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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 1, 2025



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DOVER, NH**

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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

Connections to new Broadway water main begin today

Broadway traffic reduced to one lane; Oak Street open

A city contractor will begin connecting service lines to the new water main on Broadway today, Aug. 1, which is expected to take about two weeks to complete.

The service connections will require a brief temporary water shutoff to the water user. The contractor, S.U.R. Construction Inc., will provide notice to residents and businesses when that shutoff will occur.

The new Broadway water main was filled last week and tested. It was put into service on Thursday, July 31.

Broadway will be reduced to one lane of traffic, alternated by flaggers when the contractor makes the service connections. Oak Street will be open.

The new main on Oak Street was completed this week and will be filled and tested. The service line connections on Oak

Center hours:

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

Street will occur following the connections on Broadway.

In addition to the service connections, the contractor will be installing a new main through the utility corridor to the top of Garrison Hill.

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



Harsh takes stage tonight for Cochecho Arts Festival

The 39th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m. with Harsh described as a high-octane funk, soul, and hip-hop band from Portsmouth.



The festival lineup for this week includes:

- **Saturday, Aug. 2, 12 to 4 p.m.:** Creative Arts Showcase, Upper Henry Law Park. Local artisans will showcase their work in the park. Come check out all the different artists and what they have to offer. Sponsored by: Convenient MD
- **Tuesday, Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m.:** Bryson Lang, Rotary Arts Pavilion. Lang has entertained thousands with his creative, high-energy, interactive, family-friendly comedy-juggling show.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 5, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.:** Farmers Market Acoustic Music Series, 110 Portland Ave., Ice Arena Back Lot. Sponsored by: Seacoast Eat Local
- **Thursday, Aug. 6, 7:30 to 9 p.m.:** Dover Community Band, Rotary Arts Pavilion.
- **Saturday, Aug. 9, 8:30 p.m.:** Dover Main Street Family Movie Night, The Fifth Element. Sponsored by Colony Auto Co. and Roger's Restaurant and Pizza

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival (CAF) is one of the most popular summer music festivals in the Seacoast. This summer-long festival, which is free and open to the public, takes place in Dover's Henry Law Park at the Rotary Arts Pavilion. It features a wide variety of local and regional performers and artists, drawing thousands of people to Dover. This year's festival is underwritten by Orpheum Apartments and Cowork.

Show your support for the Cochecho Arts Festival by purchasing a Festival Button sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dover. Button holder benefits include a free bottle of water courtesy of Somersworth Storage at the Friday night concerts and special offers at La Festa, Chapel & Main, Wing-Itz, and Hi Fi Burritos. Each person who purchases a button is entered into the season-long Festival Button Raffle for the grand prize of a Lifetime Zenith 10-foot, sit-in kayak, which comes with a paddle and rooftop car carrier.

For the full Cochecho Arts Festival schedule, visit dovernh.org/cochecho-arts-festival or stop by the Chamber at 550 Central Ave. in Dover to pick up a brochure and purchase a festival button. The buttons will also be available for purchase at the CAF Friday night concerts. All proceeds go directly back to the Cochecho Arts Festival.

First Fridays return to Downtown Dover with shopping, dining and community fun

First Friday events return to downtown Dover today, Friday, Aug. 1, inviting residents and visitors to enjoy extended shopping hours, restaurant specials, and an evening downtown.

Held from 5 to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of each month through December, First Fridays bring the community together to support local businesses. Participating retailers stay open later and offer unique items, while many downtown restaurants feature First Friday-only specials on food and drinks.

The program encourages people to shop small, dine local and explore Dover in a relaxed and festive setting.

Upcoming First Friday dates include Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

For a full list of participating businesses and specials, visit <https://discoverdovernh.com/inspiration/first-fridays-in-downtown-dover/>

Dover Police Chief Breault to retire, accept post in Vermont

Police Chief William Breault will retire from the Dover Police Department this fall after 27 years of service to the city. His last day on the job will be Sept. 19.

Breault, who has served as chief since 2018, has accepted the same position in South Burlington, Vt. He is set to begin his new role on Oct. 6.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal Jr. informed the City Council of Breault's retirement this week, praising his leadership and contributions.



"Chief Breault's retirement will mark the end of 27 years of dedicated and successful service to the Dover community," Joyal said. "Throughout Chief Breault's tenure, he has ensured that our police department and the staff that comprise the department adhere to the highest standards of excellence in policing."

