

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 18, 2023



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DOVER, NH

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Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

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

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

### Community Power, Old Garrison Road paving on Council's agenda

The City Council will consider setting the default Dover Community Power rate at its meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The Risk Management Committee of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) recently voted to authorize the City of Dover to enroll businesses and residents into the Community Power program, expected to occur in late October.

The City Council can decide to either set the default rate to either "Granite Basic," with 23.4% renewable content at 10.9 cents per kilowatt-hour, or "Granite Plus," with 33% renewable

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content at 11.3 cents per kWh; both are less than the default service provided by Eversource at 12.582 cents per kWh. These rates will be in effect through January 2024.

When enrollment occurs, Dover businesses and residents will have the option to join Dover Community Power, similar to other competitive energy suppliers, utilizing the CPCNH rates, which also include product options for 50% and 100% renewable content. Customers currently on Eversource's default power supply would be opted into the Dover Community Power's default service, with the option to opt-out. City staff believes this model will allow for maximum community benefit through the provided savings.

**Old Garrison Road**

The City Council will also consider authorizing paving the Class V section of Old Garrison Road, which is currently gravel. As part of this year's street paving program, city staff recommended it be paved due to maintenance and required upkeep. There has been mixed support from the neighbors on whether it should be paved. Old Garrison Road is designated as a scenic road by the city.

The Council will also consider pending resolutions to authorize:

- FY2024 Capital Improvements Program appropriation and authorization for a state clean water loan for stormwater improvements to Henry Law Avenue.
- FY2024 CIP appropriation and authorization for bonding for the Portsmouth-Dover Emergency water interconnection.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

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## **Utilities Commission, Ordinance Committee to review draft ordinance of proposed stormwater utility on Monday**

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 this Monday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda and to review the draft ordinance. Also included in the agenda materials are excerpts from stormwater utilities in Portland, Maine, Burlington, Vermont, and Northhampton, Massachusetts.

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](mailto:g.young@dover.nh.gov) with any questions.

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

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## Skatepark on track to open this fall

Artisan Concrete, the contractor building the new skatepark at Guppey Park is anticipated to complete the park's cement work next month. Once the construction crew has completed their work, there are still a few weeks of site work before the park will be ready to open.

Recreation Director Gary Bannon does not have a firm open date but expects it to be open by the fall's end.

**River Street skatepark halfpipe to be removed this weekend**

The winning bidder of the River Street skatepark halfpipe plans to remove the 75-foot-long wooden vert ramp this weekend. The ramp is no longer rideable, as the ramp coping and Skatelite surface have already been removed. The rest of the skatepark remains open.

The city put the ramp out for auction in June. Four bidders competed, with a South Berwick, Maine resident putting in the winning bid of \$12. The ramp was auctioned as-is, and the winning bidder is responsible for removing it.



## Oak Street railroad closure postponed until September

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation notified the city on Friday that the Oak Street bridge closure will be postponed until September.

NHDOT now plans for the work to occur between Monday, Sept. 18, and Friday, Sept. 29. During that time, the Oak Street bridge that crosses the railroad tracks between Portland Avenue and Broadway will be closed to all traffic to make bridge repairs. Only the bridge will be closed when the work occurs. All nearby residents will retain access to their homes; access will also be available to Salmon Falls Stoneware.

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.

### ROAD CLOSURES NEXT WEEK

## Section of Glenwood Avenue to be closed Monday to Wednesday

Glenwood Avenue will be closed at Smith Well Road next week to allow a city contractor complete utility work in the intersection. Motorists will be detoured around the work area.

The shutdown will occur from Monday, Aug. 21, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be closed again beginning at 7 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22, and continue through 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Traffic will be detoured around the work area via Horne Street and Glen Crescent Avenue.

### **Overnight water shutoff for Smith Well Road residents on Tuesday**

To allow utility work, water service is scheduled to be shut off to Smith Well Road, Barry Street, and nearby residences on Glenwood Avenue from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., Tuesday night into Wednesday morning.

The utility work is related to the construction of the Smith Well water tank.

## **Southbound New Rochester Road traffic detour on Wednesday**

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, starting at 7 a.m. southbound New Rochester Road (Route 108) traffic will be closed between Willand Avenue and Hotel Drive to allow utility work excavation related to the Copper Drive residential development. The actual point of excavation is near 36-38 New Rochester Road.

