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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 18, 2026



CITY OF DOVER, NH

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Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

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

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Paraeducators contract, POW/MIA memorial on Sept. 23 agenda

Council to hold first reading on curbside toter conversion ordinance changes

The City Council will consider approving the cost items of a tentative three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Dover Paraeducators' Association (DPA) and authorizing the School Board to execute the contract at its Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026 regular meeting.

The DPA's current contract expired on Aug. 31, 2026. The new contract would run from Sept. 1, 2026 through Aug. 31, 2029. The School Board approved the tentative bargaining contract at its [Sept. 14, 2026 meeting](#).

Creating a permanent memorial to military service members, prisoners of war (POW), or missing in action (MIA) will also be considered by the City Council. The resolution would direct the City Manager to establish a Chair of Honor memorial on the City Hall's front lawn facing the flags, which includes a POW/MIA flag in addition to the United States, New Hampshire and City of Dover flags. The Chair of Honor would also include a commemorative plaque identifying the bench's purpose and significance. "The Chair of Honor

serves as a visible reminder of the empty places left by members of the United States Armed Forces who were or are held as prisoners of war or who have not returned home," the background material states.

The City Council will consider authorizing a contract S.U.R. Construction, Inc., to reconstruct the public sidewalk in the area of 10 Fourth St.. for \$59,233. The sidewalk work is due to differential settling and heaving that has, at times, prevented the doors to 10 Fourth St. from closing properly and allowed weather elements into the building, according to the resolution's background materials. City staff have monitored the site, including removing some sidewalk concrete panels and providing a temporary paved surface. The work is being coordinated with the property owner, who has completed building modifications, including setting the glass façade further away from the sidewalk.

Also on the agenda is a resolution to authorize city consultant Fuss & O'Neill to proceed with preliminary and final design of the planned Phase IV expansion of the Community Trail for \$482,703, of which the city would be responsible for 20%, or \$96,540. The balance would be funded via grants from the state Department of Transportation. The work would also include bid support, environmental and cultural resource coordination, and project administration. Phase IV would extend the trail through Bellamy Park and across the Bellamy River to Knox Marsh Road via Lilac Lane.

The Council will hold a first reading on changes to two ordinance chapters, both of which will have a public hearing and possible ratification vote at the City Council's Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026 meeting.

One is a revision to the Waste Management ordinance in Chapter 145 in preparation of the city's conversion to curbside collection of solid waste and recycling from pay-as-you-throw bags to wheeled toters. The ordinance, endorsed by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, would take effect on July 1, 2027, the beginning of the 2028 fiscal year, when toter collection will begin. Curbside and bulky waste collection would be extended to residential properties with three units or fewer on public streets and approved private streets. The city will phase out pay-as-you-throw trash bags, which will not be needed with the toter system. The cost of the toter curbside collection would be paid through the city's General Fund. The City Council will determine the bulky waste fee during its FY2028 budgeting process. [Watch the City Council update on curbside collection changes](#) from its Sept. 2, 2026 workshop.

The second is revisions to Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic, to clarify specific parking restrictions and conditions, improve clarity and administration of the city's parking program, and add additional sections of public streets to the winter parking restrictions in effect annually from Dec. 1 through April 1.

[Read the complete agenda.](#)

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on DoverTV (Channel 22 for

Curbside toter collection is coming
Dover prepares to transition from pay-as-you-throw bags to a new curbside system

Effective July 1, 2027

- Trash and recycling collection will move to a toter system.
- Residents in the collection area will receive a 64-gallon wheeled toter.
- After three months, residents may request a larger or smaller toter.
- Collection will occur on public streets and approved private streets.

Education and outreach are planned ahead of the transition.

Watch the presentation on the conversion to curbside toter collection for trash and recycling

The City of Dover will transition from its current bag-and-tag curbside trash program to an automated toter collection system beginning July 1, 2027.

In [a workshop presentation](#) to the City Council on Sept. 2, 2026, members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, city staff and Waste Management outline the transition and discuss recommendations for how the new system will operate. The presentation covers the proposed use of 64-gallon toters for both trash and recycling, eligibility for curbside collection, requirements for placing trash and recyclables in the containers, options for changing toter sizes after an initial three-month period, and changes to bulky-waste collection. It also addresses the planned public education campaign, potential costs associated with the transition and ordinance changes that will be needed before the new system takes effect. The new automated collection system is scheduled to begin July 1, 2027, replacing Dover's existing bag-and-tag system.

