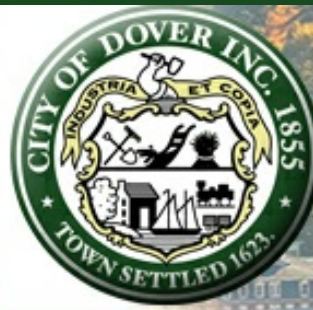


# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



December 5, 2025



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DOVER, NH**

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### **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,

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## **ON THE AGENDA**

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

## **Capital Improvements Program, Warming Center on Council's Agenda**

The City Council will consider adopting the FY2027-2032 Capital Improvements Program at its Wednesday, Dec. 10 meeting. They will also hold a public hearing and a vote on a FY2026 budget amendment to fund Dover's share of construction costs of a permanent emergency cold weather warming center on Strafford County grounds.

The FY26 budget amendment would appropriate \$1,698,878 for the warming center that the Strafford County Commissioners propose to build at the former humane society site near the county jail. The county would supply the land at no cost, and the tri-cities of Dover, Rochester and Somersworth would divide the estimated \$3.5 million project cost in proportion to each city's portion of the combined equalized assessed property value, with Rochester's share \$1,316,593, and Somersworth's share at \$484,593. Dover's portion would be partly offset by the planned sale of the

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

Sunday (through  
Dec. 7):  
8:30 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m.

current warming center at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth after the conclusion of the winter season, as well as the proceeds from a recent sale of city-owned property in Rollinsford.

The vote on the FY27-32 CIP consists of three votes. One is on adopting the long-term planning document itself, which does not authorize or appropriate funding. The second will be authorizing and appropriating \$4.6 million for FY27 non-debt finance projects. The third resolution would authorize bonding for debt-financed projects. The original resolution had planned for \$37 million for debt-financed projects; however, at the Council's [Dec. 3 workshop](#), City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., recommended reducing the debt-financing portion to \$15 million. City Manager Joyal also recommended other changes to the six-year CIP planning document.

The City Council will also consider resolutions authorizing:

- \$138,428 for the City of Dover's annual contribution to the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management as part of the EPA's Nitrogen General Permit, which includes monitoring water quality and tracking reductions and additions of total nitrogen in the Great Bay Estuary.
- The purchase of six Ford pickup trucks for various Community Service divisions for \$370,666.
- \$135,400 for design and pre-construction services from Martini Northern for the renovation of the existing public works facility and the addition to the Inspection Services Building.

The meeting begins with proclamations to Cliff Blake, Dover Junior Football, and Dover High School Field Hockey and Soccer teams.

[The complete agenda is available online.](#)

This is the last meeting for the 2024-2025 City Council, including for Mayor Robert Carrier, who has served on the City Council since 2008 when he was first elected in a Ward 1 special election. It is also the last meeting for the following City Councilors who did not run for reelection: Robert Warch, representing Ward 2; Debra Hackett, representing Ward 4; and Linnea Nemeth, representing the city in the at-large position.

The City Council meeting will be held in City Hall's Council Chambers and televised on DoverTV and [online](#), where it will be available on demand.

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Shovels hit the dirt as members of the Dover High School Athletic Complex Joint Building Committee help break ground during a ceremony on Dec. 3. Hoisting shovels are, from left, JBC Chair and City Councilor Fergus Cullen, JBC member Ronan O'Doherty, JBC member and At-Large City Councilor Linnea Nemeth, JBC and School Board member Michelle Clancy, JBC and School Board member Craig Flynn, and JBC member Ernie Clark.

## Dover High School breaks ground on Athletic Complex overhaul

City and school officials, students and community members gathered Wednesday, Dec. 3, to break ground on the overhaul of the Dover High School Athletic Complex.

The ceremony at Dunaway Field marked the official start of construction on the more than \$18 million project, which includes replacing the track, reconfiguring fields, and building a new synthetic turf baseball and multi-sport field. Work is expected to continue through winter, with the goal of opening at least part of the complex for fall 2026 sports, officials said.

