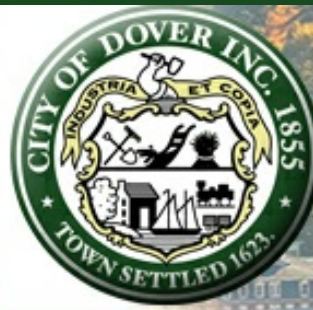


DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 16, 2024



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

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

City Hall hours:

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

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

Recycling Center hours:

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

School Board to formally name Christine Boston as new superintendent

The Dover School Board will formally approve the nomination of Assistant Superintendent Christine Boston the city's new superintendent beginning July 1, 2025 at its Monday, Aug. 26 meeting.



In her letter to the School Board announcing Boston's nomination, School Board Chair Robin Trefethen said Boston will continue this year as assistant superintendent and work closely with Superintendent William Harbron, who will retire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year on June 30, 2025. Boston will have a three-year contract pending satisfactory annual performance evaluations, Trefethen said. Her salary for the 2025-2026 school year will be \$176,800.

"Dr. Boston brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to educational excellence, and we are confident she will be an exceptional leader for our district," Trefethen said in the letter.

Boston, who received a doctorate in education from Plymouth State University in 2017, has worked for the City of Dover school district since 2008 when she was hired as the

Dover Middle School dean of students. Since then, she has served the district as a principal, director of pupil services and assistant superintendent of student services. Since 2022, she has served as assistant superintendent of the district.

[Click here](#) for the complete School Board agenda. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in McConnell Center's School Board Chambers, Room 306. The meeting will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.



Old Hat String Band take stage tonight for Cochecho Arts Festival

The 38th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, concludes tonight, Friday, Aug. 16, with the [Old Hat String Band](#). Old Hat creates a sound that draws from bluegrass, old time, folk, and country traditions. Tonight's nonprofit of the night is Rotary Club of Dover. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park.



The upcoming festival lineup next week includes:

- **Wednesday, Aug. 21**, 3 to 7 p.m.: Farmers Market Acoustic Music Series, 150 Portland Ave., Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool lot. Sponsored by: Seacoast Eat Local
- **Thursday, Aug. 22** 7:30 to 9 p.m.: Dover Community Band, Rotary Arts Pavilion.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival 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.

For the full Cochecho Arts Festival schedule, visit dovernh.org/caf or stop by the Chamber at 550 Central Ave. in Dover to pick up a brochure and purchase a festival button.

Dover Adventure Playground to close for

two weeks next month

Section of pool parking lot also to close

The Dover Adventure Playground at Henry Law Park will be closed for two weeks for maintenance beginning Monday, Sept. 9. A section of the adjacent public parking lot for the Dover Indoor Pool and the Children's Museum of New Hampshire will also be closed at the same time so it can be used as a staging area.

The park closure will allow the completion of numerous maintenance items, including replacing wooden posts with granite, replacing the park's woodchips and replacing the wooden trough and decking at the water pump, repainting the gundalow, and installing a footing for the shade pavilion.

The park and closed parking spaces will reopen once the maintenance work is completed. The closure is expected to last until Friday, Sept. 20, weather and other conditions permitting.

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



Dover High School gears up for new school year

In a [video](#) released this week, Dover High School Principal Peter Driscoll outlined what to expect in the upcoming school year, including key dates and priorities.

Some of the information provided in the video includes:

- The Class of 2028 will attend freshman orientation on Thursday, Aug. 29, from 8 a.m. to noon. During this time, new students will receive schedules, meet teachers and get their Chromebooks.
- Classes for all students begin Tuesday, Sept. 3, running from 7:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Driscoll stressed the importance of attendance and punctuality for student success.
- Senior parking permit sales will continue Aug. 27-29. Juniors can apply for parking from Sept. 3-6.
- Fall sports start with football today, Aug. 16, followed by other athletics on Aug. 19.
- Band camp begins Aug. 20.

Driscoll highlighted the district's "[Portrait of a Learner](#)" initiative, which focuses on critical thinking, creativity, communication, character, and work habits.

The video can be viewed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=h3bhqPbknKaHbAFj>.



