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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 11, 2023



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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,**



Waterfront project site clearing continues

Site clearing and drainage work on the city's waterfront site continues as the contractor prepares the site for the public park and public improvements.

Northeast Earth Mechanics, LLC, began work on the waterfront in June and has cleared a significant portion of the site, showing for the first time in years the former Strafford County jailer's house, which is now a private residence.

Waterfront Project Manager Jamie Stevens says that drainage work, site clearing, and topsoil removal will continue in the coming weeks. Utility piping and structures will arrive regularly at the site.

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

The first part of the project is public improvements, including constructing a new street system for site access and establishing necessary utilities for the upcoming buildings. The project includes a new 3.4-acre public riverfront park, shoreline stabilization, site grading to account for projected sea-level rise, and a new stormwater management system with green infrastructure.

The private development component led by Cathartes is expected to begin next year once some of the public improvements are complete. The development plan includes three mixed-use buildings, two multi-family buildings, and three clusters of townhouses.

Paddle sports dock access remains closed to public during construction

The paddle sports dock on the Cochecho River is closed for public use during construction, which will likely extend through next year. The city is exploring alternatives for public access to the river until the construction is complete and access to the paddle sports dock is restored.



Soggy Po' Boys to wrap up Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series

The 37th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, wraps up tonight, Friday, Aug. 11, with the Soggy Po' Boys.



The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park.

The festival lineup for this week includes:

- Saturday, Aug. 12, 8 p.m.: Jungle Cruise, sponsored by Colony Auto Co. & Body Works, and Roger's Restaurant and Pizza.
- Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10:30 a.m.: Wildlife Encounters, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.
- Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2:30 p.m.: Farmers Market Acoustic Series, 100 Portland Avenue, Guppy Park, sponsored by Seacoast Eat Local.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August. This year's festival is underwritten by Orpheum Apartments and Cowork.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

Show your support for the Cochecho Arts Festival by purchasing a First Seacoast Bank Festival Button for \$10. Button holder perks include a free bottle of water courtesy of Kennebunk Savings at the Friday night concerts and entry into the raffle to win a gas grill. All proceeds go directly back to the Cochecho Arts Festival.

For more information, visit <https://www.dovernh.org/cochecho-arts-festival> or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

Utilities Commission, Ordinance Committee to review draft ordinance of proposed stormwater utility

The Dover Utilities Commission and the City Council's Ordinance Committee will review a draft ordinance of the proposed Stormwater and Flood Resilience Utility at its joint meeting on Monday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

The City Council seeks to create a stormwater utility to maintain and improve its vast stormwater infrastructure, which would also help improve the water quality. The annual operating stormwater budget has increased by nearly 45% in the last five years to just over \$1.3 million, mainly due to increasing regulatory requirements. The City Council's Committee to Study Stormwater and Flood Resilience Funding also found the funding inequitable. Under the current funding approach, 55% of the property tax revenue used to fund the City's stormwater budget comes from residential property owners, but these properties account for only 25% of the City's impervious area.

Under the utility model, impervious areas would be the basis for determining the stormwater fee on individual properties. Consistent with industry practice and the state enabling legislation, the project team recommends using the median impervious area of single-family parcels of 3,200 square feet as the billing unit for the stormwater fee. The billing unit is typically an equivalent residential unit (ERU). All property owners would be billed based on the number of ERUs of impervious areas on their property. The utility would also provide a credit system to encourage property owners to proactively manage their stormwater impact on the city's system.

Public outreach on the proposed utility will continue into the fall and winter with the City Council poised to hold a first reading for an ordinance to create the utility in November, followed by a public hearing and possible vote in December. If enacted as envisioned, the utility would begin at the start of the 2025 fiscal year on July 1, 2024.

For more information on the utility and its need, visit the [Stormwater Management page](#), which includes links to the story map of why the utility is being proposed. It also provides the public to give comments and suggestions through a survey. You can also sign-up to receive email updates by visiting <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and adding "Project Updates: Stormwater and Flood Resiliency Utility" to your current email subscription list.