The City Council will hold a first reading of the proposed changes to the trash and recycling ordinance in Chapter 145 at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026. The Council will hold a public hearing and possible vote on the ordinance changes at its Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026 meeting. The ordinance changes would go into effect on July 1, 2027.

[Watch the presentation.](#)

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

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.



Planning Board to hold final public hearing on proposed zoning amendments at Sept. 22 meeting

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing at its Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026 meeting on proposed amendments to the city's zoning ordinance. Following the public hearing, the Planning Board will consider recommending the changes to the City Council.

The Planning Department [mailed a letter citywide last month](#) informing residents and property owners of the proposed amendments. Find the [full text of the proposed zoning amendments](#) published on the [Planning Department's website](#).

The proposed changes include revisions to the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) ordinance, which the Planning Board's TDR Subcommittee recommended and endorsed. Other, but not all, proposed ordinance changes include:

- Moving computer and data processing from permitted uses in the Innovative Technology zones to a conditional use and creating specific restrictions;
- Updating swimming pool regulations to match the state building code;
- Amending the Customary Home Occupation ordinance;
- Amending a variety of definitions in the code.

The chair and vice chair of the TDR Subcommittee, Leslie Herd and Jan Nedelka, and Zoning Administrator Paul Crouser, gave the Planning Board an overview of the proposed revisions at the Planning Board's July 28, 2026 meeting. [Watch the discussion](#).

If the Planning Board recommends the proposed zoning amendments, it will then go to the City Council for ratification. The City Council will also hold a public hearing on any proposed changes before voting to authorize zoning ordinance revisions.

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



Rural Community Trail section to be closed for drainage work

Closure begins Sept. 28 for 2-4 weeks

A 1.5-mile rural section of the [Dover Community Trail](#) will be closed through the former Liberty Mutual property for drainage work beginning Monday, Sept. 28, 2026. The closure is anticipated to last 2-4 weeks.

A contractor for the new property owner will replace a failing culvert that conveys Indian Brook underneath the Community Trail to its nearby confluence with the Cochecho River. Soil erosion from stream flow going around the failing culvert has created safety issues for trail users, including a sinkhole. The project was reviewed and approved by the Conservation Commission and Planning Board and has received necessary state permits to proceed.

The existing 42-inch corrugated metal pipe will be replaced with a 48-inch high-density polyethylene plastic pipe. It is designed to improve hydraulic capacity, reduce erosion, restore the trail surface, and protect the city's existing sewer crossing, according to the project documents submitted to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board. The property is now owned and being redeveloped by Brady Sullivan through its entity Dover NH Property LLC. The Community Trail runs through the property's conservation area.

For more information about the work, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450. For information about the Community Trail, contact the Planning Department at 603-516-6008.

Daily lane closures planned on Spaulding Turnpike southbound

Closures begin Sept. 28 as crews remove center span of General Sullivan Bridge

The work is part of the ongoing demolition of the General Sullivan Bridge between Dover and Newington. Reed & Reed Inc. of Woolwich, Maine, is the general contractor for the \$28.4 million project, which is scheduled for completion in summer 2027.

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council, Sept. 23, 6 p.m.

The City Council will hold an executive session on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., in the City Manager's Office at City Hall.

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

City Council, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

The regular meeting will be followed by a nonpublic session. The agenda for the nonpublic session can be [viewed 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:

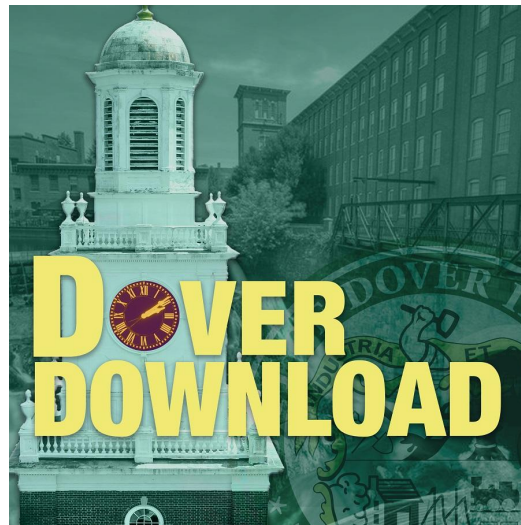
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board

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

- [Commercial Real Estate Professional Services to Sell 30 Willand Dr., Somersworth](#)
- [Crack Sealing Services](#)
- [Segregation and Recycling of Construction and Demolition Debris](#)

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.



