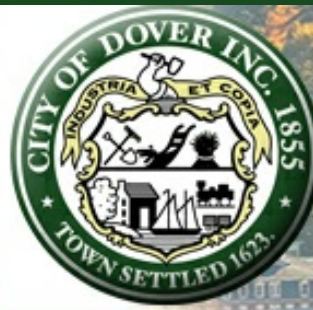


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 22, 2025



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Dover, NH 03820
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City Hall hours:

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

Recycling Center hours:

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

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Budget amendment, CIP changes on City Council's Aug. 27 agenda

The City Council is expected to vote on four on budget-related resolutions at its Wednesday, Aug. 27 meeting. The City Council held public hearings on these pending resolutions at its Aug. 12 meeting.

Two of the resolutions relate to the Dover High School Athletic Complex project:

- One resolution rescinds debt authorization of \$2.5 million approved by the City Council on Dec. 13, 2023, as part of the FY25-30 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for the project. The City Council authorized the total amount of city funds to be spent for the project, \$18,037,000, at its June 25, 2025, meeting.
- Another resolution transfers \$1,740,571 from the School Department's FY26 debt service line item to its School Facilities Capital Reserve fund. As part of the high school athletic complex authorization, the City Council appropriated the amount for the School Department's debt service for the project in FY26.

However, since the next opportunity for the city to issue debt for the project is in January 2026, the resulting first-year debt service will be in FY27.

Two other resolutions are for Fire Department operations:

- One resolution rescinds the City Council's \$850,000 CIP debt authorization for Fire and Rescue's South End Station addition project. Earlier this year, the City Council authorized Fire and Rescue to lease space on Crosby Road, negating the immediate space needs for the station.
- The other resolution reprograms \$278,434 of unused debt savings authorized for safety equipment replacement to retrofitting the Liberty North Fire Station area vacated by Inspection Services into a department training facility.

The City Council will also hold public hearings and subsequent votes on resolutions that would authorize the city to assist the Dover Housing Authority to obtain grants to help fund the DHA's recovery house project at 7 Avon Ave.

Also on the agenda is a resolution that would authorize additional street paving work on Broadway as part of the Oak and Broadway water main replacement project for \$280,217. The original scope of work called for repaving the trenches dug to install the new water main. However, the recent water breaks in the area caused extensive damage to the roadway subbase and undermined much of the roadway pavement, according to the resolution's background materials. If approved, the project contractor would grind and reclaim the pavement and subbase followed by curb-to-curb paving.

[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 be available on-demand.



Household Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Hazardous Waste Collection Day is for residents only. Proof of residency is required.

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.

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



Dover Police target neighborhood speed concerns with driver awareness signs

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces that the Dover Police Department continues its commitment to address traffic safety concerns in the community by expanding its inventory of traffic calming equipment.

Since at least 1999, the Dover Police Department has employed methods outside of traditional traffic enforcement to help address speeding concerns in the community. The department has maintained and deployed mobile radar trailers since that time, which display the speed of approaching traffic in an effort to make drivers more aware of their speed and change their behavior.

Starting in 2021, the Dover Police Department began purchasing and installing fixed driver awareness radar signs in areas where its data has shown that drivers frequently exceed the posted speed limit. The city's [Transportation Advisory Commission](#) — which reviews transportation policy and safety matters and serves as a sounding board for citizens' traffic safety concerns — has also helped prioritize locations for placement of signs. To date, such signs have been placed on arterial or secondary roads where a substantial volume of traffic enters the city from nearby communities. This includes Sixth Street, Old

Rochester Road, Stark Avenue, Tolend Road, Piscataqua Road, Middle Road, and Stark Avenue. Funding for fixed mounted signs has come from the police department's annual operating budget, and in-kind installation assistance from the Community Services Department.

This year, the Dover Police Department was awarded a grant through the Office of NH Highway Safety that matched a portion of the purchase of two additional speed awareness signs. One of the approval conditions of the grant was that the signs not be permanently mounted in any location. Instead, these signs have a battery life of only one to three weeks in the field depending on weather conditions and are intended to be moved periodically.

The police department will continue to rely on traffic data to help determine the most suitable locations to deploy these temporary signs. Additionally, the Transportation Advisory Commission will continue to play a role in helping City staff prioritize such locations. The TAC recently endorsed the use of such signs on Lexington and Cushing streets in connection with a multi-pronged approach to help address neighborhood speeding concerns. Traffic on these residential streets is primarily cut-through for drivers getting into or out of the downtown area, and the signs will help reinforce the posted 25-miles-per-hour speed limit.