The public is also welcome to contact Environmental Projects Manager Gretchen Young at g.young@dover.nh.gov with any questions.

Stormwater management and the proposed stormwater utility are the topics of next week's episode of the Dover Download podcast. You can [listen to the podcast here](#) when published on Aug. 15 or wherever you get your podcasts.



Court Street emergency sewer replacement continues

A city contractor continues to install a new sewer line to replace the failing one on Court Street and Middle Road, between Tennyson Avenue and Hubbard Road. The work requires daily road closures in the section where the contractor works.

This week, the contractor has been replacing the sewer line on Court Street between Tennyson Avenue and Back Road, estimated to be completed by month's end. Then the contractor will work at the Back Road intersection, replacing the sewer line up to Samuel Hanson Road. The section on Middle Road, from Back Road to Hubbard Road, has been installed. The trenches will be paved as work is complete. The abandoned sewer line will also be filled in with concrete to ensure it doesn't collapse in the future. Both these tasks will require road closures when they occur.

The work is anticipated to wrap up by mid to late September, later than originally estimated, due to some unforeseen circumstances during the project. City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. noted in his Aug. 9 City Manager's report that he authorized an emergency purchase order for additional concrete and other expenses related to realigning the sewer pipes and maintenance hole structures where it intersects with the 36-inch force sewer main that conveys wastewater from the River Street Pump Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Middle Road. Joyal said the force main was in a higher position than what was shown in the plans.

The failing sewer line was discovered during the utility investigation in preparation for the Court Street Reconstruction Project, which may go out to bid later this year. Because of the condition of the sewer line, city staff recommended its immediate replacement ahead of the full reconstruction project.

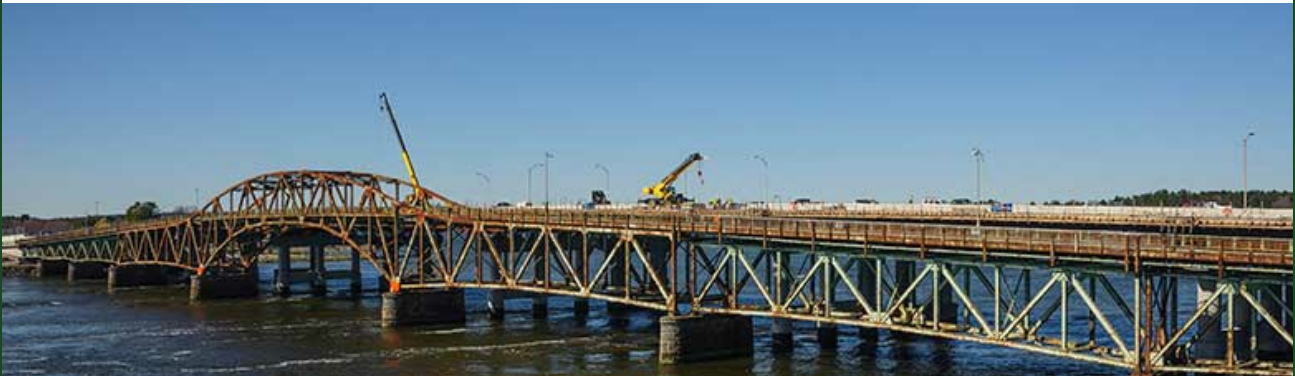
Councilor Thibodeaux to

host 'Coffee with the Councilor' on Saturday

Ward 3 City Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux will host a "Coffee with the Councilor" session this Saturday, Aug. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m., at Sunrise Pointe Cafe, 50 Pointe Place, Unit 33.

The session is open to anyone who wishes to discuss topics of interest with the Dover councilor.

For more information, contact Councilor Thibodeaux at d.thibodeaux@dover.nh.gov.



Historic General Sullivan Bridge up for sale

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announced this week that the historic General Sullivan Bridge, which spans the Piscataqua River, connecting Dover and Newington, is officially up for sale. Potential buyers are being directed to the [NHDOT website](#) for more information.