The Local Safety Net: Inside Dover's Public Welfare Office

In the [latest episode](#) of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Lily Hanscom, Dover's new director of public welfare, about the city's role as a local safety net..

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



[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.

Voter registration event at Library 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.

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:

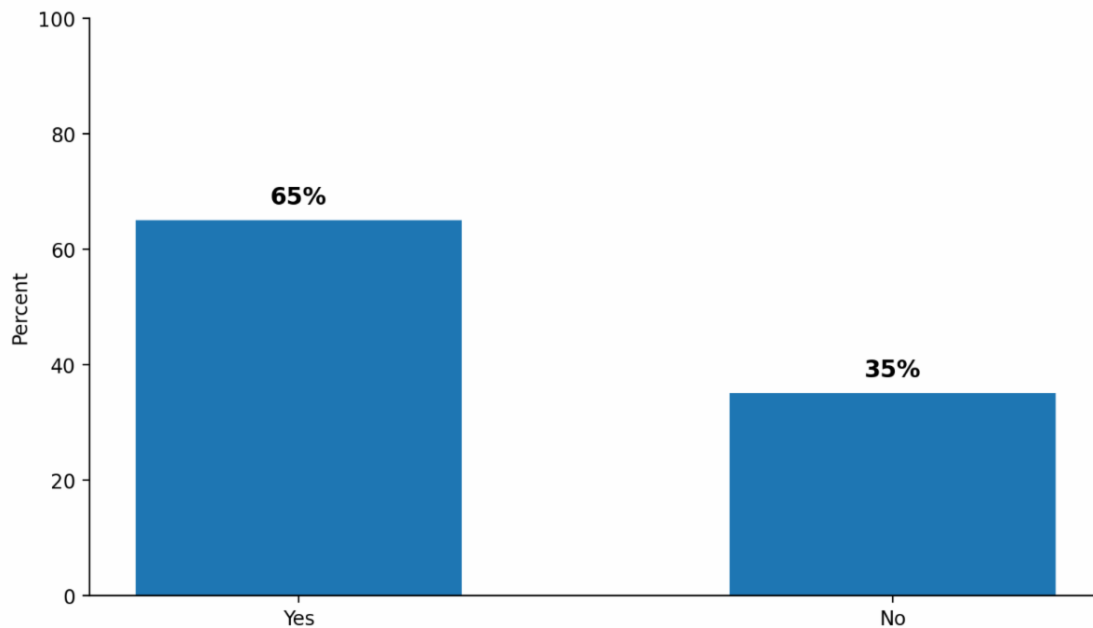
"What kind of City information is most useful to you?"

[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:

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



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. 21, 1849 — The Cochecho Railroad opened for public travel between Dover and Farmington, extending rail service roughly 18 miles north through Rochester. The railroad had been chartered by the New Hampshire Legislature in 1847, and construction began the following year. The new line expanded Dover's growing role as a regional transportation center. The Boston and Maine Railroad had reached Dover earlier in the decade, connecting the community with Boston and other coastal markets. The Cochecho Railroad pushed that rail network inland, following the Cochecho River valley through Rochester and into Farmington. Its construction even reshaped part of Dover: the old Upper Factory at Williamsville, one of the city's earliest textile mills, was torn down in 1849 to make way for the railroad. The line continued north after the Farmington opening and reached Alton Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee in 1851, giving travelers from Dover and points south a direct rail route toward the Lakes Region. The railroad was later reorganized as the Dover and Winnipiseogee Railroad and leased to the Boston and Maine Railroad in 1863. Boston and Maine eventually purchased the line outright in 1892. Passenger service between Dover and Alton Bay continued until 1935. (A video about the railroad is [available here](#).)

Sept. 20, 1853 — Gas lighting came to Dover. On this day, the Dover Gas Light Company began supplying gas to the city's manufacturing companies, as well as numerous stores and mechanic shops. The Dover Enquirer described the new illumination as "a most brilliant light" and predicted that it would soon replace older forms of lighting wherever the service was available. The Dover Gas Light Company had been organized in 1850, but much of the work needed to put the system into operation took place in 1853. That March, its directors moved ahead with construction of the gasworks, backed by \$50,000 in subscribed capital. By August, crews were laying gas pipes through Dover's principal

streets. The company's gasworks stood at Dover Landing on Cochecho Street, where coal could be brought in by vessel from the river. The fuel was "coal" gas, produced by heating coal and then distributing the resulting combustible gas through underground pipes to lamps and other fixtures. It was the type of gas commonly used for urban lighting before the widespread introduction of electricity and was very different from the natural gas used today. The Dover Gas Light Company remained part of the city's utility system for decades. It was leased to United Gas & Electric in 1891, became part of Interstate Gas & Electric in 1905, and in 1909 was absorbed into Twin State Gas & Electric, which eventually consolidated Dover's earlier gas and electric interests.

