

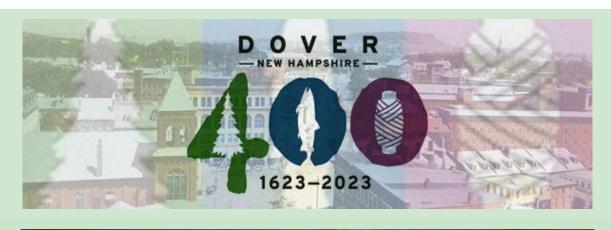
The goal is to increase knowledge of how local government works and encourage citizens to be involved.

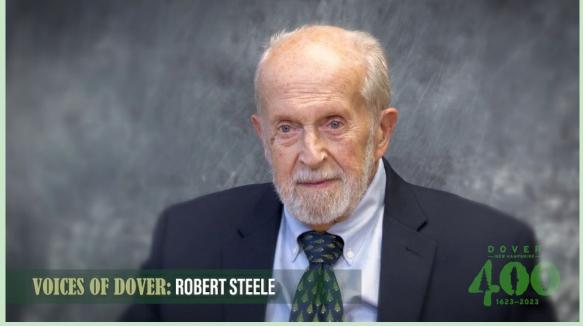
Citizens Leadership Academy meets on Oct. 12, 19, 26, and Nov. 2, 9. Participants can register for free online at <u>www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy</u>. Regular attendance is encouraged but not required.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce partners with the city to produce the academy

annually.

For more information, call (603) 742-2218 or visit <u>www.dovernh.org</u>.





'Voices of Dover' series: Robert Steele

Voices of Dover, Dover400's oral history series, continues this week with an interview with longtime Dover resident Robert Steele as part of the city's 400th anniversary celebration.

The Voices of Dover project aims to preserve the stories and memories of Dover residents.

In his interview, Steele reflects on his time as Dover's city manager from 1978 to 1988. He shares his philosophy of being actively engaged with the community and building relationships with city employees. Steele discusses several major initiatives during his tenure, including closing the Tolend Road landfill, contracting garbage collection services, and downtown revitalization efforts.

The "Voices of Dover" series captures personal stories and recollections from current citizens about Dover's history, culture, businesses, and people.

The videos are being released weekly through 2023. The Steele video and all others in the series to date can be viewed at <u>dovernh.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Dover400</u> or <u>Dover400.org</u>.



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 <u>located here</u>.

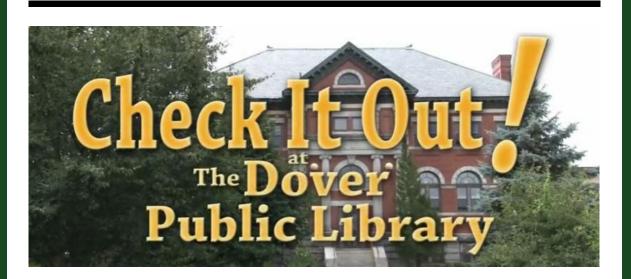
Oct. 12, 1648 — A grant of 1,500 oak or pine trees was given to Richard Waldron to accommodate a new sawmill at the lower falls of the Cochecho River. According to the grant, Waldron would pay three pence per tree.

Oct. 10, 1659 — It was ordered that Huckleberry Hill, laid out for a sheep pasture, be a public training place for the township of Dover. Huckleberry Hill is located on Dover Point, in the vicinity of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, and has long been known for its commanding views of the Cochecho River.

Oct. 8, 1849 — Snow blanketed Dover and much of the state on this day during an early snowstorm.

Oct. 7, 1852 — Five people were killed and many more badly injured in a train collision near the Weirs. Among the victims were John H. Smith, who died in the crash, and Richard B. Cater, who was injured and died two days later. Both men were from Dover.

Oct. 6, 1925 — Foster's Daily Democrat in Dover announced it would publish a play-byplay account of the World Series between the Pittsburgh Pirates and Washington Senators. At 2 p.m. the following day, the paper began announcing the games from the office, play-by-play, through a megaphone. Hear more about this story in next week's Dover Download podcast.



This Week at the Library

October VIRTUAL Cookbook Club Join us for a virtual exploration of Slow Cook Modern by Liana Krissoff

Cook Modern by Liana Krissoff. Throughout the month of October, send in pictures of your dishes created with science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *Fuzz*, by Mary Roach. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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 <u>e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov</u>, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, Oct. 9 Library Closed for Indigenous Peoples Day

Tuesday to Sunday, Oct. 10-15, All day Costume Swap

Drop off your gently used costumes starting on October 10. Families can pick out a costume anytime on Saturday October 14 and Sunday, October 15

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 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, Oct. 10, 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 roleplaying 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.