Garrison Hill Park closed through Aug. 29 for utility work

Garrison Hill Park is closed 24 hours a day, including weekends, through Friday, Aug. 29 for utility work.

The closure is to allow a city contractor to install a new water main through the park and connect it to the water tank. It's part of the Oak and Broadway water main replacement project.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

School Board, Aug. 25, 5:30 p.m.

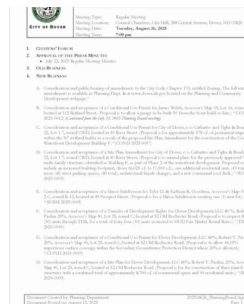
The Dover School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 25, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Dover Housing Authority, Aug. 26, 12 p.m.

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m. at 62 Whittier St., Dover.

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



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 8/26/2025

In this video, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=5RZfrpy5loFsThyQ>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council

Planning Board, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

City Council, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 28, 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 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

Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on DNTV and streamed live online.

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.

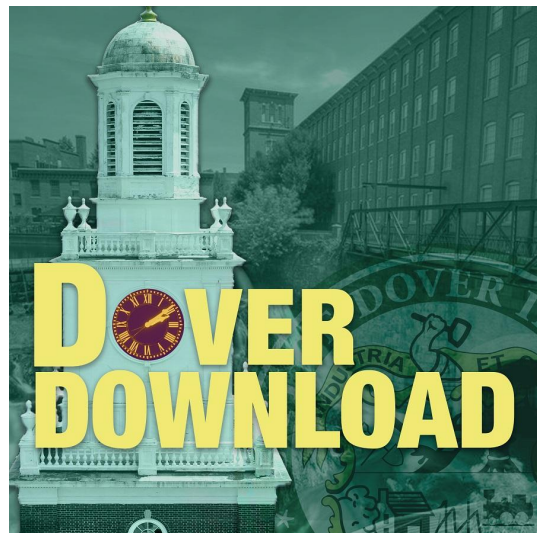
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Disposal of City Owned Real-Estate Rollinsford NH Map 3 Lot 9](#)
- [Crack Repair for Outdoor Athletic Courts](#)
- [Installation of Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic System](#)
- [Purchase, Installation of Vehicle Lift for Fire Department](#)
- [Purchase of Shipping Containers for Fire Department](#)

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.



From Brick Yards to Schooners: George Maglaras

- 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 Vansylyvong-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.

on Dover's Waterfront Past

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with former Dover Mayor George Maglaras for the second installment in a series about the Cochecho River and Dover's waterfront history. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3Jbvzhzv>.



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.



**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.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

We want to hear from residents about what the qualities they want to see in the city's next Chief of Police. The current Chief of Police, William Breault, will retire next month after more than 20 years of service.

If you haven't already taken our [community survey](#) published last week, "**Help Shape the Future Leadership of the Dover Police Department**," we encourage you to do so. It takes about 10 minutes to complete. The community survey will help ensure the next leader of the Dover Police Department reflects the city's values, priorities, and expectations.