Sept. 18, 1857 — In digging the cellar for a house on Nelson street, the foundations of a chimney and part of a cellar wall were disinterred, which are supposed to be the remains of the garrison house of the son of Peter Coffin, or of that of the first tavern opened in Dover, which it is known stood in that vicinity. Within the abutment were also found human bones judged to be those of a female, and a spoon differing entirely from anything that had been in use for more than 150 years. *(To learn more, tune in to this week's Dover Download [podcast](#).)*

Sept. 25, 1998 — Dover's Theatre Video announced that it would close at the end of the month, ending a 14-year run for one of the city's locally owned video rental stores. Maurice Cote, a retired technician from Pease Air Force Base, had opened Theatre Video in 1984, at the height of the home-video boom. The business began modestly in the lobby of Dover's Strand Theatre, an especially fitting location for a store devoted to bringing movies home. In 1986, Theatre Video moved to 16 Sixth St., where the Cote family continued to operate it for the next 12 years. The family later opened a second Theatre Video in Rochester. By 1998, however, the business of renting videotapes was becoming increasingly difficult for small independent stores. VHS was still the dominant home-video format, but the explosive growth that followed the arrival of affordable VCRs in the 1980s had leveled off. Nationally, rental spending had been flat or declining before rebounding somewhat in 1998, and the market had become crowded with competing stores. Large chains such as Blockbuster and Hollywood Video could afford to stock dozens of copies of popular new releases, offer longer rental periods and negotiate revenue-sharing arrangements with movie studios that gave them an advantage over smaller operators. Studios were also increasingly selling popular movies directly to consumers at lower prices rather than reserving them primarily for the rental market.

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.

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 Dover Utilities Commission will discuss groundwater levels and drought conditions at its [meeting](#) on Monday, Sept. 21.

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

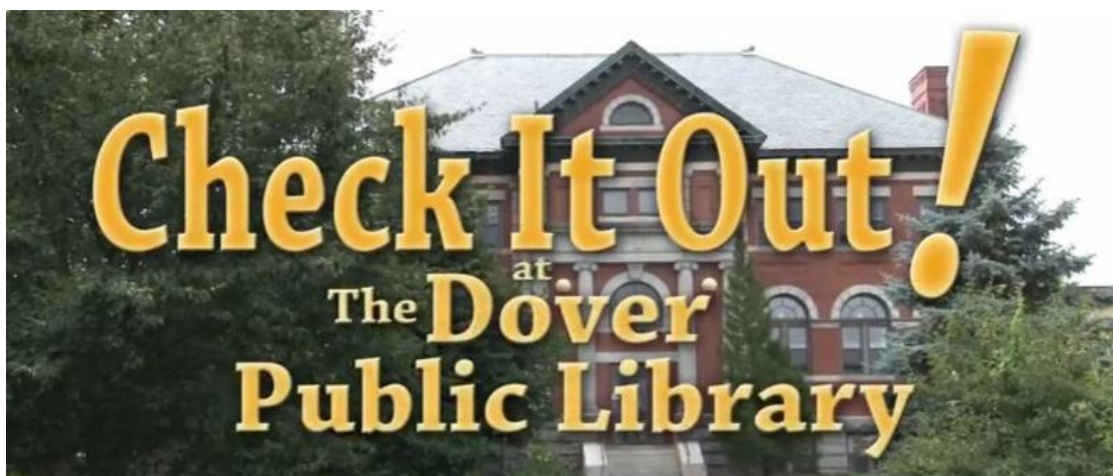
The public can conserve water in many ways:

- 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.



Trade gently used puzzles

at Public Library's Puzzle Swap

Every lover of jigsaw puzzles has one: a shelf swamped with completed puzzles, gathering dust waiting for a new set of hands to take on the challenge of putting them back together.