Constructed in 1935, the General Sullivan Bridge has had a rich history, serving as a vital link between Newington, Dover, and the region for several decades. Originally designed as a continuous truss bridge, it has long been a recognizable landmark, a testament to early 20th-century engineering. The bridge carried vehicular traffic until 1984, when the Little Bay Bridges were completed. Since then, the bridge has been used as a bicycle and pedestrian crossing, and for fishing.

In 1988 the bridge was deemed eligible for National Register of Historic Places consideration.

Potential buyers of the General Sullivan Bridge are required to propose a plan to repurpose parts of the bridge for another project. Proposals are being accepted through Aug. 29. Details about the sale of the General Sullivan Bridge can be found at the NHDOT website here: <https://www.dot.nh.gov/news-and-media/historic-bridge-sale-newington-dover-nh>.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Conservation Commission,
Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Utilities Commission, Aug. 14, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

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

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Energy Commission, Aug. 16, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

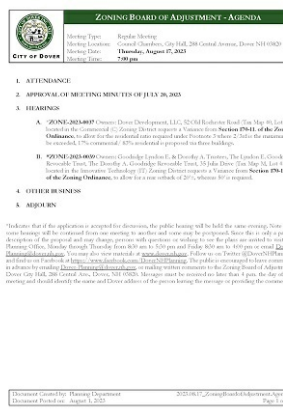
Planning Board Technical Review Committee, Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

The Zoning Board of Adjustment



On the Agenda: Zoning Board of Adjustment, 8/17/2023

In this video, Zoning Administrator Natasha Kypfer reviews what's on the agenda at the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=KqzAPApetbKJaUwf>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.

Dover's Education Channel shifts to new channel number

For Xfinity customers in Dover, the City of Dover's Education Channel 95 has now moved to Channel 26. This change is a part of Xfinity's revised channel lineup, which recently took effect. Meanwhile, Channel 22, Dover's Governmental Access Channel, remains the same.

Some Xfinity customers can also find the Education Channel on Channel 1076.

Dover's Education Channel will continue to air events and special programming from and about Dover's public schools.

To watch a live stream of Channel 22, visit: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.

Dover's Governmental and Education channels will soon be available to Breezeline customers.

For any questions about Dover's cable access programming, contact the Office of Media Services at news@dover.nh.gov or 603-516-1623.

will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at 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/>.

For more on Xfinity's channel lineup, check out: <https://www.xfinity.com/>.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

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



Hough Street reopens following culvert replacement

The culvert replacement project on Hough Street has been completed and the road is now open to traffic. Paving of the road surface will occur later this year as part of the 2023 Street Paving Program. Some minor cleanup work around the culvert site will continue over the next few weeks. Please drive carefully, as some sections of Hough Street may be uneven until paving is completed.

The new culvert will provide improved drainage for Berry Brook while allowing for a more natural stream bottom to support aquatic life and habitat.

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

Glenwood Avenue overnight closure for water main work to occur later this month

Exact timing to be determined, but may begin Aug. 20

Glenwood Avenue will be closed overnight at Smith Well Road later this month for a city contractor to do utility work in the intersection. Motorists will be detoured around the work area.

The contractor's preliminary plan is to begin work the night of Sunday, Aug. 20, and the work may continue for additional nights. The work involves tying in new water mains on Smith Well Road, which is connected to the new water tank and utility work along Smith Well Road. The work is also expected to include a water shutoff to water users in the immediate area while the work is completed. Affected users will be notified at least 48 hours ahead of the water shutoff.

More details about the closure and water shutoffs are expected to be available next week.

In preparation for the overnight work, the contractor is expected to do daytime work in the Glenwood Avenue intersection, which will require traffic to be reduced to one lane, alternated by flaggers.