Breault joined the department in 1998 as a patrol officer and rose steadily through the ranks. Under his leadership, the department has maintained its accredited status and earned recognition for developing and implementing best practices in community policing.

Joyal said the city will seek input from residents, community leaders and members of the police department in the coming weeks to identify the most qualified candidate to succeed Breault. He hopes to name a new chief in time for a brief overlap and smooth transition.

"We are fortunate in knowing that he will be leaving having successfully developed and led an exceptional staff," Joyal added. "Please join me in congratulating and sharing the sincerest of gratitude to Chief Breault for his outstanding service as he moves on to new challenges."



Dover Police to host National Night Out event this Tuesday, Aug. 5

The Dover Police Department will host its annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at police headquarters, 46 Chestnut St. The event is free and open to the public.

National Night Out is a nationwide initiative that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood safety. The event offers residents an opportunity to meet officers, tour the station, and learn about public safety efforts in a casual, family-friendly setting.

Visitors can explore police vehicles and equipment, including a cruiser, motorcycle, crime scene vehicle, and tactical rescue vehicle. Officers, including the department's K-9 unit, will be on hand to interact with the public.

Other city departments and community organizations will provide information on health, wellness, drug prevention, recovery resources, violence prevention, and mental health services. The Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 443 will offer free burgers and hot dogs outside the station.

"National Night Out gives our officers and residents a chance to connect in a relaxed environment, building the trust and collaboration that help solve community problems," said Police Chief William M. Breault.

For more information, visit the Dover Police Department's Facebook page at facebook.com/DoverNHPolice, or contact Lt. Alex Mitrushi of the Community Outreach Bureau at (603) 516-6122 or a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov.



Welcome to Dover!

We're glad you're here.

New website showcases Dover

A new website, DiscoverDoverNH.com, is now available to help residents and visitors explore everything Dover has to offer, from shops and restaurants to parks, museums and events.

The site is a comprehensive online resource, bringing together information about local attractions and services.

The platform was developed through a collaboration between the City of Dover's Office of Business Development, local nonprofits, businesses and community members. It serves as a central hub for discovering the city's offerings, whether for longtime residents, new arrivals, or visitors.

To learn more, visit DiscoverDoverNH.com.

Court and Union pre-construction neighborhood meeting Aug. 14

Project team will give overview, answer questions

The city will host a neighborhood meeting about the upcoming Court and Union streets reconstruction project on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Facilities, Grounds, and Cemetery building at 145 Court St.

City staff are mailing letters to project abutters this week inviting them to the Aug. 14 meeting, which is open to the public.

The project team will provide an overview of the project, anticipated public impacts, and answer questions. The project team will include staff from the city, the design consultant Wright-Pierce, and the project contractor S.U.R. Construction, Inc

The contractor anticipates mobilizing equipment and preparing the site after Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1. Site work includes removing seven trees in the project area, which the property owners have authorized. After site preparation, the contractor plans to begin working on Court Street near Central Avenue and progress towards Union Street.

In August, before project mobilization, the contractor plans to dig exploratory test pits to determine the location of existing underground utilities. The current timeline is for this to occur in mid-August. The contractor will utilize flaggers to assist with traffic control around the locations where they are working.

The reconstruction project on Court and Union streets includes upgrades to utilities and drainage, adding sidewalks and bike lanes, and reconfiguring the Back Road, Court Street and Middle Road intersection.

To sign up for project-specific email updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Project update: Court Street and Union Street Reconstruction" to your email subscription list.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee, Aug. 5, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning Board's Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's

Filing period for Nov. 4 municipal election is Sept. 8-19

The filing period for candidates seeking Mayor, City Council, School Board or election officer positions in the November municipal election is from Monday, Sept. 8, through Friday, Sept. 19.

Interested candidates must file a written declaration with the City Clerk during the filing period if they want to appear on the municipal ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, election.

All elected positions are two-year terms that begin in January 2026. Visit the [2025 Municipal Election webpage](#) for information on the elected positions, qualifications and compensation.