Joint Building Committee Chair and City Councilor Fergus Cullen opened the ceremony by emphasizing the value of athletics and youth programs.

"A lot of the adults here would point to a teacher or a coach who played that role in their lives, and so it's appropriate we're here at a school to get this athletic field going and underway with this official groundbreaking," Cullen said.

Cullen also recognized the work of committee members and project partners, noting their efforts allowed construction to begin before winter conditions set in. "They have really delivered on behalf of our community," he said.

Superintendent Christine Boston told the crowd the project represents a significant step forward for Dover.

"Today marks a really exciting milestone for our district and our community," Boston said. "We're here not to just to break ground on a new field complex, but to lay the foundation for opportunities that will inspire generations of students. This project represents more than bricks, turf and trampolines. It symbolizes our commitment to excellence, teamwork and the well-being of every student."

Outgoing Mayor Robert Carrier, participating in one of his final official events, reflected on the decade of planning and construction that began with the new high school, completed in 2018.

“This really touches the heart,” Carrier said. He recalled the original vision for a new track and field that could not be completed at the time due to cost. “We’ve got phenomenal support in this city. It’s incredible. And now let’s get it done.”

Students, school leaders, city officials, construction officials and Joint Building Committee members each took ceremonial turns moving dirt, officially beginning the next phase of construction.

Demolition of the existing grandstands and concessions building began prior to the ceremony, with site work scheduled to continue through the winter, according to the committee.

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## **40th annual Christmas tree lighting is tonight at Henry Law Park**

Dover Recreation will present the City of Dover’s 40th annual Christmas tree lighting tonight, Friday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. at Henry Law Park, continuing one of Dover’s longest-running holiday traditions.

This year’s program will begin with remarks from Recreation Director Kevin Hebert, followed by a welcome from Mayor Robert Carrier. The Dover Middle School Chorus will lead attendees in seasonal songs before former Mayor Andy Galt switches on the tree’s lights. Local vocalist Nancy Gurick will also lead the crowd in song, and the program will conclude with closing remarks from Hebert.

The city’s holiday tree was donated by Carol and Alan Brown of Rochester.

This year’s lighting also features the added support of Light Up Dover, a community effort led by the Dover City Lights Committee in partnership with the nonprofit Communitively. The group helped secure the holiday tree, raised funds for new lights and ornaments, and coordinated volunteers for decorating.

The event is free and open to the public.

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## **Catch Dover's Festival of Trees tonight**

The 16th annual Dover Festival of Trees will take place on Friday, Dec. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rivermill at Dover Landing. The event is free and open to the public.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, the festival host, is pleased to announce that Kennebunk Savings will once again serve as the Underwriting Sponsor.

Dover's premier holiday festival will feature 32 trees sponsored and decorated by local businesses, all available to be taken home through silent and live auctions. The event also includes choir performances, free goodie bags and a scavenger hunt for children, refreshments and holiday desserts, and even a visit from Santa.

The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser that benefits City Lights, a volunteer group dedicated to illuminating downtown Dover during the holiday season.

For more information on the 16th Annual Festival of Trees, visit [dovernh.org/FOT](http://dovernh.org/FOT).

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## **24-hour closure of Locust and Hale streets at intersection delayed to Dec. 8**

### **Locust Street to reopen Dec. 15; Hale Street Dec. 22**

The starting date for the closure of Locust Street and Hale Street at their intersection has been delayed to Monday, Dec. 8. Once closed, Locust Street is expected to reopen 7 days later, which would be Dec. 15. Hale Street is expected to reopen 14 days later, which would be Dec. 22.

During the closure, Locust Street and Hale Street will be closed at the intersection 24 hours a day for utility work. All vehicle traffic will be detoured around the intersection.

Locust Street will be closed on the southern part of the Hale Street intersection. Access to



the McConnell Center will be from Chestnut Street. Access to Hale Street will be from Central Avenue.

Inbound Locust Street traffic will be detoured on Kirkland Street to Central Avenue. Outbound Locust Street traffic will be detoured on Saint Thomas Street to Atkinson Street. Flaggers will be stationed at major intersections to assist with traffic flow.