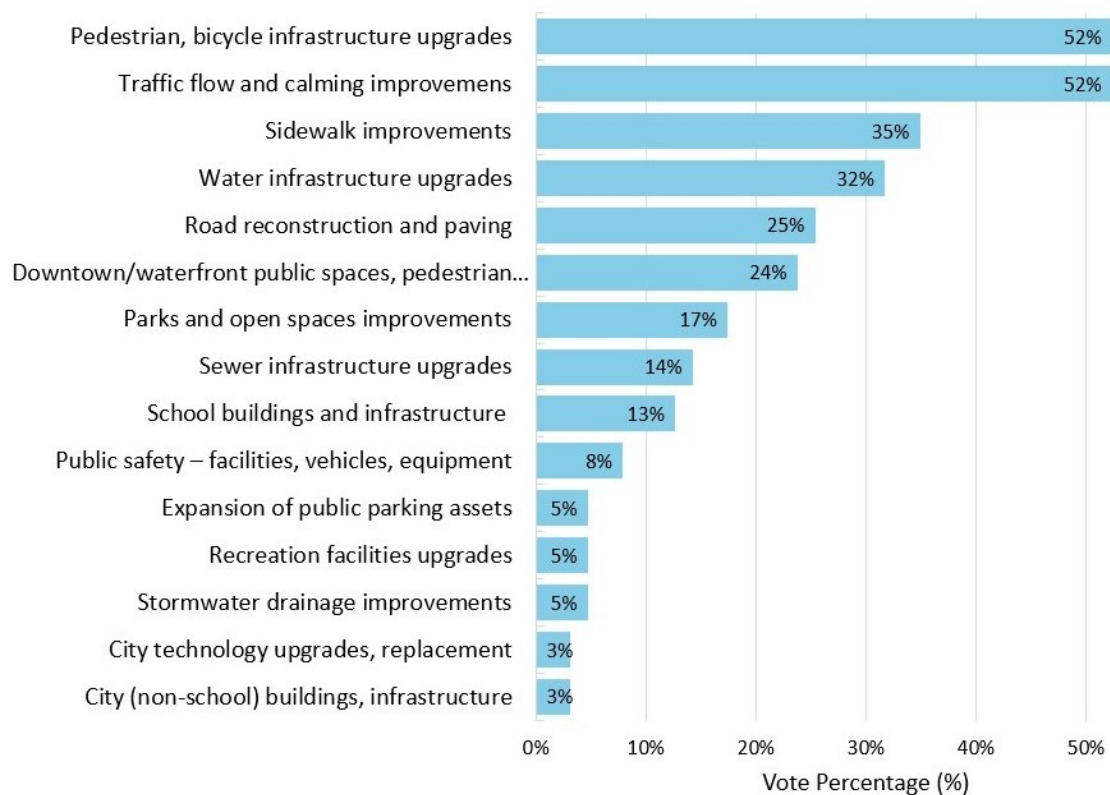
"Selecting a new Chief of Police is not just a personnel decision, it's a community decision," City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. said. "The survey gives residents a direct opportunity to share what qualities, experience, and leadership attributes they believe are most important in our next chief."

The survey is available at <https://polco.us/svvd4u>.

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 our poll from the past two weeks, which asked, "The City of Dover's six-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) funds a wide range of projects to maintain and improve infrastructure, buildings, equipment, and public spaces. Which three of the following areas do you believe should be the highest priority for capital investment over the next six years?"

Top Capital Improvement Plan Priorities



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. 27, 1761 — The town voted to build a new bridge over the Cochecho River in place of the old one, the latter "not being fit to repair on any account so as to be passable for man or horse." Three thousand pounds were raised to build the bridge.

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. 28, 1797 — Dover voted to allow Dr. Jacob Kittredge to open a hospital to inoculate for smallpox, and that the selectmen, with Dr. Ezra Green and William Hale, be a committee to oversee when it should be opened and closed.

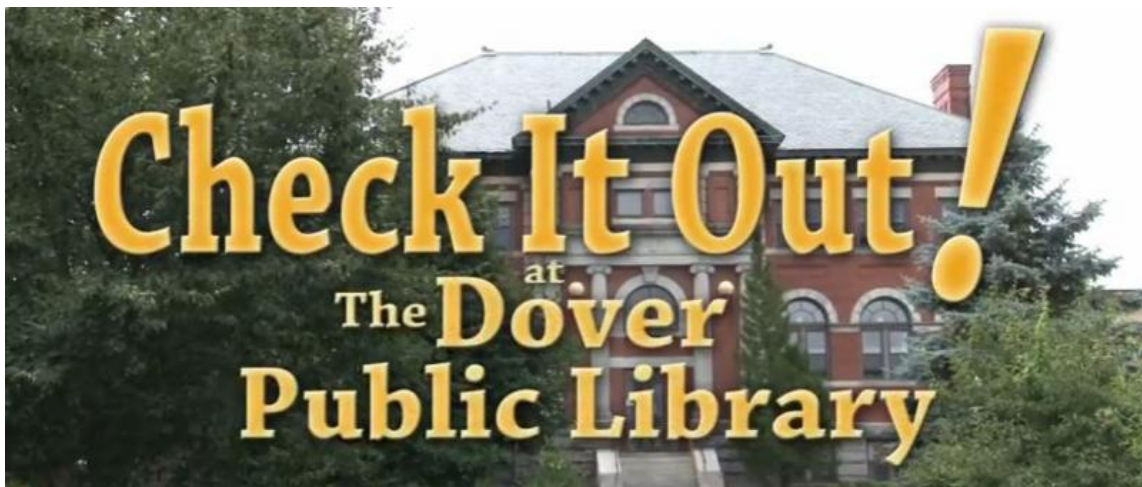
Aug. 25, 1822 — Died at Wolfeboro, the Rev. Robert Gray, aged 61, a Revolutionary pensioner and pastor of the Congregational Church in Dover from 1787 to 1805.