If you have one of these shelves, then join the Dover Public Library at their fall puzzle swap on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

During the two-hour period, puzzles are limited to 5 per person. After 3 p.m., all puzzles leftover are free for the taking (no limitations). Please bring a bag or box to take home puzzles in.

The Dover Public Library is currently seeking donations of adult puzzles with 250 pieces or more. Donations can be dropped off at the library's front desk from Wednesday, September 23 until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25. Puzzles must be complete (to the best of your knowledge) and in good condition. The donation must have an image of the completed puzzle with it (either on the box or a picture with it.) Please place puzzle pieces in a Ziploc bag or tape boxes closed to help us prevent pieces from falling out. You do not have to participate in the swap in order to donate puzzles.

The library does not ensure the quality or quantity of puzzles in the exchange. Any puzzles left at the end of the swap will be considered property of Dover Public Library. All trades are final. No returns please (we have no place to put them!)

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

This Week at the Library

Monday, Sept. 21, 3 to 5 p.m.

Adult Crafternoon

Meeting Room 2 (Leach Room)

Join Dover Arts and Makerspace Librarian Rachel for some social crafting and some light crafty tech help. Bring a project that you're struggling with or just something to work on with fellow crafters. This program is not a class, just a social gathering for creative folks.

Monday, Sept. 21, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

Meeting Room 4 (Garland Room)

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Copies of the books will be available at the Adult Circulation desk. All are welcome.

Monday, Sept. 21, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

**Series of the Month Book Club
for 2nd and 3rd Graders
Program Room (Mullen)**

Are you a fan of the Sophie Mouse series by Poppy Green? If you are in second or third grade and have read one or more books in the series come meet with other

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Heart and Soil Gardening Company

Present: Gardening with Children

Heart and Soil Garden Company will present a program called Gardening with Children: How to Nurture our Children's Relationships with Their Environment and the Food They Eat. Learn how to start your own garden, with the help of your little ones. Start thinking about springtime early! This is an all ages event.

Thursday, Sept. 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cocheco River Writers

Trustees Room

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!

Friday, Sept. 25, 10 to 11 a.m.

Family Place Workshop

City Hall Auditorium

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on

fans to talk about this popular series. We will also make a craft related to the books. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group
Meeting Room 4 (Garland Room)

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Copies of the books will be available at the Adult Circulation desk. All are welcome.

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 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. 22, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Candy Apple Decorating for Teens
Meeting Room 4 (Garland Room)
Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us as we celebrate the first day of fall by making candy apples! All supplies will be provided (while they last!), and no registration is required.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime
Community Room

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

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Music Club
Community Room

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

child development during this enjoyable 5-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health.

Register once for the entire five week series.

Saturday, Sept. 26 10 to 11 a.m.
French Conversation Group
Meeting Room 4 (Garland Room)

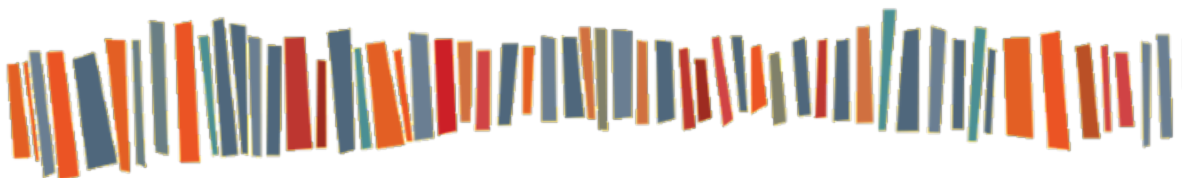
Want to practice your French language skills with others in a friendly low-stress environment? The Library is lucky to have Parisienne Sarah L. facilitating this new group. Sarah will get the conversation started and will offer some simple worksheets for skill building. This group meets twice a month.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
DIY Cosmic Cruiser!
Program Room (Mullen)

Stop into the library and create your own UFO and Alien buddy! Ages 7 & up.
Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Puzzle Swap
Community Room

Donate your gently used puzzles and then come back to trade out for some new-to-you ones! Puzzles can be dropped off starting on Wednesday, September 23 up until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 25. Then on Saturday, September 26 between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., you are invited to the library's Community Room to come pick out up to 5 puzzles to take home. After 3 p.m., all puzzles leftover are free for the taking (no limitations)! Please bring a bag or box to take home puzzles in.



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.

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.](#)



**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.

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.



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

- 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.
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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.

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:

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

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



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