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

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Ford Maverick for Parking Bureau](#)
- [Disposal of City of Dover Real Estate](#)
- [Laboratory Testing Services](#)
- [Replacement of AC units at City Hall](#)

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.

many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

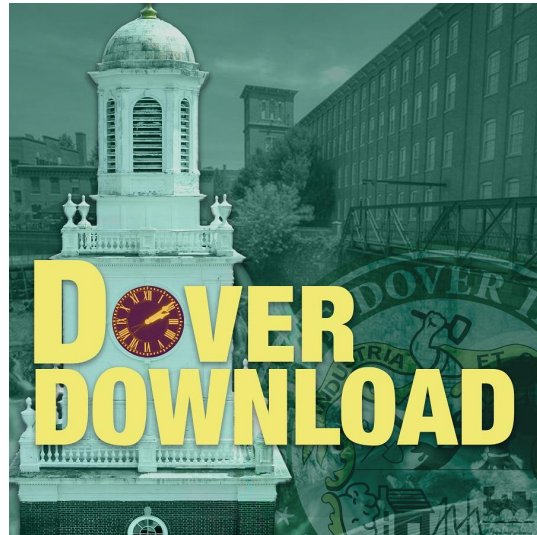
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

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

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/

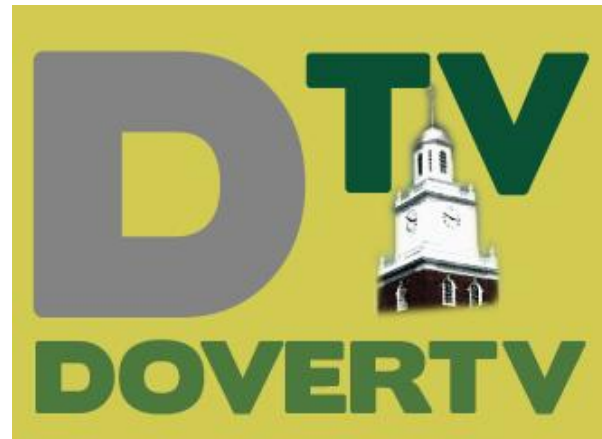
To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier at j.bizier@dover.nh.gov. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

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



Dover Rotary's Century of Service and July City Updates

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with newly appointed Dover Rotary Club President Cathy Beaudoin about the organization's century-long commitment to community service. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4kZEEPE>.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

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

Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission



IS YOUR SECOND FRIDGE COSTING YOU MORE THAN YOU THINK?

The Hidden Cost of that Extra Fridge.

Many people keep an old fridge in the basement or garage thinking it's "free" extra storage. But it's not! That old fridge could be adding \$20+ per month to your electric bill!

Want to Know the Real Cost?

Visit EnergyStar.gov to use their savings calculator and find out how much you could save by unplugging or removing it.

Good News! Recycle It for FREE!

Eversource will:

- Pick up your old fridge or freezer
- Give you a \$75 rebate
- Recycle it responsibly

Take Action Now.

To learn more and schedule a pickup, visit: eversource.com → Refrigerator and Freezer Recycling

**Save Money. Save Energy.
Recycle Smart.**



Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

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

This week's question:

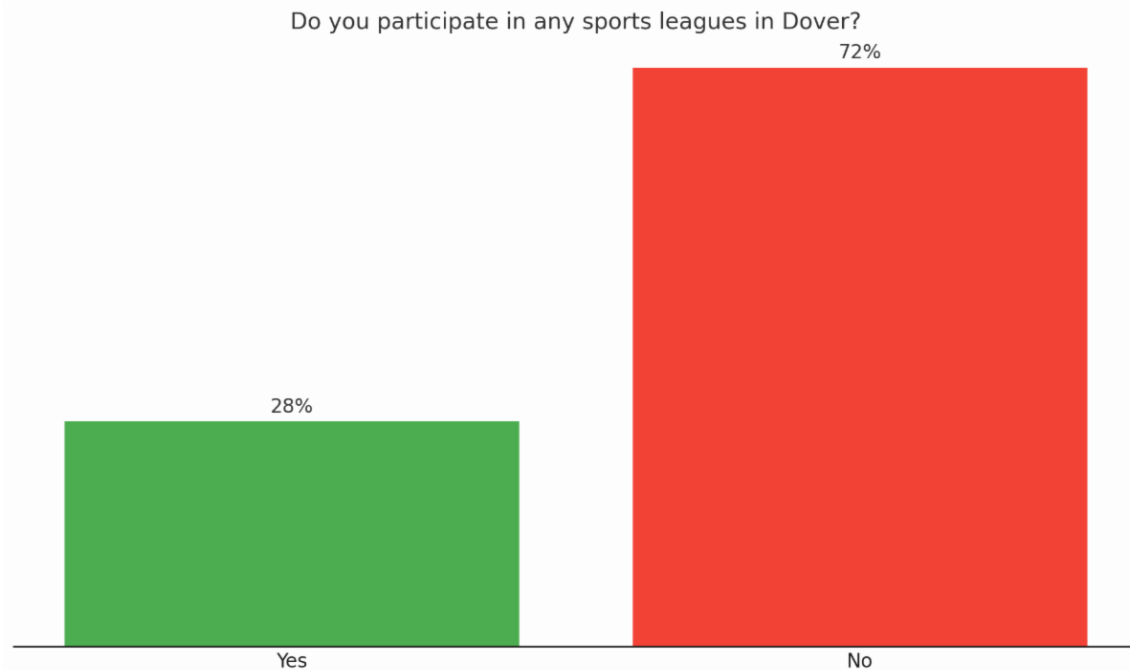
"Have you ever participated in a Dover community fundraiser or charity event?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mcvm3v>