Aug. 28, 1830 — John Parker Hale of Dover was admitted to practice as an attorney on this day. Hale would later become a prominent politician and vocal opponent of slavery. As a politician, Hale initially represented the Democratic Party in the U.S. House of Representatives (1843–1845) and later became a U.S. Senator (1847–1853, 1855–1865) as a member of the Free Soil Party and subsequently the Republican Party. One of Hale's defining moments was his break with the Democratic Party over the issue of slavery. This made him the Free Soil Party's presidential nominee in 1852. Though he didn't win, his candidacy signified a crucial shift in the American political landscape for the abolitionist movement. Throughout his political career, Hale consistently advocated for the abolition of slavery, demonstrating a commitment to human rights and the principles of freedom.

Aug. 25, 1846 — The shock of an earthquake was felt in many places throughout Dover. To those indoors, it sounded "like a carriage driven violently over the ground, or the departure of a heavy train of railroad cars, for which it was at the time by many mistaken."

Aug. 23, 1886 — Michael Clarity of Dover died on this day. Clarity was originally from Ireland and was involved in a rebellion in the north of Ireland in 1837. As a consequence of his participation in the uprising, he was arrested by the British government and sentenced to 20 years at Van Diemen's Land, a penal colony in what is now Tasmania, Australia. He served 14 years of this sentence before being pardoned. After his pardon, Clarity returned to Ireland and eventually emigrated to America in 1855, settling in Dover.

Aug. 26, 1930 — From the Associated Press: "A 40-foot whale attempted to break up a reunion of the Pollock family here today and got stranded at the wrong end of the Cochecho River. The obstreperous mammal chased the Pollocks up the river, 12 miles inland from Portsmouth, and got stuck in the mud. He flipped his tail in wild commotion, while the Pollocks gave him the piscatorial laugh. He was unable to go forward, reverse, or make a left or right turn. Police fired 14 bullets into his ebony hide while thousands of citizens looked on. The whale refused to die however and the board of health was informed of his visit. Just what the board is going to do with the four-ton wanderer was anybody's guess tonight."



Guide to finances for caregivers at Dover Public Library

It can be difficult to care for an aging parent or loved one. Don't add more stress to your plate by worrying about money, too.

Join Dover Public Library virtually on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. for "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances." Learn tips for managing someone else's finances and preparing for future care costs. The program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

In this program, attendees will discover how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start a conversation about finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support. It is presented by the Alzheimer's Association and led by Jane Fisher, Alzheimer's Association Community Educator.

The program will be recorded for anyone unable to attend. Registrants will receive the recording via email within 48 hours of the program.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Tuesday, Aug 26, 7 to 8:15 p.m.
School funding in NH with
Andru Volinsky

Dover Police Station, 46 Chestnut St.
Author of "The Last Bake Sale: The Fight for Fair School Funding," Andru Volinsky will speak about the history and current state of educational funding inequities in NH. [Register for the event.](#)

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids
McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their imagination and creativity to the Drop-In Open Art Lab. We will have a variety of supplies available for you to use to create artwork of your own design.

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Managing Money - A Caregiver's
Guide to Finances

Virtual – Sign up to receive link:
<https://ow.ly/7LNe50WHV7I>

Learn tips for managing someone else's finances and preparing for future care costs. Discover how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start a conversation about finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Led by Jane Fisher, Alzheimer's Association Community Educator.

Thursday, Aug. 28, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Multilingual Book to Art Book Club
McConnell Center, Room 306

The Multilingual Book Group is hosting a fun series called Book to Art! This event is for children and families, where they can explore language and literature together. There will be three sessions: Aug. 14, Aug. 21, and Aug. 28. This event is for families with children in grades K-3, though other ages are OK.