A section of parking spaces on Locust and Kirkland streets will be posted for no parking from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. A section of spaces on Hale Street will be posted for no parking 24 hours a day for equipment staging.

The McConnell Center/Dover Public Library parking lot will be open and accessible from the Chestnut Street side of Locust Street. The City Hall parking lot on Hale Street will be accessible from Central Avenue.

The closure is to allow the excavation of the intersection to move utilities and install drainage infrastructure as part of a [drainage improvement project](#). Once the contractor clears the intersection, work will continue on private property toward the intersection of Kirkland and Academy streets.



## City of Dover advises CodeRED users of service interruption

The City of Dover is advising residents that CodeRED, the third-party vendor that provides the city's telephone, text and email alerting service, has been affected by a nationwide cybersecurity incident involving the vendor's systems. The issue is entirely within CodeRED's system; no City of Dover systems, networks or data have been affected.

According to information provided by CodeRED's parent company, the attack resulted in unauthorized access to the vendor's legacy alerting platform and the removal of some user account data. Because access to CodeRED's managed accounts is not currently available, residents cannot log in to view or update their CodeRED account information.

Although CodeRED accounts cannot be accessed during the outage, the vendor recommends that anyone who used a password for CodeRED that is also used for any



other online account should change the password on those other accounts as a precaution.

The City of Dover primarily uses CodeRED to issue winter parking ban notifications, but those automated alerts are currently unavailable.

Email notifications from the city, including parking ban notifications, remain available. Residents may sign up to receive parking-ban updates and other city communications at <https://bit.ly/doverupdates> and by selecting "Parking Ban Alerts" from the list.

The City of Dover is currently assessing options for a new notification system.

Residents who previously subscribed to CodeRED should stay alert for winter weather announcements and parking-ban notices posted on the city website, social media channels, DoverTV, local media outlets, and through email updates.



Staff and family members of Dover's Community Services Department took first place in the civic division for parade floats.

## Annual Holiday Parade available online and on DoverTV

Missed the annual Dover Holiday Parade, or want to experience it again? This year's parade is available [online here](#), and is airing on DoverTV.

This year's theme was "Christmas Carols."

D.F. Richard Energy was this year's grand marshal.

The parade also honored several community members, including 2024 Citizen of the Year Sean O'Connell, 2025 Citizen of the Year Beth Fisher, and Woodman Museum representative Jonathan Nichols, the 2025 Champion of the Arts.

The Dover Holiday Parade is organized by the Cochecho Friends, a volunteer committee that includes Nicole Andrews, Robert Carrier, Angela Carter, Aaron Cronkrite, Lori Nollet, Michelle Routhouska, Mayor-elect Dennis Shanahan, and Samantha Tukey.





## Tri-City Mayors share holiday cheer with reading of “The Mitten”

The Tri-City mayors of Dover, Rochester and Somersworth continued a seasonal tradition by gathering to read the classic children’s book “The Mitten” and share warm holiday wishes with residents across the region.

Somersworth Mayor Matt Gerding, Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, and Rochester Mayor Paul Callaghan appear together in the video, offering greetings before taking turns reading Jan Brett’s beloved winter tale about a lost mitten, a determined boy, and the woodland animals who find shelter inside it.

The joint reading, shared with all three communities, highlights the mayors’ ongoing commitment to spreading goodwill during the holiday season. After the story, each mayor offers personal messages of cheer.

The full video of the reading can be [viewed here](#).

### Upcoming Meetings:

#### Planning Board TDR subcommittee, Dec. 8, 5 p.m.

The Planning Board TDR subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m., in First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

#### Conservation Commission, Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m.,

Dover Planning Board – Agenda	
1. <b>OPENING</b>	
2. <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	
3. <b>REPORTS</b>	
4. <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
5. <b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
6. <b>ADJOURN</b>	



### On the Agenda: Planning Board, 12/9/2025

In this video, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what’s on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2025. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at

in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **School Board workshop, Dec. 8, 6 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a budget workshop on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

### **School Board meeting, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.**

The School Board will have a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

### **Recreation Advisory Board, Dec. 8, 6 p.m.**

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 8, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at the McConnell Center, Room 224.

