

DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 11, 2026



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

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

**City Hall
hours:**

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



**9/11 memorial to be
unveiled today on 25th**

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

**Recycling
Center
hours:**

Tuesday,
Thursday,
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. to 3:30
p.m.

anniversary of terrorist attacks

Dover will mark the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with a remembrance ceremony and the unveiling of the city's new permanent 9/11 memorial on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at 11 a.m. in the Cocheco Mill Courtyard on Central Avenue.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which will include a procession of police, fire and other uniformed personnel accompanied by bagpipes and color guards; a moment of silence recognizing key moments of the Sept. 11 attacks; a blessing; remarks from Mayor Dennis Shanahan and others; the formal unveiling of the memorial; a traditional bell ceremony; and musical tributes.

The memorial was created as a permanent place for remembrance, reflection and education, honoring those killed in the attacks as well as first responders, military members, survivors and those who died in the years that followed from 9/11-related illnesses.

Approximately 27 feet long and 11 feet high, the memorial was designed by retired Dover Assistant Fire Chief David Hanna. Its granite panels represent the Pentagon, the North and South towers of the World Trade Center, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The design also incorporates silhouettes representing emergency medical personnel, police, firefighters and members of the military, along with interpretive elements recounting the events and impact of Sept. 11.

The memorial holds particular significance for Dover. Four people with ties to the city were killed in the attacks: Douglas Stone, a passenger on American Airlines Flight 11; Kathleen and Michael Shearer, passengers on United Airlines Flight 175; and David Scott Suarez, who was at the World Trade Center.

The Cocheco Mill Courtyard was selected in part because it was the location of Dover's first 9/11 remembrance ceremony. The downtown setting was also chosen to provide a visible and accessible place where residents, visitors and future generations can reflect on and learn about the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

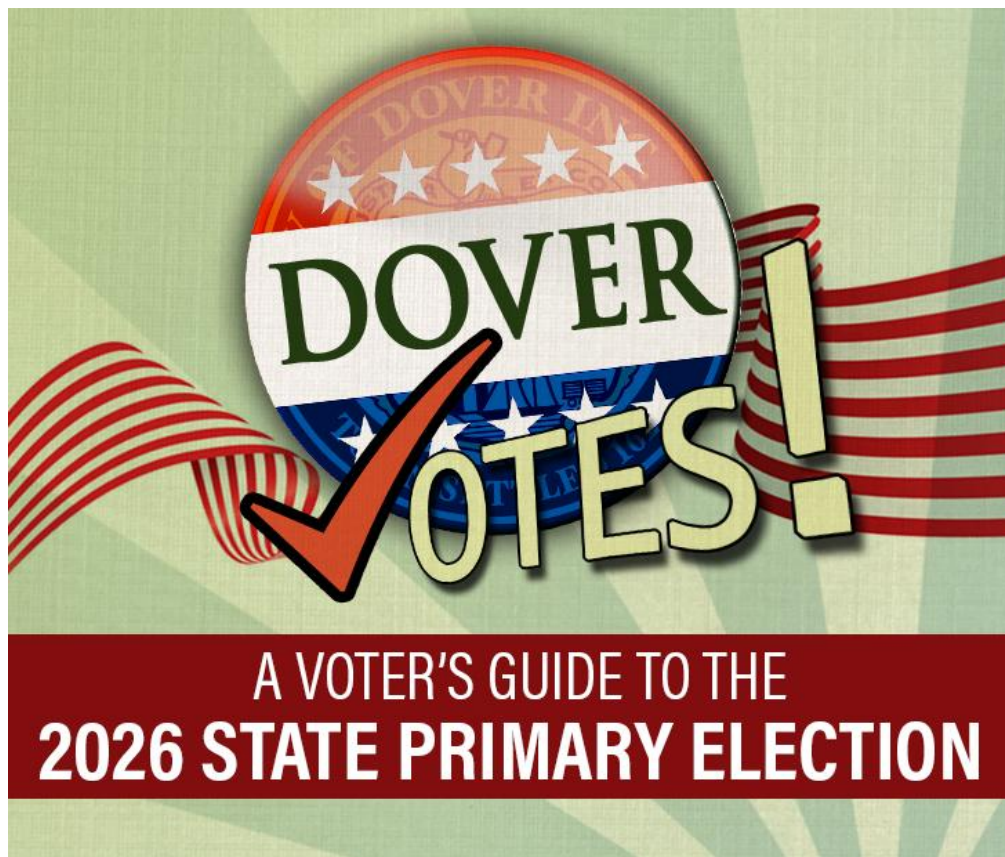
The effort to create a permanent memorial was publicly announced by then-Mayor Robert Carrier on Sept. 10, 2025, following the City Council's annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony in Council Chambers. A 9/11 Memorial Committee was subsequently formed to guide the project, including its fundraising, design, site selection and implementation. The committee brought together representatives of Dover Fire and Rescue, the Dover Police Department, current and former elected officials, city staff and other members of the community.

The memorial's site, design and construction were made possible through community donations and in-kind

contributions, together with up to \$60,000 in one-to-one matching funds authorized by the City Council. The public-private effort supported the committee's goal of completing the memorial in time for the 25th anniversary.