Overnight paving operations continue on Washington, Jenness streets

Weather and other conditions permitting, overnight paving operations will continue on Washington Street, between Tolend Road and Chestnut Street, and Jenness Street on Sunday night, Aug. 18.

The city's paving contractor, Brox Industries, Inc., continues adjusting and replacing road castings, which is expected to take a few more days. The contractor anticipates starting paving on Tuesday night, Aug. 20, beginning with Jenness Street, followed by Washington Street.

Motorists should anticipate lane closure and detours through the work area. Parking is prohibited in the work areas daily from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday night through Friday morning. Violators risk being towed.

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



Detour in place next week for southbound New Rochester Road traffic

Weather permitting, southbound New Rochester Road (Route 108) traffic will be detoured next week between Willand Avenue and Hotel Drive to allow utility work related to the Ember Drive residential development across from Auburn Street. The detour will be in effect from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday, Aug. 20 through Thursday, Aug. 22. Weather may delay the detour route by one or more days.

Southbound New Rochester Road traffic will be detoured around the work area via Willand Avenue, Old Rochester Road, and Hotel Drive. Northbound traffic will travel through the work area on New Rochester Road. Motorists should anticipate brief delays in both directions. Police officers and traffic control personnel will be on hand to help manage traffic flow.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Trustees of the Trust Fund, Aug. 19, 9 a.m.

The Trustees of the Trust Fund will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

**Utilities Commission,
Aug. 19, 6 p.m.**

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

School Board, Aug. 19, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

**Solid Waste Advisory
Commission Ad-hoc
committee, Aug. 21,
4 p.m.**

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission's ad-hoc committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024, beginning at 4 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

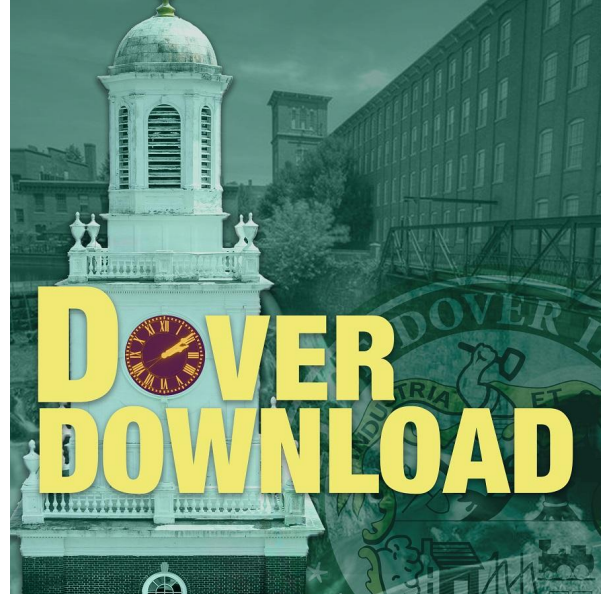
To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

**Planning Board, Master Plan
Subcommittee, Aug. 22,
6 p.m.**

The Planning Board's Master Plan Conservation and Open Space Chapter Chapter Steering Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in the First Floor 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/>.



**From Parades to Block
Parties: Understanding
Dover's Permit Process**

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Police Lt. Marn Speidel, the traffic coordinator from the department, and Kelley Tidball from the Police Records Bureau about the process of obtaining permits for community events in Dover. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4fCUSwJ>.