The closure will be all day and may extend through 7 p.m., depending on conditions.

Southbound New Rochester Road traffic will be detoured around the work area via Willand Drive, Old Rochester Road and Hotel Drive. Northbound traffic will travel through the work area.

Motorists should anticipate brief delays in both directions. Traffic control personnel will be stationed to help assist the flow of traffic.

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## **Deadline to order bricks For Veterans Park to be installed by Veterans Day is Aug. 31**

The Recreation Department will order another round of engraved bricks for Dover Veterans Park to be added for Veterans Day on Nov. 11. The deadline to have bricks included in that order is Thursday, Aug. 31, at 4 p.m.

Orders collected after the deadline through Feb. 28, 2024, will be sent in the next batch to be installed in the park by Memorial Day. The cost is \$100 for an 8-inch by 8-inch brick and \$50 for a 4-inch by 8-inch brick. The only requirement to have a name engraved is for the person to be a veteran. All bricks are engraved consistently with a full name, military rank and branch, and years of service and/or conflict. Upon request, bricks may also be grouped by family or service time.



Orders can be placed online at <https://polarengraving.com/cityofdovernewhampshire>. Contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6410 with questions or help with ordering.

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



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



## 'Voices of Dover' series: The Allen family

As part of the ongoing "Voices of Dover" oral history video series celebrating Dover's 400th anniversary in 2023, this week features an interview with the Allen family, longtime owners of the iconic Strafford Farms restaurant.

The Allen family has been integral to Dover's dairy and restaurant business for over 80 years. Richard Allen talks about his father Walter's arrival in Dover in 1938, when he started managing milk operations at Tidewater Farm for the Rollins family. That same year, the two families secured funding for what would become Strafford Farms in 1941, growing it into a thriving milk bottling and ice cream business. Richard's wife Diana discusses the dairy's origins with the Rollins family of Dover.

Richard and Diana's daughter Kim, and son Peter, took over Strafford Farms in 1989, transitioning it to a full-service restaurant in 1991. Kim and her brother Peter share memories of growing up in the family business. They also explain the changes in Dover's dairy industry over the decades and how Strafford Farms adapted from a dairy to a beloved local eatery.

This interview provides a fascinating look at the history of one of Dover's most recognizable businesses. The "Voices of Dover" series helps preserve the stories of local families like the Allens who have helped shape Dover over the past 400 years.

The "Voices of Dover" series aligns with the Dover400 Committee's mission "to honor our past, celebrate our present, and inspire our future." The Allen family interview is the latest in the ongoing weekly video releases, which can be viewed at [Dover400.org](https://Dover400.org).



## Upcoming events for Dover's 400th anniversary

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

Upcoming events include:

**October 7: Apple Harvest Day Festival.** A day-long family event features over 300 vendors, great food, live entertainment, and more! <https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day>

**October 7: Apple Harvest Day 5K Road Race.** The race course winds through historic downtown Dover and is perfect for advanced runners, beginners, and families. Register: <https://www.dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day-5k-road-race>

Stay up-to-date on the latest events by visiting [dover400.org](https://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. 19, 1788** — A violent hurricane destroyed hundreds of acres of woodland in New Hampshire, unroofed many barns, and did much other damage, including in Dover.

**Aug. 26, 1793** — Theophilus Dame, Sheriff, gives notice that "the noted Henry Tufts" broke out of jail in Dover on the night of the 25th. Jailed for theft, he was described as "about six feet high, and forty years of age, wears his own hair, short and dark colored, had on a long blue coat." A \$5 reward was offered for his arrest. Tufts, who was believed to be a native of Lee, was the most noted vagabond of his day and spent much of his time in Dover and other jails for the petty offenses of which he was guilty. A history of his life and misdeeds was published in 1800 by the Dover printing office, written by Maj. Thomas Tash of New Durham, from Tufts' dictation. Tufts would live many more years until he died in Maine in 1825 under an assumed name.