For the Sept. 11 ceremony, parking for attendees has been reserved at 47 Chestnut St., the site of the former New Hampshire State Liquor Store. A portion of Central Avenue, from Franklin Square to Central Square and adjacent to the courtyard, will be reduced to one lane for the event. Some on-street parking in the area will also be restricted.

The memorial is intended to remain a permanent place for quiet reflection, public ceremonies and education, preserving the memory of those lost and ensuring that the history and lasting impact of Sept. 11 continue to be understood by future generations.



State primary election results available online

The state primary election was held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026. Election results for Dover are available online on the city's [primary election page](#).

The primary election allows voters to select their party's nominees for various offices to appear on the general election ballot. This year, Dover voters cast their ballots for several key races. Republicans and Democrats chose their respective nominees for United States Congress, Governor, Executive Council, State Senator, and State Representatives. Additionally, voters selected nominees for Strafford County positions, including County Commissioner, County Attorney, County Sheriff, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and Register of Probate.

According to the election data, voter turnout for the primary was 35.3% across all six wards in Dover. The total number of ballots cast was 7,397 out of 20,934 registered voters. Ward 4 saw the highest turnout at 37.7%, while Ward 5 had the lowest at 32.3%. There were 311 absentee ballots cast during the election. More detailed election results information is [available online](#).

The winners of this primary election will appear on the ballot for the [upcoming general election](#) on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026.

Voter registration event at City Hall on Oct. 17

The city's Supervisors of the Checklist will host a voter registration event on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Dover Public Library's Community Room, 73 Locust St.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, record address changes, and make necessary corrections to the voter checklist.

Residents may also register at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall during regular hours, 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's office at 603-516-6018.

Next office hours for Mayor Shanahan is Sept. 24

Each month, Mayor Dennis Shanahan holds office hours at City Hall, offering the public an opportunity to stop by and speak directly with the mayor.

The next office-hours session is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m.

Office hours are held in the Council Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall and last approximately 90 minutes. Residents are welcome to attend during the scheduled time. City Hall is located at 288 Central Ave.

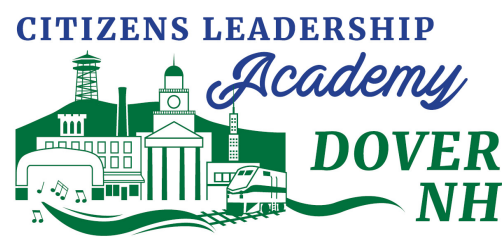


For more information, contact Mayor Shanahan at 603-534-3750 or d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov.

Citizens Leadership Academy offers behind-the-scenes look at local government

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Dover, will once again offer the Citizens Leadership Academy this October. The free program provides Dover residents a unique opportunity to learn about local government operations and explore ways to contribute to the city's future.

The 2026 Citizens Leadership Academy will meet on Oct. 8, 15, 22, 24 and 29, and Nov. 5. Each session brings together a diverse group of residents who want to deepen their knowledge of Dover's municipal structure and actively participate in civic life. Attendees will gain insights into the key issues impacting the city and learn how they can get involved in maintaining and improving Dover's quality of life.



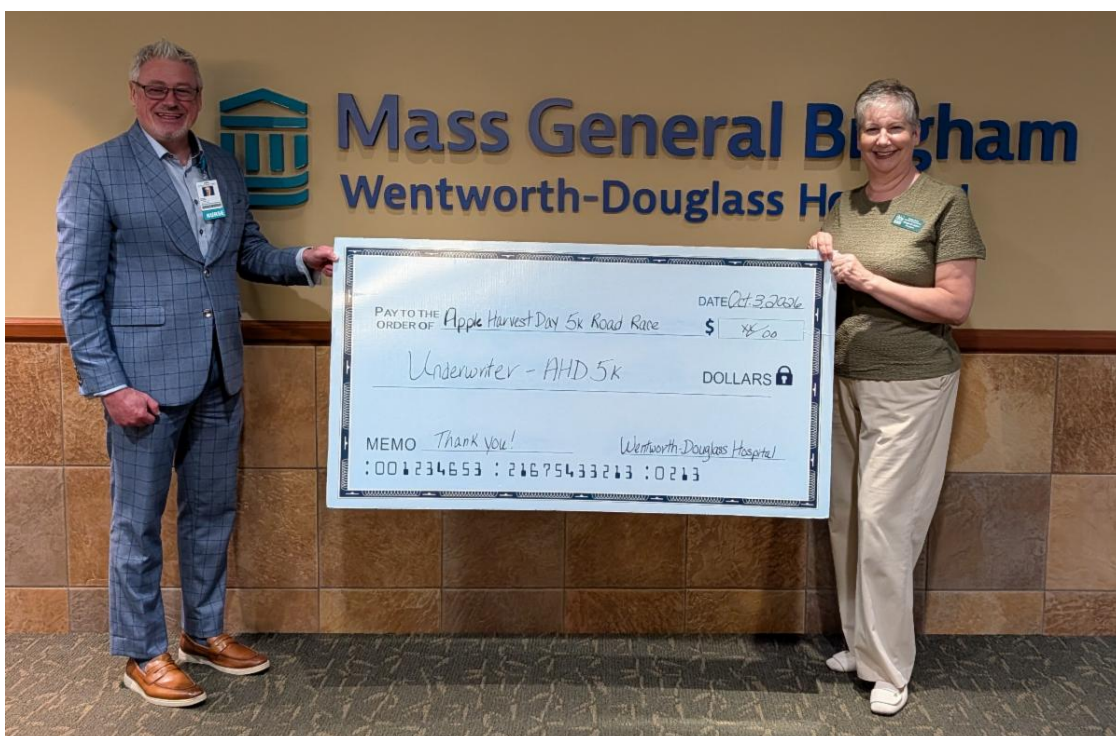
This year's program will include presentations from city officials, offering an inside look at how various departments contribute to the community. Topics and dates for the 2026 Citizens Leadership Academy are as follows:

- Oct. 8 – Getting to Know City Government with City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr.
- Oct. 15 – Public Safety, the Police Department, with Police Chief David TerImezian
- Oct. 22 – Public Safety, Fire and Rescue, with Fire Chief Brendan Driscoll
- Oct. 24 – Community Services Bus Tour with Community Services Director John Storer
- Oct. 29 – Culture, Recreation and Quality of Life with Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, Recreation Director Kevin Hebert, Planning Director Donna Benton, and Library Director Denise Lafrance
- Nov. 5 – Dover's Education System and CLA Graduation with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine Boston, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Dover Mayor Dennis Shanahan, and members of the City Council and School Board

Participants are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible to get the full benefit of the program, but attendance is not mandatory at every session. The program is free of charge and open to all Dover residents.

For more information or to sponsor this program, visit www.dovernh.org/citizens-leadership-academy, call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, or email events@dovernh.org. Deadline [to apply](#) is Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing the economic well-being of its members and the community



Wentworth-Douglass Hospital President and Chief Operating Officer Darin Roark, left, presents the Apple Harvest Day 5k sponsorship check to Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce President Margaret Joyce.

Registration open for the 18th Annual Apple Harvest Day 5k

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital to serve as race underwriter

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that registration is open for the 2026 Apple Harvest Day 5k, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3, at 8:30 a.m. This year's race underwriter is Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, which has served as a cornerstone of the Seacoast healthcare community for 120 years.

"As a healthcare leader for Seacoast New Hampshire and Southern Maine, we know how important physical activity is to our overall health and wellbeing," said Wentworth-Douglass Hospital President and Chief Operating Officer Darin Roark, RN. "We are proud to support this great annual event for our Dover community, that combines community togetherness with cardiovascular health."

The Apple Harvest Day 5k begins and ends on St. Thomas Street in front of the Dover District Courthouse. The USATF-certified course is perfect for advanced runners as well as beginners and families. Cash prizes are awarded to the top finishers.

Registration fees are \$30 for adults 21 and over, and \$20 for runners under the age of 21. To register, visit dovernh.org/appleharvestday5k. Processing fees will be applied to online transactions. To avoid these fees, visit the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 550 Central Ave. and pay by cash or check.

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit, charitable health care organization with a 120-year history of compassionate care and innovation. A member of the Mass General Brigham system, Wentworth-Douglass is strategically located in the heart of the Seacoast region of New Hampshire and Southern Maine, which it has served since 1906. The organization is a family of more than 3,500 employees, including more than 400 physicians and advanced practice providers dedicated to the health, safety, and well-being of the region's residents and visitors.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and other programs, or for a schedule of activities, call 603-742-2218 or visit dovernh.org.

Upcoming Meetings:

Conservation Commission, Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, Sept. 14, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., at the McConnell Center, Room 224.

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

Arts Commission, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

School Board, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m.

The Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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



Sunday, November 29 at 3PM | www.cochecofriends.com

Dover Holiday Parade announces 2026 Grand Marshal

The Dover Holiday Parade announced that Mozy and Jeff Bernstein of Mozy & Me as the 2026 Grand Marshal. They'll lead the festivities on Sunday, Nov. 29, during this year's Holiday Paade, which is themed "Yule Be Sorry: Holiday Mishaps and Bad Decisions Tinged with Regret."

The parade has received strong support from local businesses, with Dover Honda serving as Lead Platinum Sponsor, joined by Cinco's Cantina, Raiche & Co., Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin P.A., Leone, McDonnell & Roberts P.A., Martel Plumbing, Jewelry Creations, Noggin Factory, and Shaheen Gordon P.A.

Want to support the parade? Head over to OTTO Pizza on Central Avenue for a fundraiser and trivia night on Nov. 10, or purchase the inaugural \$10 commemorative [holiday ornament](#) online or at the Dover Chamber of Commerce.

For parade information, sponsorship opportunities, and ways to get involved, follow the Dover Holiday Parade on social media or visit CochecoFriends.com.