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

### **Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, Dec. 9, 4 p.m.**

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, beginning at 4 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Cemetery Board, Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m.**

The Cemetery Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Facilities and Grounds building, 145 Court St.

<https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=IGexsHlrTeULXIka>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council 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](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.

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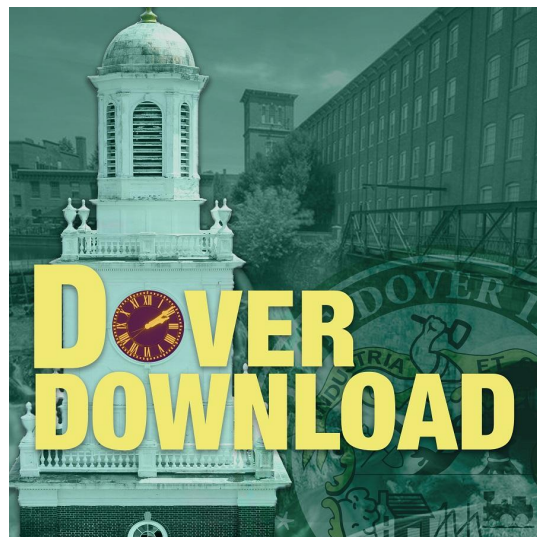
## **Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover**

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

- [Dispatch Alarm Modernization](#)
- [Central Avenue Urban Core Water Improvements Phase I](#)

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.



## **Energy Audits and November Meeting Updates**

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker hosts conversations about energy efficiency projects and



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

### **Planning Board, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.**

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

### **City Council, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, 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/>.

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## **Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant**

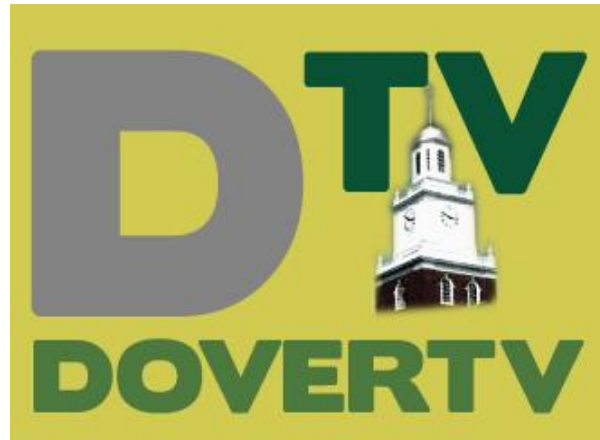
The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

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

- Conservation Commission
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Waterfront TIF
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at

provides monthly updates on board and commission activities. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4ounATT>.



## **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](https://dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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## **State motor vehicle fees increase on Jan. 1**

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2026, numerous state motor vehicle registration fees will increase as part of the state's biennial budget that was adopted earlier this year. Local municipal fees will not be increasing, so only the state portion of registration costs will be affected.

The new fee schedule is [available online](#).

Some of the fee schedule changes include:

- A \$10 increase for new titles, title transfers, and duplicate titles.
- A \$10 increase for 20-day temporary registrations.
- Vehicle registration fees increase \$4.80 to \$10.80, depending on the weight of vehicles 8,000 pounds and under. Above 8,000 pounds, the rate will increase 10 cents per 100 pounds.
- Fees for trailers under 8,000 pounds will increase 30 cents to \$3.60, depending

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 Vansylvong-Bizier at [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto: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 the weight. Above 8,000 pounds, fees will increase 6 cents per 100 pounds.

- Motorcycle registration fees will increase \$15.
- Moped registration fees will increase \$11.
- Vanity plate fees will increase \$20.

The Dover City Clerk's [webpage has information](#) on how the Clerk's Office can assist Dover residents in processing motor vehicle registrations. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 603-516-6018.

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## 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.