**Aug. 20, 1820** — There was a severe drought this summer, and vegetation was also much injured by grasshoppers — corn and potatoes on the higher ground being almost entirely cut

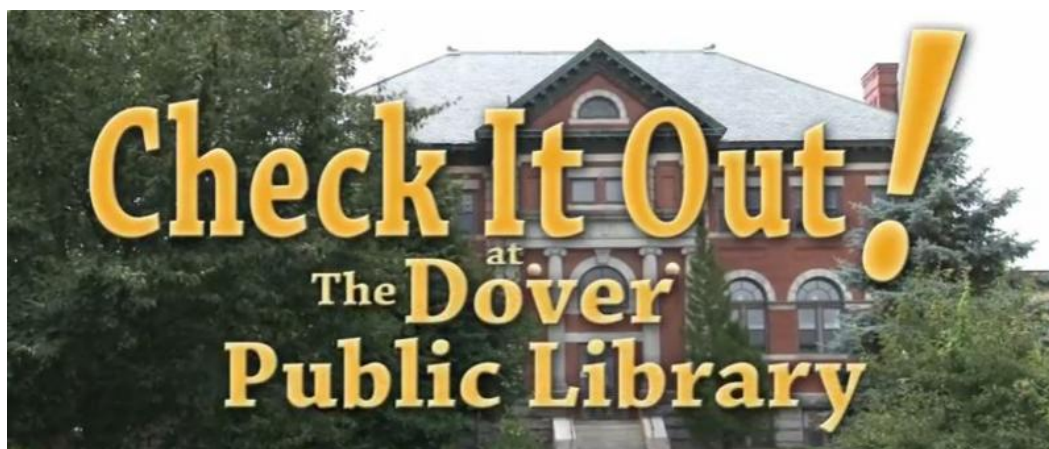


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**Aug. 18, 1933** — Insurance companies agree to pay the City of Dover \$151,000 for the loss of City Hall, which burned down on Aug. 3 that same year. City Hall was built in 1892 for \$250,000.

**Aug. 19, 1997** — The New Hampshire Community Reinvestment Corp. announced that it had awarded \$1,615,000 in financing to GBM Associates of Portland, Maine and the Dover Housing Authority for a 45-unit housing project on Whittier Street in Dover. The project, Addison Place, became the second housing complex statewide to combine new affordable housing with a day-care center. The complex is still maintained and managed by the Dover Housing Authority.

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## 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@doover.nh.gov](mailto:e.ainaire@doover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

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!

**Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7 to 8 p.m.**

### **VIRTUAL FBI Profiler Julia Cowley**

Join Special Agent Julia Cowley for a look inside FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit. Cowley will discuss how she became an FBI profiler, what profiling is, and some of the most memorable cases in her career including being the lead FBI profiler on the Golden State Killer case. This program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library.  
*Register to receive link.*

**Wednesday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

### **All Abilities Club: Video Gaming**

Adults with disabilities are invited for an hour of Nintendo Switch gaming action! Just Dance, Wii Sports, Mario Kart, and more. Everyone will get a chance to play, and activities will be provided for the down time between turns.

**Thursday, Aug. 24, 5 to 8 p.m.**

**Monday, Aug. 21, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Dungeons & Dragons: 14-plus Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 14 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us for adventure, strategy, and imagination in the Trustees Room. The group meets every other Monday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

**Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group

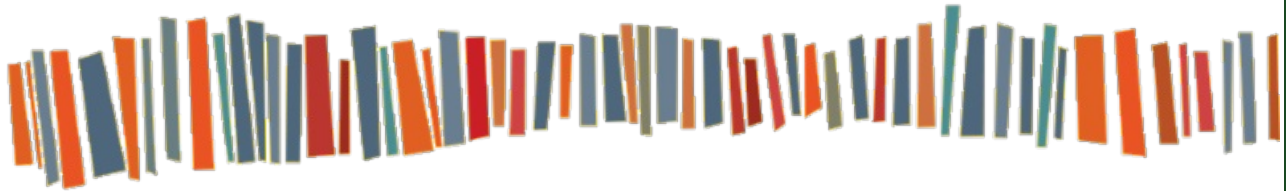
**Magic the Gathering**

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.

**Thursday, Aug. 24, 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!



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## 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](https://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.

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## 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.

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## **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.

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## **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/](http://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](mailto: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.

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## 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](#).

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## 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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