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

**Energy Commission, Sept. 16,
5:30 p.m.**

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

**Planning Technical Review
Committee, Sept. 17, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Board's Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

[View a complete list of upcoming meetings.](#)

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

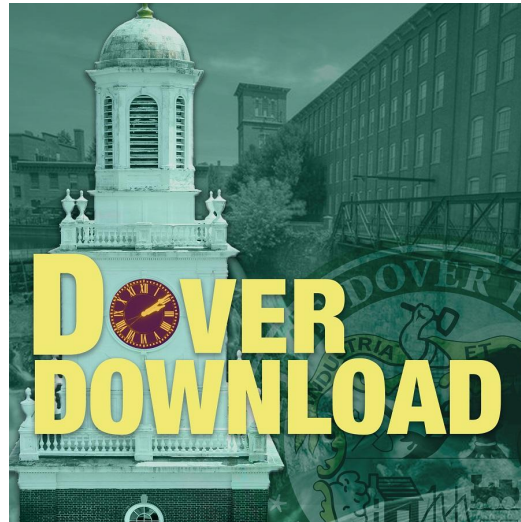
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee

- [Replacement of Sixth Street Bridge](#)
- [Commercial Real Estate Professional Services to Sell 30 Willand Dr., Somersworth](#)
- [Crack Sealing Services](#)

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.



Community Partners: Connecting People to Possibilities

In the [latest episode](#) of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Jennifer Elliott and Christopher Kozak of Community Partners, continuing the podcast's look at nonprofits serving the Dover community.

[Listen](#) wherever you get your podcasts.

Downtown street lighting replacement begins Monday

The City of Dover will continue its phased approach of replacing aging downtown streetlights beginning on Monday, Sept 14.

This phase will target street lights on Central Avenue from Franklin Square to First Street, with a couple of lights on Second Street. The

- Recreation Advisory Board

[View the complete list of city boards and committees.](#)

To apply, [complete an application](#), and return it to the City Clerk's Office, or [email it to](#) City Clerk Jerrica Vanslyvong-Bizier. 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.

project is anticipated to take about three weeks to complete.

The project will require temporary rolling parking restrictions around the work areas. Travel lane restrictions may also be required.

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

City urges water conservation amid ongoing drought conditions

The City of Dover urges residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce water consumption due to the ongoing [regional drought conditions](#). These voluntary measures will remain in place until drought conditions improve.

While many communities across the region implemented mandatory water restrictions, the city anticipates voluntary water use reductions will be sufficient, said Community Services Director John Storer, who oversees the city's water system.

"We've been fortunate to make it through the bulk of the summer without requesting any use restrictions, but we're starting to feel the effects of the extended regional drought," Storer said. "Cutting back on lawn irrigation and other water-intensive activities will go a long way in ensuring the city has enough water for everyone, including our firefighters when they need it most."

Current aquifer levels were discussed at the City Council's workshop on the city's water utility system on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026.

The region has experienced drought conditions since July 8, 2025, when the U.S. Drought Monitor classified the region to be abnormally dry. Conditions worsened to moderate drought levels on Aug. 12, 2025, followed by severe drought conditions starting on Sept. 16, 2026. Severe drought conditions persisted through June 30, 2026, when conditions were upgraded to moderate drought conditions, where it has remained.

Ways to conserve water

The public can conserve water in many ways:

- Limit outdoor watering. According to the EPA, irrigation accounts for 30% of residential water use nationally — about 9 billion gallons per day. Avoid irrigating during the day, especially the hottest parts of the day when evaporation is highest.
- Utilize commercial car washes. They are more efficient with water and don't dump dirty water into the storm drains.

- Fixing leaky plumbing conserves water and saves money. Leaking faucets and toilets can waste thousands of gallons a year, leading to increased water bills.
- Be mindful of indoor water use. Take shorter showers, turn off the water when brushing teeth, and run dishwashers and washing machines only when full.

Find additional resources at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [WaterSense online resource](#).

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

The city's public water customers can monitor their water usage with the Eye On Water [online portal and mobile app](#). The system helps track daily, monthly, and yearly consumption; users can also sign up to receive alerts for potential leaks. Customers will need their account number from their water bill. For assistance, contact the Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.

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.

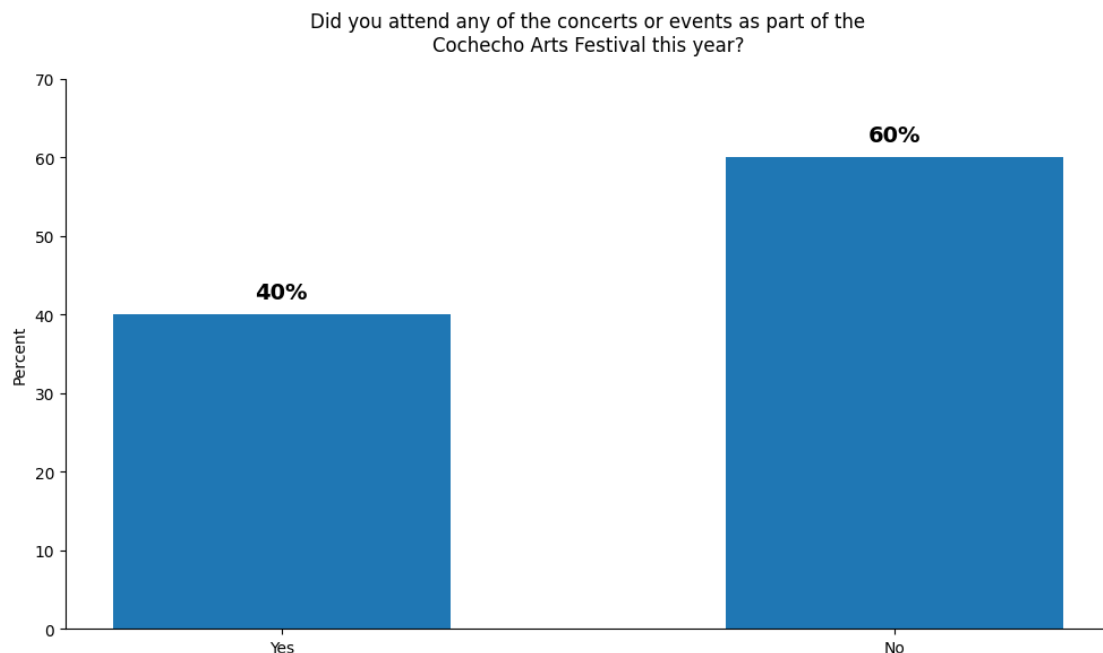
This week's question:

"Do you feel Dover's downtown is easy to navigate on foot?"

[Let us know.](#)

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:



This week in DOVER HISTORY



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

For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also [maintains an online collection](#) of historical information.

Sept. 15, 1667 — Dover found itself in trouble with colonial authorities when a grand jury reported that the town lacked several facilities, officials and supplies required by law. Among the missing items were stocks and a whipping post for carrying out court-ordered punishments; official weights and measures for regulating trade; a sealer responsible for inspecting the quality of leather; a town pound for holding stray livestock; a watch house for guards; and a supply of gunpowder, match cord and bullets for the local militia. The court ordered Dover to provide everything on the list “by ye next court” or face a fine. At the time, Dover was under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, which it had joined in 1641. New Hampshire would not become a separate province until 1679. Massachusetts law placed numerous responsibilities on individual towns, from maintaining standard measures and inspecting commercial goods to keeping watch houses and stores of ammunition for community defense.

Sept. 13, 1797 — Dover voted to formally lay out the town’s burial ground on Pine Hill and have a plan of the property filed with the Town Clerk. Pine Hill had already served as a burial place for generations. A meetinghouse was established on the hill in the early 1700s, as Dover’s population and community center gradually shifted north from Dover Point toward the Cochecho. On March 29, 1731, the town officially set aside 1½ acres near the meetinghouse “for a publick Burying-place,” establishing Pine Hill as a town cemetery. The 1797 vote suggests that the boundaries ordered decades earlier may never have been formally laid out, or that no official plan had been filed with the town. Pine Hill eventually grew far beyond its original 1½ acres. Today, the municipal cemetery covers about 75 acres and remains one of Dover’s most significant historic burial grounds.

Sept. 14, 1821 — Officers from Dover’s local militia companies made their first public appearance as a new volunteer military organization known as the “Soul of Soldiery.” Under the command of Capt. Brewer, the group appeared in uniform and demonstrated a series of military maneuvers, most based on light infantry drill. According to the Strafford Register, the soldiers impressed the large crowd with the speed and precision of their movements. They also demonstrated several formations and methods of firing, including firing in line, square and chain. The newspaper praised the performance as particularly impressive for the organization’s first public exhibition. Militia service remained an important part of life in New Hampshire during this period. State law organized local men into military companies and required regular inspections, drills and musters. Specialized light infantry companies emphasized mobility and more elaborate drill than ordinary infantry, and their public exercises could become community events that combined military preparedness with ceremony and entertainment. Dover would soon develop one of New Hampshire’s best-known volunteer military organizations. Historical accounts describe a similarly named “Souls of Soldiery” organization being formed in Dover in the early 1820s and reorganized as the Strafford Guards in 1823. The Strafford Guards went on to become one of the state’s most prominent militia companies and even served as an escort during the Marquis de Lafayette’s celebrated visit to Dover in 1824.

Sept. 15, 2001 — Dover officially dedicated its newly expanded Dover Ice Arena, marking the completion of a \$4.2 million project that gave the city two full ice rinks. The expansion added the Charles E. Holt Rink, named for the longtime University of New Hampshire men’s hockey coach who died in 2000. At the same time, the original arena was gutted and completely rebuilt as the Robert H. Foster Rink, named for the publisher of Foster’s

Daily Democrat and a longtime supporter of local hockey. Mayor Wil Boc, city officials, members of the Holt and Foster families and arena user groups participated in the dedication, followed by tours and public skating. The project, begun in 2000, represented a major expansion of Dover's skating and hockey facilities and allowed both rinks to operate simultaneously for the first time.

City of Dover Open Lands
Committee & Wild Birds Unlimited

A BIRDING ADVENTURE

Discover the Beauty
of Local Birds on
Conservation Land

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

 09:00 AM
11:00 AM

**BELLAMY RIVER
WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREA**
350 Old Garrison Rd,
Dover, NH

Event is open to all
ages. Dogs welcome!

What to Bring

- Binoculars
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Water bottle & snacks
- Camera with zoom lens (optional)

Why Join?

- Explore forest, wetlands & grassland habitats
- Spot a variety of local bird species
- Guided walk with experienced birdwatchers
- Learn practical birdwatching tips
- Learn about the benefits of Conservation



Questions? Contact Makayla Edgecomb at
(603)516-6008
m.edgecomb@dover.nh.gov

Open Lands Committee hosts birding event at Bellamy River Wildlife Sanctuary

The Open Lands Committee will host a "Birding Adventure" at the Bellamy River Wildlife Sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026, from 9 to 11 a.m. with Wild Birds Unlimited.