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

A portrait of John Pratt, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark blue jacket. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

VOICES OF DOVER: JOHN PRATT



'Voices of Dover' series continues with John Pratt

In celebration of Dover's 400th anniversary this year, the Dover400 Committee's oral history video series "Voices of Dover" continues this week with an interview with John Pratt. The series aims to preserve local history through recorded interviews with Dover residents about their memories and experiences in the city over the decades.

The John Pratt interview focuses on the history of Dover's founding Hilton family. As a descendant of Edward Hilton, who established Dover's first permanent colonial settlement in 1623, Pratt provides invaluable insights into the Hiltons' origins, livelihood as fishermen, royal ancestry in England, and early pioneer life in the New World. He discusses Edward Hilton's arrival from England, the establishment of the region's first permanent English settlement, and his descendants' spreading out across New Hampshire and Maine over generations.

Pratt also covers the long history of the Dudley and Roberts families, connected to the Hiltons through marriage. He shares details about his visits to the original Hilton castle in England and discovering his ancestral connections to royalty buried in Westminster Abbey. As Dover celebrates 400 years since its first permanent founding, this interview offers a fascinating look at the English roots and early American lives of the pioneering Hilton family.

The "Voices of Dover" series aligns with the Dover400 Committee's mission "to honor our past, celebrate our present, and inspire our future." The Pratt interview is the latest in the ongoing weekly video releases, which can be viewed at Dover400.org.



Upcoming events for Dover's 400th anniversary

Dover400, the committee organizing Dover's 400th-anniversary celebration, has events scheduled throughout the summer and year as the city reaches this historic milestone.

Other upcoming events include:

Through Aug. 11: Dover 400 Cochecho Arts Festival. A summer-long festival full of music and art is held in Henry Law Park. View the Friday Night Headliner and Children's Show schedule: <https://www.dovernh.org/cochecho-arts-festival>

Through Aug. 11: Dover Artists Exhibition. A special exhibition featuring Dover artists in the new Backstage Gallery, 1 Washington St., Suite 1177.

Aug 11: Milestone Anniversary Celebration, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. Join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce in celebrating several chamber members' milestone anniversaries in one combined celebration from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Stay up-to-date on the latest events by visiting dover400.org.



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. 16, 1818 — A Sunday School was opened for the first time in Dover on this day at the Court House, according to a notice signed by Rev. Joseph W. Clary, John W. Hayes, Amos White, Andrew Peirce and William Woodman. Parents were requested to send their children who could read to the class. The books to be used were the Bible, Psalms and Hymns, and other religious texts. Parents unable to furnish their children with suitable clothing were requested to send them dressed in the best clothes they had, and volunteers would furnish them with additional clothing. In the fall of that same year, the school was suspended for the winter. The following report was made: "Number of verses of scripture recited 9,934; verses in hymns 6,029; answers in catechism 5,366. A little girl seven years of age, recited 544 verses in scripture, 99 in hymns, 361 in catechism."

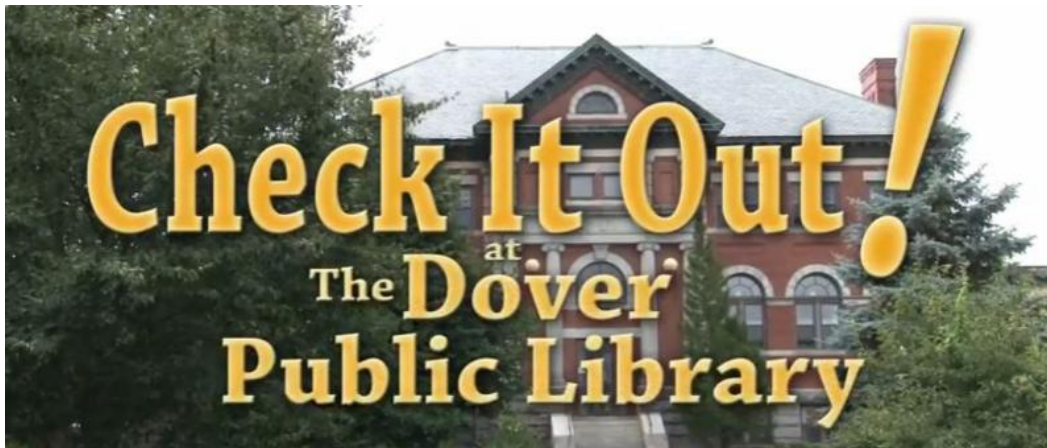
Aug. 14, 1863 — A draft of 152 men was made from Dover to fill the depleted ranks of the New Hampshire regiments. The City Council passed an ordinance for the payment of \$300 to every drafted man or his substitute 10 days after being mustered into the service of the United States. When the draft became known, the Dover conscripts met in front of the City Hall to begin a celebratory march with torches and music.