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friends of the Dover Public Library As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$15 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as many cultural events for the community.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10 to 11 a.m. Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club Dover Public Library's book group All Abilities Club: Art for All This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with disabilities as we create art and craft projects. Each session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6 to 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Board

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

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6 to 7 p.m. Hope for Shantytown: A History of Dover Housing Authority For the past 70 years the Dover Housing Authority has had a major impact on Dover's development. Through the use of historical photographs, local historian Mark Leno will cover the rise of the DHA from its early beginnings to its present successes in providing housing for many Dover residents.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 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, Oct. 12, 5 to 8 p.m. Magic the Gathering Join us 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.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reading Rainbow Book Group Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's new Queer book group as we discuss *It Came from the Closet: Queer Reflections on Horror* by Joe Vallese. Copies of the book will be available to borrow via Interlibrary Loan at the Circulation Desk. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Family Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history,





Coming up at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire

Schools looking to book a fun field trip can get a 20% discount if they book a trip to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in October or November 2023. Field trips to CMNH, now available for up to 65 students, can be self-guided or include a STEAM workshop for extra learning. Title 1 schools can visit for free but must visit before the end of March 2024. Reserve your field trip date and time online today at www.childrensmuseum.org.

Museum members get more! Starting Monday, members of the Children's Museum of New Hampshire are invited to play during special members-only Monday play sessions

from 9-11 a.m. It is the first Monday of the month, is exclusive to CMNH members, and is free but spots must be reserved in advance. CMNH members also get to enjoy two different reciprocity programs in October. Through Oct. 22, CMNH members (up to four individuals) can visit the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton for free. For the entire month of October, CMNH members (up to four individuals) can enjoy free admission into the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. Learn more about these and other CMNH membership perks online at www.childrens-museum.org.

Fall museum hours: Closed Mondays. Open Wednesdays-Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.; Tuesdays and Sundays 9 a.m.-noon. Before visiting, the museum is asking guests to reserve and prepay online to help stick to its capacity limit, which is currently at 50% of its actual capacity, or 250 individuals. Learn more at www.childrens-museum.org.

FEATURED OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Not-so-Spooky Spectacular Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

Join us for a Halloween event that focuses on fun rather than fright. We're celebrating throughout the day with various special activities, all free with regular museum admission. Kids and adults can come in costume to explore our exhibits. There will be science experiments, take-home crafts, photo opportunities with a full moon backdrop and a pumpkin scavenger hunt with a special prize at the end of your visit. Please note we don't distribute candy at this event. If you're interested in the Not-so-spooky fun, reserve spots for the museum's morning or afternoon play session on Saturday, Oct. 21. It's included with museum admission and is always free for members.

Mr. Aaron Concert during Not-So-Spooky Spectacular Saturday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m.

During its Not-So-Spooky Spectacular afternoon session on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 1-4 p.m., the Children's Museum of New Hampshire will host a 2 p.m. special Halloween concert with Mr. Aaron. Expect Halloween classics and Mr. Aaron originals, complete with costumes and a spooky dance party. Mr. Aaron, recently named "Best Children's Performer" by New Hampshire Magazine, consistently delights audiences. Both kids and adults enjoy his music, including hits from his latest album, "Get Aquatic," pop favorites, children's classics, and more. The concert is included with museum admission and is free for Museum Members. It's part of CMNH's Performance Series, sponsored by The Fuller Foundation, TD Charitable Foundation, Abbie F. Moseley Charitable Trust, and the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Reserve your spots online.

Exploring Our Way: Sensory Friendly Playtime Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1-3 p.m.

For some children with autism spectrum or sensory processing disorders, visiting museums like the Children's Museum of NH can be challenging. Exploring Our Way offers FREE low-sensory events for these children and their families. The number of attendees is limited, sounds and lights are dimmed, and a quiet zone with sensory activities is provided. No medical diagnosis is necessary. This program is free, but online pre-registration is required. Visit our website to learn more.

Gallery 6 Art Exhibition: 40 Years of Play Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023 - Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024

This exhibition offers a nostalgic look back at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire's 40 years. Items on display span the museum's history, including artwork, photos, puppets, and exhibit items. Gallery 6 is sponsored by The Fuller Foundation, TD Charitable Foundation, Abbie F. Moseley Charitable Trust, and the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. More information is available on the museum website.

Jingle Bell Extravaganza Sundays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, 1-2:30 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m.