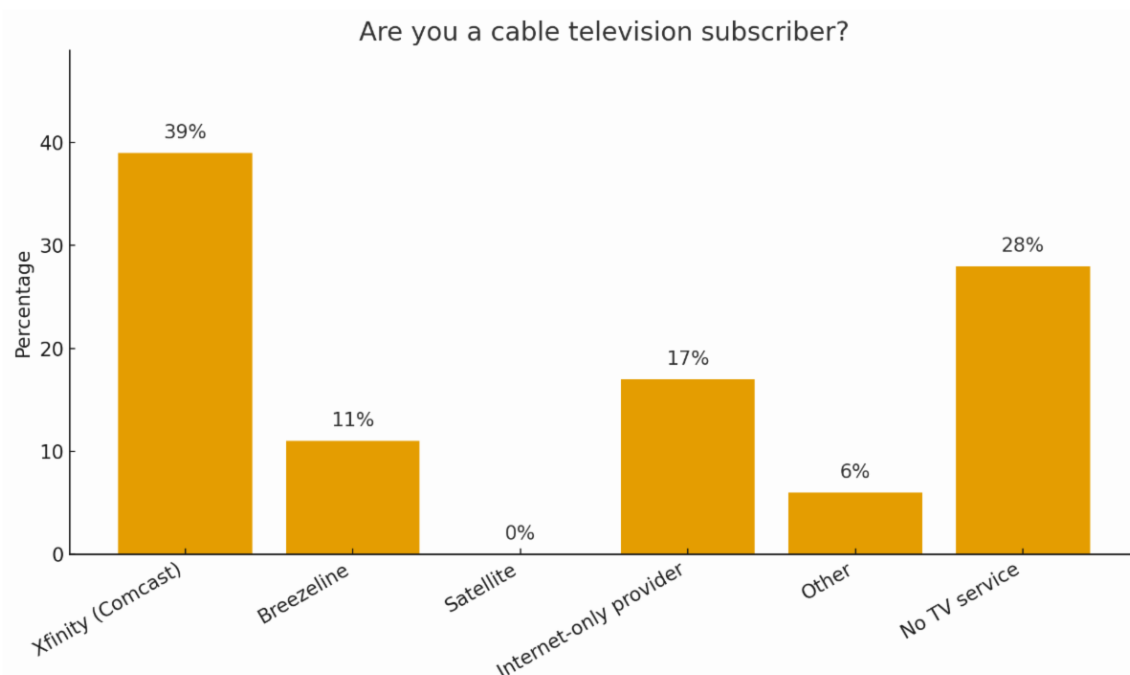
This week's question:

**"Have you visited the City's website for information in the past 30 days?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m52hzn>

*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 last week's poll, which asked, **"Are you a cable television subscriber?"**





# This week in DOVER HISTORY



The following events are from various historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

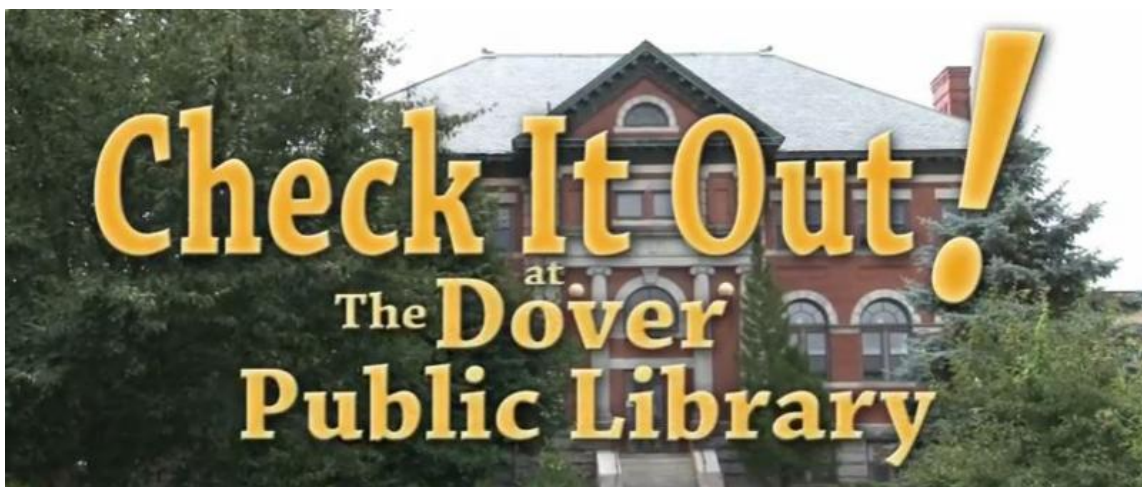
For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information [located here](#).