Aug. 11, 1920 — Census returns announced on this day show Dover's population as 13,029, a decrease of 219 from 1910. However, this is seen as actual growth because Dover lost about 1,000 inhabitants when the Cochecho Print Works moved to Lawrence, Mass., a few years prior. Today, the population of Dover is nearly 35,000.

Aug. 11, 1935 — More than 4,000 veterans assembled in Dover on this day for the 15th annual convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The keynote speaker at the event was Smedley

Butler, former commander of the U.S. Marine Corps. Butler told the assembled veterans that the "United States is rapidly drifting toward another war through the medium of a dictatorship. The political leaders of this country are for another conflict to cover up their blunders. There is only one way to prevent another conflict -- insist on a law which will make it necessary for a majority vote of the country before entering any war." Butler dismissed talk about a foreign invasion of the United States as "bosh." Six years later, in 1941, the United States entered World War II.

Aug. 14, 2003 — During its regular meeting on this day, the City Council approved spending \$218,000 to purchase conservation easements on two properties. The properties were located on Blackwater Road and Tolend Road.



This Week at the Library

Dover 400th Scavenger Hunt July 1 through Aug. 31

Learn all about Dover's history with our Dover 400th Scavenger Hunt! Using historical markers, monuments, and some online sleuthing, complete at least 15 of the 40 missions in the ActionBound app to be entered into a raffle for \$75 Dover Dollars and some Library & Dover 400th swag. Complete all 40 and be entered three times. Learn more:

<https://en.actionbound.com/bounds/user/doverpubliclibrary>

August VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *How to Grill Everything* by Mark Bittman.

Throughout the month of August, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, Aug. 14, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group

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

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10:30 to 11:45 am Caregiver Café

Dover area family caregivers are invited to join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation.

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All Abilities Club: Weds Morning Movie

The Addams Family, starring Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston, Christopher Lloyd and Christina Ricci. The ghoulish clan made famous in Charles Addams' cartoons and the '60s TV show make their big-screen debut in this horrifically funny hit comedy. Has long-lost Uncle Fester come back after 20 years in the Bermuda Triangle, or is the bald stranger at the Addams door an impostor? Rated PG-13.

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 6 to 8 p.m. Family Game Night

Join the library on the third Wednesday of every month to play a fun selection of card and board games, and meet other board

How to Knit a Sock

In this program you will learn how to knit a sock. You must be already be comfortable with casting on, knitting and purling, and knitting in the round. We will be knitting a baby sock or a sock ornament in worsted weight yarn. *Registration required.*

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, strategy, and imagination. The group will meet every Tuesday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required – all skill levels are welcome!

game enthusiasts in the community!

All ages welcome!

Thursday, Aug. 17, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

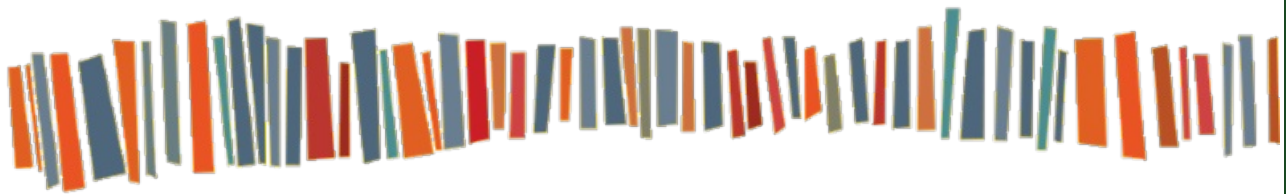
Multilingual Book Group

Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center lead this group that features a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. This program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3. Caregivers are not required to attend but are always welcome—registration *is required*.