Please note that if you don't already have an account with Polco, the city's polling system, you

will be asked to create one. Responses are anonymous.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Do you participate in any sports leagues in Dover?"**



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

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

Aug. 2, 1644 — The colonial court ordered that Elisabeth Giles, the wife of Mathew Giles, be publicly whipped or pay a fine of 20 shillings as punishment for using disrespectful or offensive language toward members of the church. This harsh sentence reflects the strict moral and religious codes of early colonial New England, where church authority held significant influence over daily life. Speaking out against church leaders or fellow congregants was considered not just a social offense but a legal one, often met with severe penalties. Public punishment, including whipping, was a common form of discipline.

Aug. 4, 1858 — The City Council voted to form a committee to negotiate with the Cochecho Manufacturing Company about leasing a parcel of their land along the Cochecho River, known as "the Grove." The goal was to turn the space into a public park, complete with walking paths, plants, and flower gardens.

Aug. 7, 1908 — A powerful lightning storm with torrential rain caused a Boston & Maine passenger train to derail in the Dover rail yard. The train, traveling slowly from Boston to Portland, went off the tracks after hitting a washout, an area where the heavy rain had eroded the ground beneath the tracks. No passengers were injured. They were transported by carriage to the nearby station and continued their journeys on other trains. The storm was described as one of the most intense to hit Dover in years. Lightning strikes set fire to a home on School Street and a barn on the outskirts of the city,

destroying both. The severe weather also disrupted rail service for hours, temporarily shutting down both the Atlantic Shore Line and the Dover, Somersworth & Rochester street railway systems.

Aug. 1, 2007 — Irish folk legend Tommy Makem, a longtime resident of Dover, died on this day after a battle with cancer. He was 74. Makem, born in County Armagh, Ireland, moved to Dover in 1955. After a printing press accident ended his factory work, he turned to music, launching a career that would make him a global ambassador of Irish folk. As part of The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem, and later as a solo artist and collaborator with Liam Clancy, Makem brought traditional Irish music to audiences around the world, from Carnegie Hall to the Ed Sullivan Show. In Dover, he was a beloved figure, hosting concerts, supporting the local fire department through benefit performances, and raising a family. He became a U.S. citizen in 1986 and continued to perform until shortly before his death. He is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Dover alongside his wife, Mary. His legacy lives on in songs like "Four Green Fields" and "Gentle Annie," and in the memories of a city proud to have called him one of its own.

City of Dover, surrounding towns, to hold Household Hazardous Waste Day Aug. 23

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the City's Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road.