Discover the beauty of local birds on conservation land and explore forest, wetland, and grassland habitats on a guided walk led by experienced birdwatchers. Spot a variety of local birds while learning practical birdwatching tips.

The event is open to all ages. Participants should bring binoculars, comfortable walking shoes, water and snacks.

For more information, contact Assistant City Planner Makalya Edgecomb at 603-516-6008 or [by email](#).

SAFE TRAVELS

DRIVER SAFETY WORKSHOP

FREE EVENT

**FOR NEW &
YOUNG DRIVERS**



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
5 PM - 8 PM

COMMON TRAFFIC LAWS
for drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians

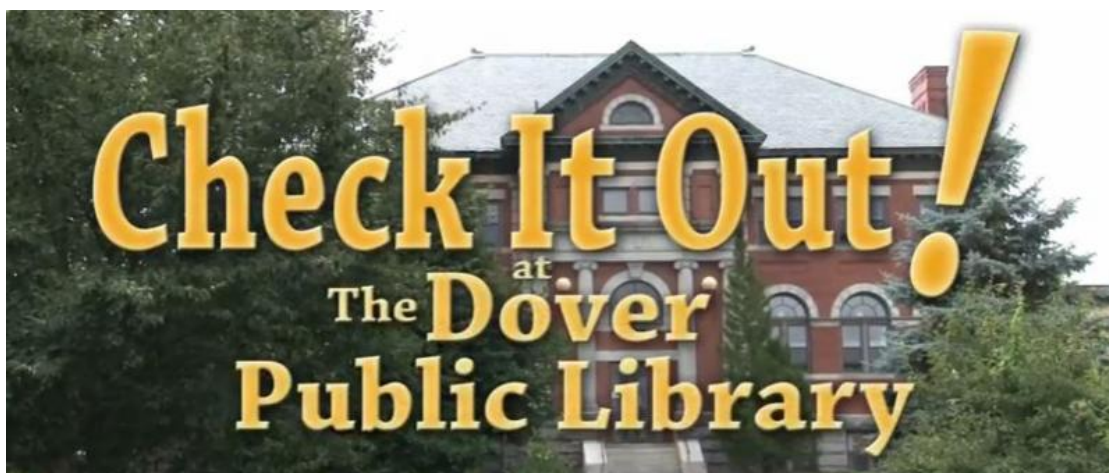
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
9 AM - 12 PM

DOVER CRASH INFORMATION
trends and roadway safety in the City

To register, please contact:
Lieutenant Alex Mitrushi
a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov
603-742-4646

MOCK TRAFFIC STOP
in a safe & educational environment

This program is made possible through a Community Outreach and Betterment Grant from the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety.



This Week at the Library

Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Fall Birdfeeding 101 with
Wild Birds Unlimited
Community Room**

Join the staff from Wild Birds Unlimited for an engaging presentation on how birds prepare for migration and the challenges they face as winter approaches.

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Adult Knitting Group
Meeting Room 4 (Garland Room)**

This group is open to anyone who has a love for knitting, crocheting, and related fiber arts. All levels are welcome, no instructions provided! Bring your works-in-progress and any finished objects you would like to show off to the group.

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

**Baby Storytime
Community Room**

For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers. Join for songs, movement, rhymes, and stories.

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Friends of the Dover Public Library
Trustees Room**

As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$20 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as cultural events for the community.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

**Family Storytime
Community Room**

Weds, Sept. 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Medicare Basics with Lynne
Trustees Room**

Medicare does not need to be confusing or stressful! Come learn from a former educator how Medicare works, what you need to do to get ready, and when.

Thursday, Sept. 17, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

**Arts and Crafts Storytime
Program Room (Mullen)**

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

Friday, Sept. 18, 10 to 11 a.m.

**Breakfast Book Club
Panera Bread, 841 Central Ave.**

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

A list of all books discussed will be emailed to the group after the event.

Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Crafternoon for Kids: Paper Plate
Pirate Craft**

Program Room (Mullen)

Kids ages 5 and up are invited to join us in the children's program room to make a paper plate pirate to celebrate "Talk Like a Pirate Day". Kindergartners and first-graders may need help from a caregiver to complete this project.

Registration required.

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

Weds, Sept. 16, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Caregiver Cafe

Meeting Room 4 (Garland Room)

Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation. Loved ones are welcome.

Weds, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All Abilities Club: Legos
Community Room

Join us in building with Legos. Use your imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.

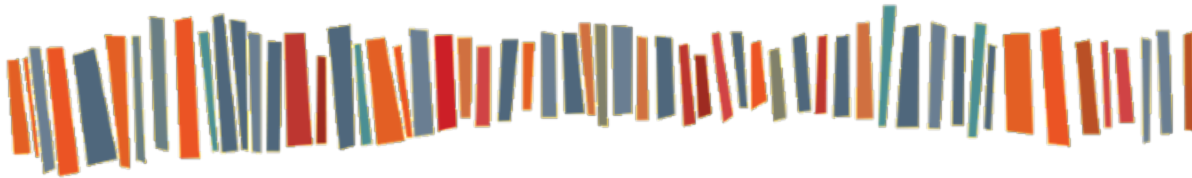
Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 to 3 p.m.