Thursday, Aug. 17, 5 to 8 p.m.

Magic the Gathering

Join us every Thursday to play Magic the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels are welcome. No materials are required.



WOODMAN MUSEUM CONCERT SERIES



Aug 12: Harrison Goodell
and Ryan Levasseur
Aug 19: O'Donnell,
Klaxton, & Clark

Where: Woodman Museum
182 Central Ave. Dover, NH
When: 4-6pm



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From left, First Seacoast Bank Customer Service Representative Steven Sprague, GDCC Community Events Manager Hope Anderson, and First Seacoast Bank Assistant Vice President and Dover Branch Manager Amanda Gagne.

First Seacoast Bank returns as Apple Harvest Day underwriter

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is pleased to announce that First Seacoast Bank will once again underwrite Apple Harvest Day, now in its 39th year. Apple Harvest Day is a day-long family event featuring over 300 vendors, great food, live entertainment, and more.

“First Seacoast Bank is committed to making a positive difference in the local community,” says First Seacoast Bank Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations Tiffany Stackpole. “We are incredibly proud to sponsor the 39th Annual Apple Harvest Day, an event that brings our community together and benefits so many local businesses and organizations.”

The 39th Annual Apple Harvest Day will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The inaugural Apple Harvest Day was held in 1985 and now draws more than 60,000 people to downtown Dover, making it one of the most popular regional festivals. The event features 300 different vendors, two different entertainment stages, children’s entertainment, two food courts, and much more.

In addition to these features, there will also be the 15th Annual Apple Harvest Day 5k, underwritten by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. The race will occur on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 8:30 a.m., beginning and ending on St. Thomas Street in front of the Dover District Courthouse. Registration for this race is now open, with fees of \$30 for adults 21 and over and \$20 for runners under the age of 21.

“Apple Harvest Day showcases Dover as an economically and culturally vibrant community,” says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. “We are thrilled to continue this annual tradition for the residents and visitors of the Greater Dover area.”

For more information about First Seacoast Bank visit firstseacoastbank.com. To see which vendors have signed up for Apple Harvest Day, visit appleharvestday.com. To register for the Apple Harvest Day 5k Road Race, go to dovernh.org/5k.

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.

Dover Main Street's Restaurant Week continues

Dover Main Street's Restaurant Week continues this week.

During [Dover Restaurant Week](#), Main Street will give away \$1,500 in gift cards to randomly selected Dover restaurants. Each day, Dover Main Street will hold a drawing and award gift cards to

individuals who share their dining experiences on social media. To enter, follow Dover Main Street Restaurant Week on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/doverdines>.



On Saturday, Aug. 12, Dover Main Street will host a live drawing for five \$50 gift cards. To enter the Aug. 12 drawing, present a dining receipt from Aug. 5 or 12 at [Dover Main Street's Movie Night](#) events at the Rotary Arts Pavilion stage. To enter without social media, listen to WTSN with Mike Pomp during the event for a chance to win a \$25 restaurant gift card.

Dover Restaurant Week is underwritten by Breezeline.