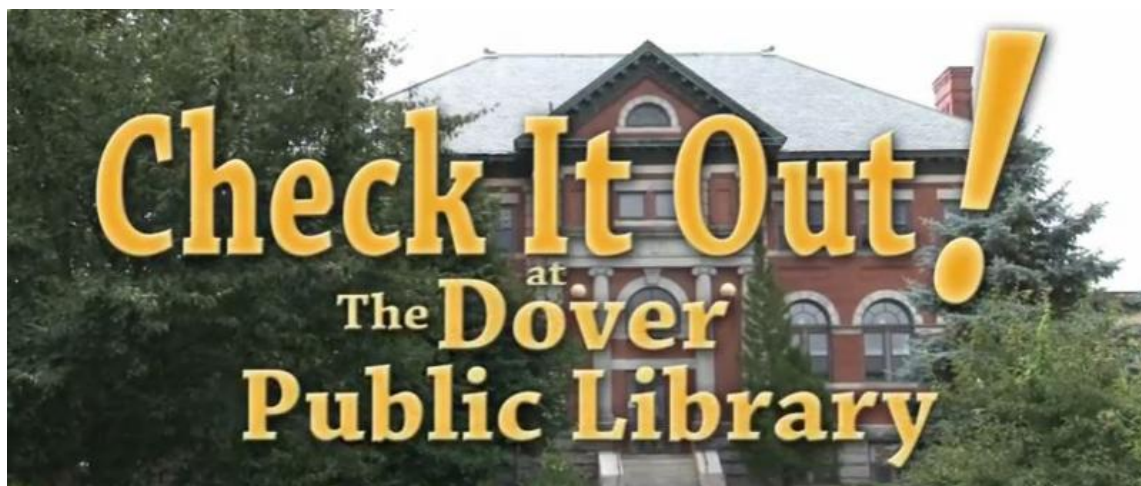
The goal of Hazardous Waste Collection Day is to allow for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials. Residents of the four communities can bring household hazardous waste to Community Services for safe disposal.

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.

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



This Week at the Library

Monday, August 4, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

McConnell Center, Room 306

**Captain: The Invasive Species
Detection Dog**

Come meet Captain, the amazing invasive species detection dog! Learn how Captain and five other dogs from Maine are being trained to sniff out the spotted lanternfly (SLF). The spotted lanternfly is presently in 18 states, including New Hampshire, and leaves the environment looking like "scorched earth without the fire." Kennebunk dog trainer Melissa McCue-McGrath shares the journey of how the dogs are being trained to find SLF, their work with researchers across the country, and the challenges these pet dogs overcame training in a brutal Maine winter as another environmental threat - climate change - threatened their plans.

Tuesday, August 5, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Knitting Group

McConnell Center, Cafeteria

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

Wednesday, August 6, 11 am to 12 pm

All Abilities Chapter Book Club

Great Bay Services

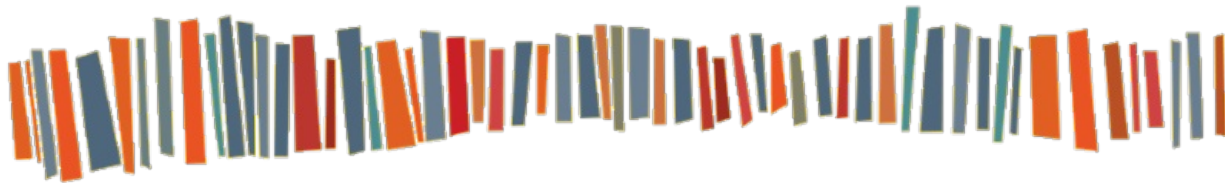
Join the All Abilities Club! These weekly programs are geared towards adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their caregivers. At each session, we will read several chapters from a popular book. We will end with activities and crafts related to the book and some time for socializing.

Saturday, August 9, 10 to 11 a.m.

Ozobots!

McConnell Center, Room 306

Are you a kid ages 7-11? Do you like coding? Do you want to play with robots? Then you should come try out Ozobots! Ozobots are a fun, programmable robot designed to introduce kids to coding and robotics in a hands-on and engaging way. Kids ages 7-11 are invited to join us as we use colored markers to program the robots to move in a variety of ways.



City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer, Per Diem or Part-Time**
- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Police Officer**
- **Wastewater Pump Station Operator**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **City Attorney**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver-Utilities**

- **Maintenance Specialist-Streets**
- **Arena Attendant, Seasonal Part-Time**
- **Facilities, Grounds & Cemetery, Secretary 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:

- **5th Grade Teacher**
- **Dean of Students**
- **District School Psychologist**
- **Freshman Boys Soccer Coach**
- **Freshman Girls Soccer Coach**
- **Girls Middle School Volleyball Coach**
- **Interventionist**
- **Long Term Substitute 7th Grade Math Teacher**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 4**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Parking Lot Supervisor**
- **School Counselor**
- **Second Grade Long Term Substitute (half year)**
- **Ski Coach**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Substitute Nurses**
- **Substitute Teachers**

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

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