**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.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

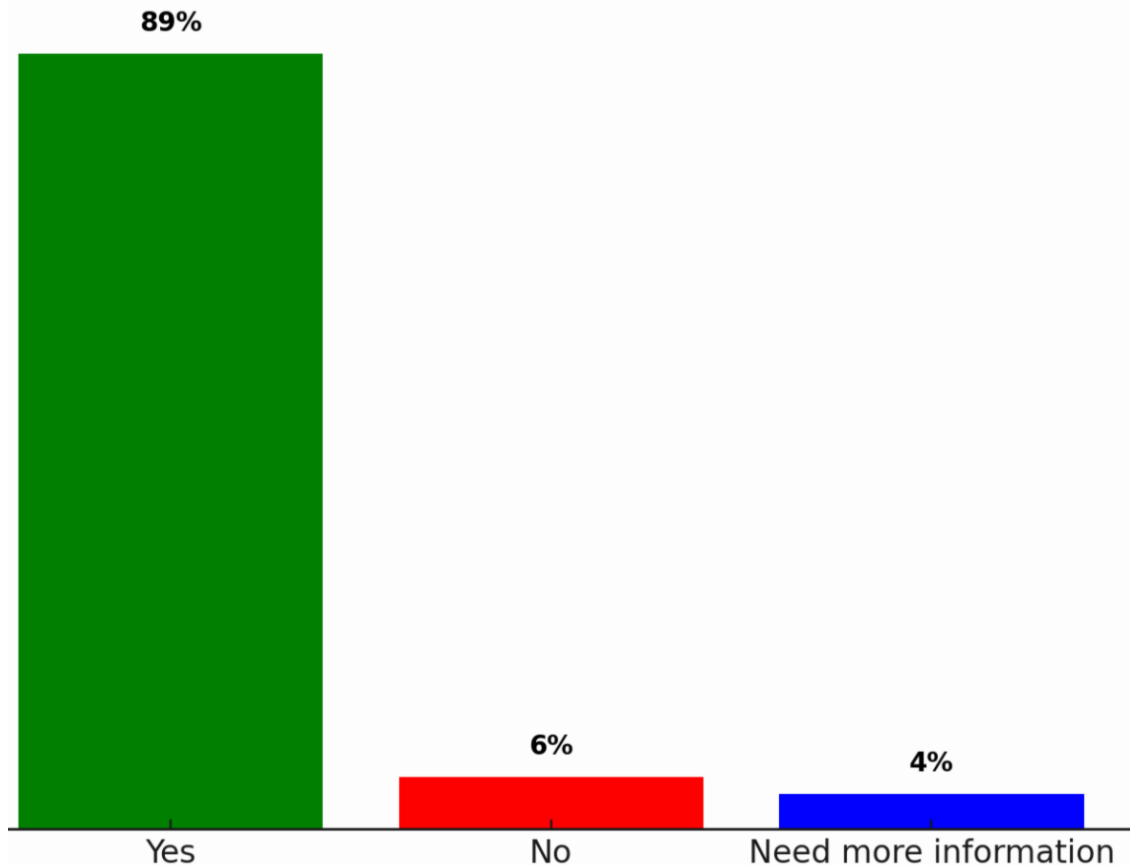
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the results for the previous week. Participating is easy – click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: **"Have you ever participated in a Dover cleanup event?"**

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

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.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "If there was a pilot program for curbside pick-up of compost, would you participate?"



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. 23, 1649 — Local authorities granted William Pomfrett, Thomas Layton, and John Dam permission to build a sawmill at Bellamy Bank. They were also allowed to cut down

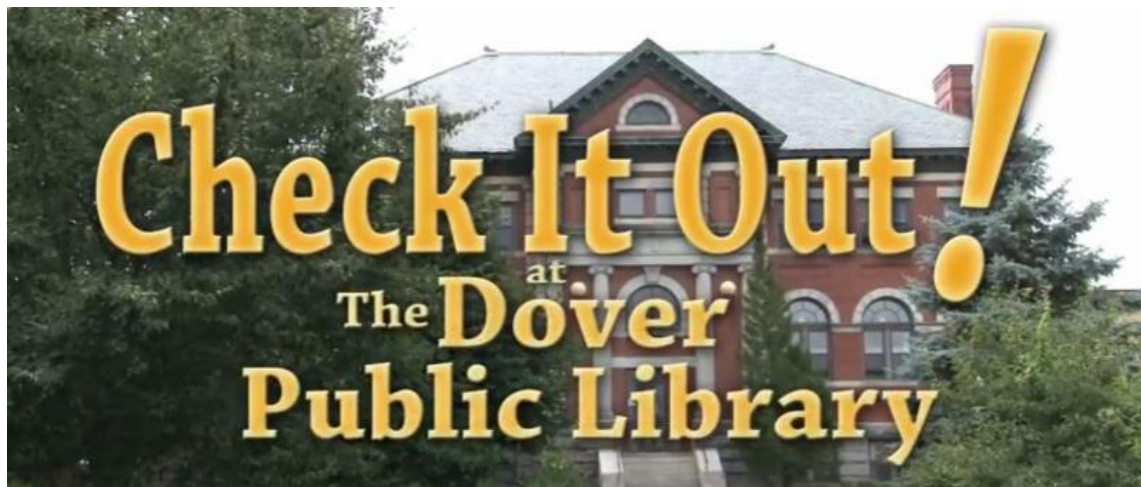
1,500 oak and pine trees from the swampy area above the waterfalls. Additionally, Pomfrett and his partners were given the right to cut timber anywhere along the river, as long as it wasn't on someone else's property. For this privilege, they had to pay the town 3 pence for each tree they cut down. In the mid-17th century, colonists were rapidly expanding their settlements and needed lumber for building homes, ships, and other structures. Sawmills were deemed crucial for processing the abundant forests into usable timber. The granting of such privileges was common in colonial times without regard for the indigenous populations.