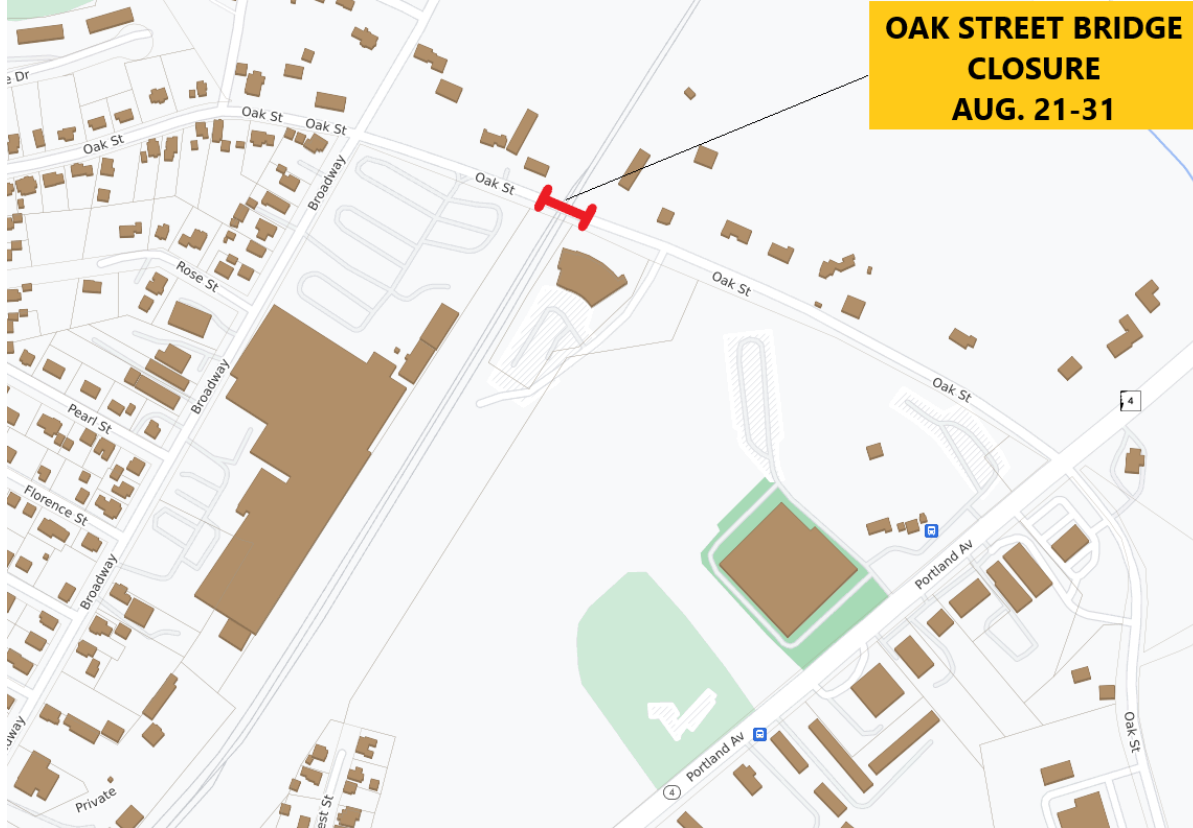
For more information and event details, visit <https://www.dovermainstreet.org>.

Tri-Chambers to host State of the State

The Tri-Chambers of Commerce (Dover, Rochester, Somersworth/Falls) will hold their annual State of the State forum with Gov. Christopher Sununu on Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Rochester Country Club, 94 Church St. in Rochester. Underwritten by Eversource, the State of the State forum will feature a keynote address by Governor Sununu, who will offer insights and updates on the region's economic landscape and business climate. Gov. Sununu will also answer questions from attendees.

The State of the State forum, which includes a full breakfast, costs \$25 per person to attend, and pre-registration is required. To register, visit dovernh.org/stateofthestate or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at (603) 742-2218. If space permits, walk-ins will be allowed on the day of the event for \$30 per person. Breakfast and networking start at 8 a.m.; the program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

The Tri-Chambers of Commerce is a collaborative partnership of the Greater Dover, Greater Rochester, and Falls chambers of commerce to bring networking and informational opportunities to their members in the Tri-City region.



REMINDER: Oak Street railroad bridge to close for nearly two weeks beginning Aug. 21

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation will close the Oak Street bridge that crosses the railroad tracks between Portland Avenue and Broadway to all traffic for 11 days this month to make bridge repairs.