Lego Club

Community Room

Come follow the "Challenge-of-the-day" or build from your imagination. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library.

CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.



Volunteers sought for parking study

The Planning Department [seeks volunteers](#) for a parking study that will help inform the update to the Transportation Chapter of the city's Master Plan. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Sept. 12, Sunday, Sept. 13, and Wednesday, Sept. 16.

For more information, contact Planning at 603-516-6008.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For a Downtown Parking Study. Volunteers are needed to observe vehicles in the downtown area at various times of day.

WHEN

Three Opportunities to Help:

September 12

September 13

September 16

Rain Dates: 9/19, 9/20, & 9/23

SIGN UP



[forms.cloud.microsoft/r/
a490g38npp](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/a490g38npp)

Questions?

rdewey@StraffordRPCnh.gov | (603) 994-3500
d.benton@doover.nh.gov | (603) 516-6008



City of Dover to hold Household Hazardous Waste Day Oct. 17

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the City's Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road.

The goal of Hazardous Waste Collection Day is to allow for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. Residents of the four communities can bring household hazardous waste to Community Services for safe disposal.

The following household waste will be accepted: fertilizer with acids; bathroom cleaners; brush cleaner; pesticides; car waxes/polish; disinfectants; corrosives; fungicides; creosote; furniture polish paint/stain/finish; insect spray; driveway sealers/tar; metal polish (lead and oil-based); lighter fluid; flea powder; mothballs; rust preventatives; pest strips/traps;

gasoline; oven cleaners; solvents; pesticides; radiator flush; photo chemicals; thinner/turpentine; poisons; roofing tar; rug cleaner; wood preservatives; pool chemicals; and wood strippers. Empty containers are not hazardous. Please dispose of them in your regular trash.

Explosives, asbestos, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, latex paint, waste oil and antifreeze will not be accepted.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day is for residents only. Proof of residency is required. There is no cost to dispose of waste at the event.

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

EPA SepticSmart Week Sept. 14-18

Is your septic tank due for a pump?

Is your septic system working as it should, and are you using it properly? Is it due for a pump? A significant source of groundwater pollution is from failed septic systems.

Next week is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart Week, an annual event to remind septic users of the importance of proper use and maintenance. One in five U.S. homes have septic systems, according to the EPA. In New Hampshire, more than 65 of wastewater is treated by a septic system, according to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.



If your septic system is not properly maintained you may be risking your family's health, hurting the environment, and flushing thousands of dollars down the drain.

When household wastewater exits the septic system, it seeps into the ground where it joins the groundwater and then travels to our streams, rivers, lakes, and drinking water aquifers. A properly designed and functioning septic system treats this effluent and eliminates harmful bacteria before it leaves the septic system.

Pumping, inspecting and maintaining your septic system will help keep it functioning properly and avoid environmental and financial catastrophes. Regular maintenance will help prevent wastewater from backing up or overwhelming the leach field, which would turn a yard into a soggy, expensive mess. A septic tank pump ranges from \$250-\$500 and should be done every three to five years. Compare that to a leach field replacement, which may cost upwards of \$20,000.

Learn more about how to be a SepticSmart homeowner:

- [EPA Septic System Care and Maintenance](#)
 - [NHDES Septic Systems](#)
-



AARP Smart Driver Course at the Dover Community Senior Center

AARP Smart Driver™, the newly updated driving refresher course from AARP Driver Safety, will be offered at the Dover Community Senior Center, 61 Locust St., Door #1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16. The class will be taught by certified volunteer instructor Lisa Marchi.

Since 1979, AARP Driver Safety has helped more than 20 million people stay safe, educated, and confident on the road. AARP Smart Driver course participants will learn:

- Valuable defensive driving skills
- Proven safety strategies
- How to stay current with the latest driving technologies
- The current rules of the road, specific to your community
- How to manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time

This course now includes new videos and updated course content, so you will have the most up-to-date information.

Many participants may be eligible for a multi-year insurance discount after taking the course. Check with your insurance agent to see if you are eligible. *There are no tests required to pass the course.*

The course costs \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members of AARP. You should plan to bring a bag lunch or snacks to get you through the day as there will be one 30-minute lunch break. You must complete the course to receive your certificate.

[Register online.](#)

Rotary

ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER, NH



*check
this
out* →

After Hours

*Looking to make an impact in our community?
Would connecting with a group of like-minded
people be up your alley?*

“FIND YOUR FIT”

W/DOVER ROTARY!

WE MAY BE JUST WHAT
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!

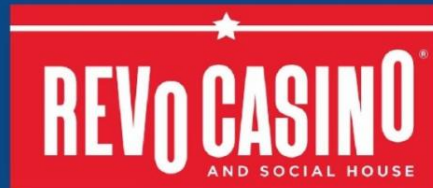
**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH**

THIS IS A NEW DOVER ROTARY INITIATIVE...

TO CREATE AN EXTENSION OF DOVER
ROTARY THAT MEETS EVENINGS!

**NO NEED TO RSVP, JUST SHOW
UP AND COME MEET SOME FUN & DYNAMIC
PEEPS! BUT, FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:**

DOVERROTARYNH@GMAIL.COM



887B CENTRAL AVENUE
DOVER, NH 03820

5:30-7:00 PM

Dover Rotary to hold after-hours information session

Community members looking for a volunteer service group that meets evenings are invited to [attend a kickoff session](#) of the Rotary Club of Dover, NH's new initiative to create an After Hours companion club. The Kickoff meeting is Thursday, Sept. 17, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Revo Casino and Social House.