Members can purchase tickets starting Friday, Oct. 6. Tickets are available to the public

on Friday, Oct. 13. Enjoy a ticketed holiday event at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. Meet Santa outside on the Museum's Play Patio and receive a gift. Participate in holiday craft activities and a science experiment while exploring the museum's interactive exhibits. Before leaving, collect a special treat. Pajamas are welcome. Reserve your spots early as space is limited. Tickets are \$18 for members or \$22 for non-members per person; children under 12 months are free. Our sponsors include First Seacoast Bank and Kennebunk Savings Bank.

Toddler Tinker Time Every Tuesday in October, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join a weekly program and informal playgroup emphasizing the importance of tinkering. Tinkering enhances fine motor skills, problem-solving abilities, and encourages peer relationships. Activities vary weekly. STEAM programs like this are sponsored by Breezeline, Eversource Energy, and Sprague. Reserve spots for the corresponding museum play session online.

Wacky Art Wednesdays Every Wednesday in October Sessions at 10:30 a.m. (Morning: 9 a.m.-noon) and 2:30 p.m. (Afternoon: 1-4 p.m.)

Participate in a unique and wonderful art project every Wednesday at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. To participate, reserve spots for the corresponding museum play session online. Admission is free for members.

Baby Storytime Every Wednesday in October, 9:30-10 a.m.

Babies (ages 6 months-2 years) and their caregivers can join Baby Storytime. This weekly program includes songs, rhymes, movement, and books, introducing important pre-literacy skills. Join the drop-in program and playgroup to socialize with other babies and caregivers. Reserve spots for the corresponding museum play session online.

Cultural Crafts: Albuquerque Balloon Festival Every Thursday in October

Sessions at 10:30 a.m. (Morning: 9 a.m.-noon) and 2:30 p.m. (Afternoon: 1-4 p.m.)

Join us at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire for crafts, games, or art that celebrates cultures from around the world. This month, we highlight Albuquerque, New Mexico. To join, reserve spots for the museum play session on the museum website. Admission is free for members.

Science Fridays Every Friday in October Sessions at 10:30 a.m. (Morning: 9 a.m.-noon) and 2:30 p.m. (Afternoon: 1-4 p.m.)

These weekly programs, which vary in theme, engage children in experiments and activities that highlight the fun in science—sponsored by the State of NH on behalf of the UNIQUE College Investing Plan. Reserve spots for the corresponding museum play session online.

Wee Ones Wednesdays Wednesdays in October: 4, 11, 18, & 25 Wednesdays in November: 1, 8, 15, 29 (No class on Nov. 22) Time: 9:15-10 a.m.

Engage with Miss Xanthi at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in this interactive program for children ages 2-4. Intended as a pre-preschool activity for children with a parent or caregiver, sessions will feature art, music, movement, and learning. Space is limited to 10 children. Pre-reservation/payment is required and does not include museum admission. Play in museum exhibits requires a separate reservation. Prices: Child \$13 (Members \$10), Additional Children (siblings participating in crafts) \$9 (Members \$7).



Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Heritage Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arts Commission
- 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, <u>available here</u> and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Susan Mistretta at <u>s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov</u>. 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:

- Account Clerk II, City Clerk and Tax Collection
- Laborer, Utilities
- Secretary, Facilities and Grounds
- Truck Driver, Utilities
- Arena Facility Manager
- Arena Maintenance/Ice Resurfacer
- Gym Attendant
- Swim Instructor
- Lifeguard
- Maintenance Mechanic, Utilities
- Maintenance Specialist, Utilities
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Police Officer
- Prevention Programmer
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Firefighter / EMT
- Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator
- Laborer Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater
- Planning Division Supervisor
- Afternoon Library Page
- Camera Operator

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

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:

- Boys and Girls Assistant Cross Country Coach DMS
- Boys and Girls Swim and Dive Head Coach DHS
- Girls Basketball Coach DMS
- Girls JV Basketball Coach DHS
- DALC Teacher of Adult Foundational Skill and HiSET Preparation
- Custodian for C&W Services Dover School District
- DALC Teacher of Adult Foundational Skill and HiSET Preparation
- Paraprofessional Unified Paraeducator DHS
- Special Education Teacher Case Manager Various
- Science Teacher DHS
- Paraprofessionals Various
- Literacy Interventionist DMS
- Noon Aide/Recess Monitor Frances Hopkins
- Special Education Aide Various
- Special Education Teacher Case Manager DHS
- Substitute Teacher Various
- Fire Science Instructor CTC
- Long Term Kindergarten Substitute Teacher Woodman Park
- Title 1 Interventionist Tutor Woodman Park

For more information about these positions, click here.



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