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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



August 25, 2023



**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

Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Dover, surrounding towns is Saturday

The City of Dover, along with the towns of Rollinsford, Lee and Madbury, will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection Day this 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.

p.m.

**Recycling
Center hours:**

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

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.



Paving operations on Old Garrison Road to begin Monday

Weather permitting, the city's paving contractor, Continental Paving, Inc., will begin paving operations on the Class V section of Old Garrison Road on Monday, Aug. 28. The Class V section runs from Rabbit Road to near the driveway entrances of 289 and 293 Old Garrison Road. The Class VI section of the road will remain unpaved.

The contractor will begin with scarifying the road, followed by grading. City personnel will be on-site to monitor and ensure proper drainage will be maintained along the roadway. The intent is to keep a consistent paved width of 14 feet along the entire stretch of road, closely matching the current travel surface, said Community Services Director John Storer.

Depending on weather conditions, the contractor could begin paving as early as Tuesday, Aug. 29, and finish by Wednesday, Aug. 30. Only the structural binder-course of pavement will get installed this year. City staff will monitor conditions over the winter to see if any settlement occurs and if any shimming or drainage issues need to be addressed. A final surface course will be applied in either spring or summer of 2024.

The City Council voted 6-3 at its Aug. 23 meeting to authorize paving on Old Garrison Road, designated a Scenic Road by the City of Dover. [Click here](#) to watch the Council's discussion.

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

Dover's public schools gear up for new school year

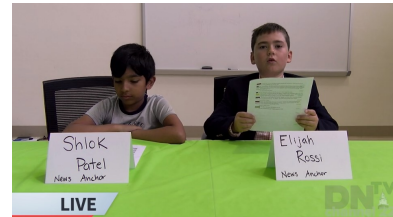
The Dover School District is preparing for the first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Bus routes for the new school year are now available online at <https://www.dover.k12.nh.us/>. Elementary school students should have already received teacher placements.

"We are looking forward to welcoming students back for another great year of teaching and learning," said Superintendent Dr. William Harbron.

The district has prepared two back-to-school videos to help students and families prepare for the new year. A video featuring Dover High School Principal Peter Driscoll provides an overview of the upcoming school year for high school students and families. To view the high school video, visit <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=MpHAcIsseymFlc8p>.



Another video provides important information for students attending one of Dover's three elementary schools - Garrison Elementary, Woodman Park Elementary, and Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street. View the elementary school video at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=xDb9liX1PkBbabor>.



Links and contact information for all schools can be found on the district website at <https://www.dover.k12.nh.us/>.

Superintendent Harbron will also discuss the district's plans for the new school year as a guest on the Dover Download podcast on Tuesday, Aug. 29. The episode will be available wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/dover-download/>.

For more information about the start of school, visit the [Dover School District website](#) or contact the Superintendent's Office at 603-516-6800.



City upgrading parking meters to pay-by-plate system

Users no longer have to display receipts in their vehicles

The city is switching its on-street parking meters to a pay-by-plate system, where paper receipts on a vehicle dashboard are no longer needed in most instances.

“This makes the parking system easier, especially on snowy or rainy days,” said Parking Manager Bill Simons. “You don’t have to put your receipt back in the car. You just pay for your parking time and head to your destination.”

About 25% of the city’s parking meters have been switched to the new system, where users enter their vehicle’s license plate number into the parking meter. The remaining ones, including ones in the downtown core of Central Avenue, will be switched over in the next couple of weeks. Pay-by-plate meters have a bright yellow sign on the top reminding users that they need to enter their license plate. The only time when a dashboard receipt is required is when there is a cell tower issue. In that case, the parking meter kiosk will notify the user to display the parking receipt on the vehicle’s dashboard.

In addition to not displaying a receipt, the pay-by-plate system also allows users to extend their parking time – as long as the parking meter where they are adding time is on the same street as their vehicle. Motorists using the Flowbird pay-by-phone app can enter and extend their parking time anywhere.

The parking meters accept coins and credit cards. They do not accept dollar bills.

For a brief tutorial video, [click here](#).

For more information, contact the Parking Bureau at 603-516-6132.

ROAD CLOSURES NEXT WEEK

Section of Glenwood Avenue to be closed Monday and Tuesday

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

The shutdown is Monday, Aug. 28, and Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Daytime water shutoff for Smith Well Road residents on Monday

To allow utility work, water service is scheduled to be shut off to Smith Well Road and Barry Street on Monday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Southbound New Rochester Road traffic detour on Tuesday

On Tuesday, Aug. 28, 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.

Depending on conditions, the closure will continue all day and may extend through 7 p.m.

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.

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

This continuation of work began on Wednesday but had to be suspended due to unforeseen issues during excavation.



Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Aug. 26, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the front entrance of Garrison Elementary School. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people while helping out the community.

Don't Trash Dover provides the bags and has litter grabbers and safety vests available to loan if needed. Those with their own litter grabbers are encouraged to bring them. Gloves are recommended.