Aug. 19, 1788 — A violent hurricane destroyed hundreds of acres of woodland in New Hampshire, including Dover, unroofed many barns, and caused other significant damage.

Aug. 17, 1925 — The M&M Bakeries, Inc. of Dover inaugurated the first air delivery of fresh baked bread in New England, if not the world, when a speedy plane made the trip of 12 miles as the crow flies, to Portsmouth, in 7 minutes, 12 seconds. The delivery was made in less than 25 minutes of the receipt of a request for extra loaves. For more about the flight and M&M Bakeries, check out this week's installment of the Dover Download podcast wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4fCUSwJ>.

Aug. 18, 1933 — Insurance companies agreed to pay the City of Dover \$151,000 for the loss of City Hall, which burned down on Aug. 3 that same year. It was Dover's third City Hall, built in 1892 at a cost of \$250,000.

Aug. 19, 1997 — Dover's efforts to locate a consolidated courthouse downtown seemed to be fading fast, despite numerous attempts. The state gave the city until Sept. 7, 1997, to propose an acceptable downtown site, having rejected previous suggestions. By 1998, long after the deadline passed, with more rejected locations, the former middle school -- now the McConnell Center -- was the city's preferred location for the court. Instead, in 2001, the former district court on St. Thomas Street was razed to make way for a new consolidated courthouse at the same site. After spending a few years in temporary quarters at the middle school (McConnell Center), the new consolidated Dover District Court opened in 2002. In 2011, Dover District Court became Dover Circuit Court. (For more on this story, listen to next week's episode of the Dover Download podcast.)



This Week at the Library

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 7 to 8 p.m.

Stephen Kind's Maine: Maine

Destinations for Stephen King Fans

Explore Maine locations that serve as the basis for Stephen King's fictional towns of Castle Rock, Jerusalem's Lot, Derry, and Haven with author Sharon Kitchens.

Drawing on historical materials and conversations with locals and people who know King, learn about the places that

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 11 am to 12 pm

All Abilities Club: Legos

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

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Chess Group

Adults and teens are invited to drop in to play a game or two and meet other folks

would become the settings for Carrie, Salem's Lot, The Dead Zone, Cujo, IT, and 11/22/63. This event is in partnership with the Tewksbury Public Library. Registration required.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Adult Knitting Group**

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

**Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10 to 10:30 am
Family Storytime Field Trip Edition
Riverside Rest Home**

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

**Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10:30 to 11:45 am
Caregiver Cafe**

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

interested in all things chess. Please bring a chess set if you have one!

**Thursday, Aug. 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Cocheco River Writers**

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!

**Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Family Dance with The Suite Studio**
Families are invited to come dance with Jenna from The Suite Studio! You are welcome to wear/hold your babies while you modify the dance moves, or they can nap/watch from their bucket seat while you dance. For kids who are able to walk, and for those kids who are older and have sick dance moves themselves, they can dance beside you! However your body moves is the RIGHT way! Come for some fun and some good laughs.