Membership Chairperson Steve Pappajohn invites anyone looking to make an impact in our community and connect with like-minded people to "Find your Fit" with Dover Rotary.

"We're offering an alternative way for Dover's leaders and doers to engage with our host club by opening doors to new members who are unable to meet during traditional work

hours,” Pappajohn said.

For more information, email doverrotarynh@gmail.com.



**REPORT A CRIME
ANONYMOUSLY.**



CALL 603-749-6000



**SUBMIT AN E-TIP AT
DOVERCRIMELINE.ORG**

Report crimes anonymously to Dover CrimeLine

Dover CrimeLine is a community partnership between residents and the Dover Police Department that allows people to anonymously share information about criminal activity.

Anyone with information about a crime can call Dover CrimeLine at 603-749-6000 or submit an E-Tip through www.dovernhcrimeline.org. Tipsters remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest or indictment.

Dover CrimeLine was established in 1991 to enhance public safety and reduce crime in the city. Since then, thousands of tips have contributed to arrests and investigations, with more than \$34,000 in rewards authorized.

Tipsters are reminded that Dover CrimeLine is not an emergency service. If a crime is in progress or has just occurred, call 911 or the Dover Police Department's nonemergency line at 603-742-4646.

For more information or to learn how to volunteer with the CrimeLine board, visit www.dovernhcrimeline.org.



Stay connected with DoverTV

DoverTV has a new online home for live streaming and on-demand video, making it easier to watch municipal meetings, school programming and other local content from anywhere.

Visit bit.ly/doverTV to watch DoverTV channels live and browse available programs, meetings, series and playlists on demand. A link to DoverTV live streaming and on-demand video is also available from the homepage of the City of Dover website at www.dover.nh.gov.

DoverTV also continues to air on local cable:

- On Xfinity, the Government Channel is Channel 22 and the Education Channel is Channel 26.
- On Breezeline, the Government Channel is Channel 9010 and the Education Channel is Channel 9011.

Looking for an older meeting or program? Previously archived DoverTV content remains available at dovernh.viebit.com. That archive will transition to the new DoverTV on-demand service in the coming months.

Whether you watch live, catch up on a recent meeting or search the archives, DoverTV keeps you informed and connected to your community.

What is recyclable by Waste Management?

No matter what some package labels state, due to limitations at material recovery facilities, it's not possible to recycle everything made of plastic, metal, glass, and paper. Residents may use Waste Management's [Recycling Resources](#) and the [Recycle Smart](#) online search tool to identify acceptable recyclables for our community.

For more information, please call Community Services at 603-516-6073.



WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?



METAL

Food and beverage cans. Empty and rinse.



PLASTIC

Bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs with a #1, #2, #5 marking BUT not all #1, #2, #5 are currently being recycled; these include soft plastics such as bags, Styrofoam, hard plastics which are solid color black, blue and brown. Empty and replace cap.



GLASS

Bottles and jars. Empty and rinse.



PAPER AND CARDBOARD

Mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and boxes.

FOR HELP IDENTIFYING
ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES, VISIT
WWW.RECYCLESMAARTMA.ORG.

Red Cross declares emergency blood shortage

The American Red Cross is declaring an emergency blood shortage as the blood supply fell nearly 25% in June. Blood donors are urgently needed to give now to help ensure patients receive lifesaving medical care without delay.



**American
Red Cross**

The shortage comes during the height of trauma season, when hospitals frequently see increased demand for blood due to serious injuries and other medical emergencies, according to the Red Cross.

A steep decline in blood donations since the end of May has created a growing gap between supply and patient need. Currently, Red Cross distributions to hospitals are nearly 3,500 units higher per week than expected. The shortage is especially serious for types O positive and B negative blood. Blood donors are urgently needed to give now to help ensure patients receive lifesaving medical care without delay.

Every day, thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant.

Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). [Learn more about](#) the donation process.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Friday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Brueckner Group USA](#), 50 Lighthouse Dr.
- Thursday, Sept. 17, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
- Tuesday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.
- Monday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Holiday Maple Suites](#), 30 Holiday Dr.

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:

- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Media Services Technician, Part-Time**
- **Gym Attendant, Part-Time**
- **Water Treatment Plant Supervisor**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Account Clerk II - Water & Sewer Billing**
- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Truck Driver-Laborer**

- Heavy Equipment Operator 1-Utilities
- Arena Maintenance / Ice Resurfacer, SPT
- Arena Attendant, SPT
- Fleet Inventory Coordinator
- Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time
- Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

Dover School District employment opportunities

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

- Gymnastics Coach
- Electrical Apprentice Classroom Instructor Level 1-4
- Paraprofessionals
- Noon Aide
- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Nurses
- Elementary School Classroom Teacher
- District Float School Nurse
- Girls Freshman Volleyball Coach
- ESOL Newcomer Interventionist - one year only
- Noon Supervisors

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

CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE | www.dover.nh.gov



City of Dover | 288 Central Avenue | Dover, NH 03820 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!