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://bit.ly/43WC5FP>.

Upcoming Meetings:

**Technical Review
Committee,
Aug. 31, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, 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/>.

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.



VOICES OF DOVER: MARK A. LENO, JR.

'Voices of Dover' series: Mark Leno

Dover400's "Voices of Dover" oral history video series continues this week with an interview with retired Dover Police Officer and historian Mark Leno. Leno shares insights into the city's history and his experiences serving 26 years on the police force.

In his interview, Leno discusses Dover's textile mill history, urban renewal efforts in the 1960s and 1970s, and his passion for researching and writing books about local history. He also reflects on his time walking the beat downtown as a new officer in the 1980s and helping launch community policing efforts.

Produced by the Dover400 Committee to celebrate the city's 400th anniversary in 2023, the "Voices of Dover" series features interviews with residents reminiscing about Dover's past and present. The interviews aim to preserve local history and residents' connections to the community.

The Leno interview and others in the series can be viewed at <https://www.dover400.org/voices.html>. New interviews will be released weekly through 2023.

For more information, visit 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:

Through Aug. 31: Dover Public Library 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 the raffle. Complete all 40 missions, and you'll be entered into the raffle three times. The winner will be announced on Monday, Sept. 4. Learn more: <https://en.actionbound.com/bounds/user/doverpubliclibrary>

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.



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. 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. 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. 26, 1997 — The Dover Planning Board voted to approve a 35,000-square-foot expansion by Cramer Fabrics Inc. on Venture Drive at Enterprise Park. Cramer Fabrics, an industrial fabric producer whose parent company is in Europe, began operations at the Venture Drive plant in 1994. The company still operates at its Venture Drive facility in Dover.



'The Bear' by Andrew Krivak is New Hampshire's Big Read Book

Celebrate the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read with the Dover Public Library on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Lecture Hall. *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak is the chosen title, and copies of the book are available at the Dover Public Library adult circulation desk while supplies last.

New Hampshire's Big Read invites everyone to explore how stories are shared, understand the world, and envision a better future for New Hampshire. Through free local book discussions, lectures, poetry, and programs that blend the humanities, arts, and science, generations of Granite Staters will gather to read, think, and understand a shared story of New Hampshire.

A discussion of *The Bear*, by Andrew Krivak, will be led by NH Humanities scholar Kiki Berk. Berk is an associate professor of philosophy at Southern New Hampshire University. She received her Ph.D. in philosophy from the VU University Amsterdam in 2010. Her current research interests include value theory (especially happiness), analytic existentialism (especially the meaning of life), and the philosophy of death.

NEA Big Read is a National Endowment for the Arts program in partnership with Arts Midwest.

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, or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

Monday, Aug. 28, 7 to 8 p.m.

VIRTUAL: An Evening with Bestselling Authors Lisa Jackson & Nancy Bush

Bestselling authors (and sisters!) Lisa Jackson and Nancy Bush will discuss their latest books. Jackson will discuss *The Last Sinner*, a gripping novel of suspense featuring two veteran homicide detectives matching wits with a twisted serial killer lurking in the shadows of New Orleans. Bush will discuss *The Camp*, a chilling novel of suspense where a diabolical modern twist on Friday the 13th meets Yellowjackets at a summer sleepaway camp isolated in the woods of Oregon.

Register to receive link.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 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!

Thursday, Aug. 31, 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.

September VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Everyday Dinners* by Jessica Merchant. Throughout the month of September, 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, or tag us on Instagram @dooverpubliclibrary.

Sept. 2-4, All Day

Library Closed for Labor Day Holiday



Deadline approaching to order bricks for Dover Veterans Park in time for Veterans Day

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.

Dover Greek Festival is Labor Day weekend

Experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of Greece right here in Dover. The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Dover will hold its annual Greek Festival on Friday, Sept. 1 and Saturday, Sept. 2.

The Dover Greek Festival features authentic homemade Greek food and pastries, Greek Taverna, and live music on Friday and Saturday night.

The festival will occur rain or shine at the Hellenic Center at 219 Long Hill Road in Dover. Admission is free, with ample parking on site. Festival hours are Friday, Sept. 1, from 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 2, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Event organizers want to remind the public that event admission is free admission and no tickets are required.

For additional information, directions, or sponsorship opportunities, visit our website at www.DoverGreekFestival.com.



Boat Regatta sets sail Sept. 16

Join the Great Bay Yacht Club in celebrating 69-plus years of sailing Merry Macs, Oyster River Cats, Handy Cats, Sunfish, Nutshell Prams, small sailing boats, and dinghies at the Small Boat Regatta on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The race is open to entrants of all ages. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Hilton Park.

It was in the spring of 1954, when a group of sailors gathered with a simple purpose, "to organize and provide rules for racing this summer on Great Bay, or other places designated." By 1958, Great Bay Yacht Club was officially registered with the State of New Hampshire as a non-profit organization whose purpose was "to foster the spirit of sailing in the community around the Great Bay area."

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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