The NHDOT has scheduled the closure from Monday, Aug. 21, to Thursday, Aug. 31. Only the bridge will be closed. All nearby residents will retain access to their homes; access will also be available to Salmon Falls Stoneware. NHDOT began installing signage about the closure this week.

The repairs will allow the bridge to be used until it's replaced, currently scheduled for fiscal year 2027, according to the NHDOT's 2023-2032 Ten-Year Plan.

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

City of Dover and surrounding towns to hold Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, 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 in Dover is for household residents only. Proof of residency is required.

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

Avoid input fees for permits and licenses by using new online application system

The City of Dover utilizes an online permitting system to streamline the process of applying for and renewing permits and licenses, submitting construction plans, and scheduling inspections.

Available 24 hours a day, the city's portal for permits, plans, and licensing at <https://permits.dover.nh.gov> allows customers to utilize the system without entering a municipal building. The portal has about 60 applications for permits, plans, and business licenses, ranging from driveway permits to health licenses. Customers can view the status of their application at any time, pay fees online, receive email alerts when a permit or license is issued, and download that permit or license from the site. The online process ensures timely review and processing of incoming permits.

Beginning July 1, 2023, the city now charges a "permit input fee" to cover the administrative cost for customers who seek to have city staff input permit data into the portal. The charge is \$40 an hour, prorated to the actual time to input the information into the system. The fee was instituted by the City Council when it adopted the [FY2024 budget](#) and accompanying [schedule of fees](#). Manual entry of permits may extend the review and processing times.

Customers who have questions on how to input the information into the online system can contact the city without incurring an input fee. For more information, contact Planning Department at 603-516-6008 or Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Accredited organic land care training this fall now open for registration

In partnership with Non-Toxic Portsmouth and Non-Toxic Dover, the Northeast Organic Farming Association's Organic Land Care Program is offering a four-day, in-person course on the principles and practices of organic land care. The course provides 30 hours of instruction and site visits led by expert practitioners and leads to certification as an accredited organic land care professional (AOLCP) after meeting all attendance and testing requirements.

Topics include:

- Site analysis
- Soil health
- Organic amendments
- Planting and plant care
- Organic turf management
- Stormwater management
- The business of organic land care

The training will be held at the Portsmouth Historical Society located at 10 Middle St., Portsmouth, Monday, Oct. 30 through Thursday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is

\$600 for early registration before Sept. 15, 2023, after which the price increases to \$650.

Register at <https://bit.ly/3q1T0sG>.

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Heritage Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arts Commission
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Committee to Address Community Housing Needs

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

To apply, complete an application, [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 Susan Mistretta at s.mistretta@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.

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:

- **Gym Attendant**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Technician**
- **Police Systems IT Technician**
- **City Clerk/Tax Collector**
- **Swim Instructor**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Maintenance Specialist**
- **Foreman Water & Sewer Pump Stations**
- **Maintenance Mechanic Utilities**
- **Assessing Clerk**
- **Deputy Library Director**
- **Director of Human Resources**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Firefighter / EMT**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**
- **Laborer - Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**

- **City Planner**

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:

- **Noon Aide/Recess Monitor - Frances Hopkins**
- **Family Outreach Coordinator/Social Worker - Various**
- **Substitute Teacher - Various**
- **Literacy Interventionist - DMS**
- **Math Teacher - DMS**
- **Fire Science Instructor - CTC**
- **Student Specific Nurse-RN 1-on-1 - DMS**
- **Long Term Kindergarten Substitute Teacher - Woodman Park**
- **Title 1 Interventionist Tutor - Woodman Park**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional - Woodman Park, Frances Hopkins**
- **Substitute Nurse - Various**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional - Garrison Elementary**
- **Instructional Paraprofessional - Frances Hopkins**
- **Custodian for C&W Services - Dover School District**
- **Girls Middle School JV/Assistant Volleyball Coach - DMS**
- **School Psychologist - DMS**

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

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