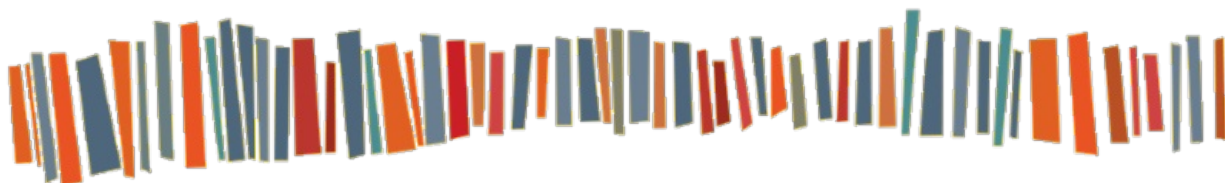
Thursday, Aug. 28, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Cochecho River Writers

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. 30 and Monday, Sept. 1
Library Closed for
Labor Day Weekend

Library closed Sundays until Sept. 7

Weekend hours expand Sept. 6
Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sundays: 12 to 4 p.m.



DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
EMPOWERING ALL LEARNERS!

Dover School District releases How-to video: Simplifying Free & Reduced Lunch

The Dover School District [released a video](https://vimeo.com/1103587715) explaining how families can apply for free or reduced cost meals at Dover public schools. The video also explains the financial importance of applying for these benefits for the Dover School District. Watch the video at <https://vimeo.com/1103587715>.

All students who qualify for reduced price meals are entitled to a free breakfast each morning. Completing [an application takes](#) less than 10 minutes and application information remains private and confidential. Applications are accepted at any time during the school year. You will be notified by mail of your child's status. Until you receive the notification, you must provide your child with a lunch or lunch money.

If your child was eligible for free or reduced meals at the end of the previous school year, their eligibility will carry over for 30 operating days into the new school year. If you do not re-apply, your child will revert to full pay status, and you will be responsible for all charges incurred on their account until an application is submitted and approved.

Only complete one application per family.

Information provided will be used to determine or prove your child's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. This information may also be used for other state or federally funded school benefits.

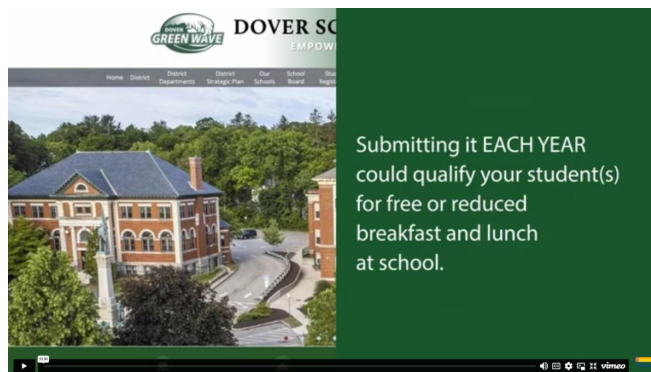
Factors considered in the application process are household size and total household income.

Household size is considered all persons, related or unrelated: Including parents, children, grandparents who live in your home and share living expenses.

Total household income is the income each household member received last month before taxes — this includes wages, social security, pension, unemployment, welfare, child support, alimony, and any other cash income.

Foster children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits. Households must check the appropriate box to indicate the child's status under Step 1 of the application. Foster children may be included in the household application as part of the household size.

Please contact Lauren Sanborn at 603-516-6241 or email at l.sanborn@sau11.nh.gov with any questions regarding Free and Reduced meal applications.



Above is a screenshot of a Dover School District video explaining the how to apply for free or reduced-cost meals at school and its importance. Click the image above or visit <https://vimeo.com/1103587715>.

Registration for fall swimming lessons open

Dover resident signups began Aug. 20; non-resident signups start Aug. 27

The Recreation Department have opened signups for fall swimming lessons for residents this week. Non-resident signup begins at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

The fall sessions include a variety of swimming lesson options, from beginner to adult, starting at 6 months of age.

For more information, including how to sign up, visit the [2025 Fall Program Guide](#) on the [Dover Indoor Pool's webpage](#), or call 603-516-6441.

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**
- **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**
- **Media Services Technician, Part-Time**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Technician**
- **Superintendent of Utilities**
- **Assessing Data Technician**
- **Fire Mechanic Assistant, Part-Time**
- **Deputy City Engineer**
- **Custodian, 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:

- School Psychologist
- Mathematics Teacher
- Instructional Coach
- Second Grade Long-Term Substitute
- Substitute Teachers
- ESOL Interventionist
- DALC Counselor-Rochester
- Girls Middle School Volleyball Coach
- Parking Lot Supervisor
- Freshman Boys Soccer Coach
- School Counselor
- Recess/Lunch Aides
- Special Education Teacher/Case Manager

- Dean of Students
- Freshman Girls Soccer Coach
- Substitute Nurses
- Ski Coach
- Paraprofessionals

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

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