**Dec. 8, 1643** — The town voted that no one was allowed to cut timber on public land, whether for clapboards, pipe staves, planks, or boards, unless they first received permission from the town officials. At this time, Dover was still a young colonial settlement. Timber was one of the community's most valuable resources, essential for building homes, ships, barrels, and everyday tools. Because forests were a cornerstone of the early economy, towns imposed strict regulations to prevent over-harvesting and to ensure that valuable wood products, such as clapboards for siding and staves for barrels used in shipping, were managed responsibly.

**Dec. 8, 1811** — Samuel Bragg, Jr., editor and printer of the Dover Sun, died on this day. The newspaper reported his death as follows: "In the death of Mr. Bragg the town of Dover has experienced a great loss. He was a very industrious and enterprising man of steady habits and attention to his business. He had by his assiduity and great diligence acquired a very handsome property, when about twelve months since, while absent on a journey he was in a moment stripped of almost every dollar by the all-devouring element of fire. This disaster took such hold of his mind, as, after a while, to produce a dejection of spirits, and invite a complication of disorders which has thus early put a period to his mortal existence."

**Dec. 8, 1837** — The Universalist Church on Third Street was dedicated on this day.

**Dec. 7, 2001** — The City of Dover honored two local residents, George Estee and Al Reaume, on the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Both men survived the 1941 assault that drew the United States into World War II. Estee, stationed at Wheeler Field, recalled witnessing the first explosions and narrowly escaping friendly fire. Reaume, an anti-aircraft gunner from Somersworth, awoke to the bombing and rushed to his post on Red Hill. At Dover City Hall, the men received keys to the city and commendations recognizing their service and the sacrifices of that historic day.



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**This Week at the Library**

**Monday, Dec. 8, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

**STEM Storytime**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Children aged 3-5 are invited to participate in a science storytime this Fall. Each week, children will discover a Fall theme, utilizing stories, songs, and games, and highlighting a STEM activity.  
*Registration required.*

**Monday, Dec. 8, 4 to 5 p.m.**

**Crafternoon for Kids: Snowman  
Luminares**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Kids in grades K - 5 are invited to make a snowman luminaire. A luminaire is a jar with a candle inside. It makes a nice holiday gift! Children in kindergarten and first grade may need help from a caregiver to complete this project.  
*Registration required.*

**Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Natural health talk: Cold/Flu  
Prevention and Treatment**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

It's the time of year when everyone wants to stay healthy—especially during the holidays. Join Dr. Derek Reilly, ND, for a natural health talk on how our understanding of acute illnesses has evolved. He'll cover the root causes of colds and flu and offer practical, effective strategies for prevention and self-care.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Baby Storytime**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

For babies 0-24 months with caregiver. A joyful, half-hour lap sit story time with books, songs, movement, and rhyme.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Bedtime Family Storytime**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

We will read bedtime books and sing bedtime songs. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite blanket and stuffed animal. Open to children of all ages with a caregiver.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Learn to Use Libby: Drop In Session**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Discover Free Audiobooks & Ebooks with Libby! This easy-to-use app lets you borrow thousands of audiobooks and ebooks straight to your phone, tablet, or laptop — all with your Dover resident library card. Drop by our casual help session with Nick and Rachel, who'll walk you through getting Libby set up on your device. No registration, no stress — just

**Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7 to 8 p.m.**

**Who Gets To Fly? How NASA Chooses  
Its Astronauts**

**Register:** <https://ow.ly/RppG50XB2Zw>

Ever wonder how America chooses astronauts? Why did NASA select from military aviators? How are flight assignments made? Why did it take so long to incorporate women and minorities into the Astronaut Corps? Join NASA Solar System Ambassador David S. Ball as he discusses the tension between science and flight test, political considerations, and the luck of the draw that determines who gets to fly. Ball served 26 years in the US Air Force, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, and is a now a volunteer educator with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

**Thursday, Dec. 11, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Arts and Crafts Storytime**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

**Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Reading Rainbow Book Group**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss queer media. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

**Friday, Dec. 12, All Day**

**Library closed for staff development**

**Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Family Dance with The Suite Studio**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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.