Guide to Sept. 10 state primary election available online

The state primary election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024. Polling hours in Dover will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The election will determine political party nominees for the general election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. There are two ballots for the Sept. 10 primary election: one for registered Republicans and one for registered Democrats. Undeclared voters may declare a party at their polling location on Election Day and receive that party's ballot. Voters may

change party status back to undeclared by signing a form at the polls following the vote.

The City of Dover's [2024 State Primary Election webpage](#) has sample ballots for the Republican and Democratic primaries for each of Dover's six wards. The page also has the polling locations for each ward.

What ward do I live in?

Dover's election pages also have an interactive map showing which ward a residence is in. [Click here](#) to view the ward boundary map. Voters may also call the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018 for assistance.

Supervisors of the Checklist in session Sept. 3

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024, from 5:30 to 6 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, make changes to addresses and names, and other corrections to the checklist. Voters cannot change party affiliation during this session, as the deadline was June 4, 2024. September 3 will be the last day voters may register to vote in person in the City Clerk's office. Any voters wanting to register after this date may do so at their polling location on Election Day.

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

City of Dover, surrounding towns, to hold Household Hazardous Waste Day Aug. 24

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, 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.

Recycle Arrows Can Be Misleading!



Many items feature some form of chasing arrows indicating that the item is recyclable. This can be misleading. It may be recyclable “somewhere” or “where facilities exist” but not here in Dover.



Brought to you by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Many items feature some form of chasing arrows indicating that the item is recyclable. This can be misleading. It may be recyclable “somewhere” or “where facilities exist” but not be here in the City of Dover. Don’t believe the chasing arrows. Don’t be misled. Follow the City of Dover’s [Talking Trash](#) program guidelines to know what is recyclable.

HILLTOP FUN CENTER, Somersworth, NH

WEDNESDAY, October 2, from 5-8pm



Join us for **Putt-Tober** Mini Golf for Mental Health ~2024~



JOIN US FOR A CHARITY MINIGOLF TOURNAMENT TO
BENEFIT DOVER MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE!

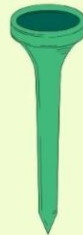


or go to
<https://tinyurl.com/fw2ax69j>

Register

\$25 PER PERSON / \$20 for kids 12 & under
REGISTRATION INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF MINI GOLF,
pizza before we play, dessert and raffle prizes after!

Sponsor



\$1,000 TITLE-IST UNDERWRITER

- Your logo on all scorecards
- Our lunch sponsor
- Sponsorship on two holes, #1 & #18
- Press release mention
- Shout-outs on social media
- 4 free registrations

\$500 BIRDIE SPONSOR

- Your company name on all scorecards
- Sponsorship on one hole
- Shout-outs on social media
- 2 free registrations

\$250 PUTT-PUTT SPONSOR

- Sponsorship on one hole
- Shout-outs on social media

Donate

YOUR PARTICIPATION HELPS US BUILD
A COMMUNITY THAT IS EDUCATED,
RESPONSIVE, AND CONSCIOUS
OF THE IMPACT OF MENTAL ILLNESS!

For more information email Suzanne Weete at
suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org

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:

- Arena Commission
- Arts Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Heritage Commission
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee

- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Solid Waste Advisory 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 Vanslyvong-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.

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:

- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Environmental Projects Manager**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Fleet Inventory Coordinator**
- **Maintenance Specialist I**
- **Secretary I - Community Services, Part-Time**
- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **FireFighter / AEMT**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Police Prosecutor**
- **Lead Mechanic - Fleet**
- **Arena Maintenance / Ice Resurfacers, SPT**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Gym Attendant, Part-Time**
- **Working Foreman - Utilities**
- **Afternoon Library Page**

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:

- **School Adjustment Counselor**
- **Noon Aide/Recess Monitor**
- **Substitute Teacher**
- **Noon Supervisor**

- Paraprofessional
- Elementary School Classroom Teacher
- Dean of Student Services
- Para-Educator Class IV- Trained Diabetes Personnel
- DALC Childcare Coordinator
- Special Education Teacher Case Manager
- Speech and Language Assistant
- Paraprofessional - Special Education
- Spanish Teacher

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

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



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

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



Try email marketing for free today!