**Saturday, Dec. 13, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Learn to Use Libby: Drop In Session**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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bring your device, your library card and we'll handle the rest.

**Wednesday, Dec. 10, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Family Storytime**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2 to 3 p.m.**

**Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book is *The Righteous Mind* by Jonathan Haidt.

ebooks straight to your phone, tablet, or laptop — all with your Dover resident library card. Drop by our casual help session with Nick and Rachel, who'll walk you through getting Libby set up on your device. No registration, no stress — just bring your device, your library card and we'll handle the rest.

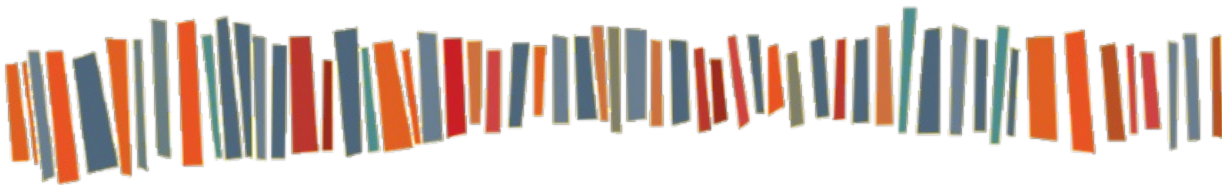
**Saturday, Dec. 13, 2 to 3 p.m.**

**Lego Club**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build from your imagination. This is a family event for people age 5-99.

All LEGO creations stay at the library.  
CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.



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## Smart and simple ways for renters to cut energy costs

Renters often feel they have little control over high energy bills, but small daily habits can make a surprisingly big difference. This first installment from Dover's Energy Commission highlights no-cost changes anyone can make to boost efficiency and help lower monthly costs year-round. From unplugging energy "vampires" to using sunlight to your advantage, these quick and easy tips help renters take charge of their energy use.



# Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

## WAYS FOR RENTERS TO SAVE ON ENERGY COSTS!

Renters, you can make a real impact with a few simple changes:

- The “Vampire Power” Sweep: Unplug gaming consoles, coffee makers, and chargers when not in use (estimated savings up to 10% of monthly bill).
- Cold Water Laundry: Wash with cold water to slash energy use.
- Air-Dry Dishes: Skip the “heated dry” and crack the dishwasher open to air dry.
- Strategic Blinds Management:
  - Summer: Close blinds on south- and west-facing windows to keep heat out.
  - Winter: Open blinds for daytime warmth and close at night to hold it in.
- Refrigerator Check: Set fridge to 37°–40°F and freezer to 0°–5°F and make sure door seals are tight.



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## Critical need for blood donors

Every day, thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant.



**American  
Red Cross**

More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and regular medical treatments, including for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer.

Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](#), or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Many people [are reluctant](#) to make their first blood donation, but once they do, they find the donation process to be easy and gratifying. [Learn more about](#) the donation process.

### Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Tuesday, Dec. 16, 12 to 5 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.
- Thursday, Dec. 18, 12:30 to 5 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
- Monday, Dec. 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Point Road
- Tuesday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Wentworth-Douglass Hospital](#), 789 Central Ave.
- Tuesday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.

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## Dover Main Street Holiday Food Drive underway

Dover Main Street's annual Holiday Food Drive continues, encouraging residents to help ensure a festive season for neighbors in need.



The drive runs from through Dec. 19, with all donations delivered to the Dover Food Pantry. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off at more than two dozen participating downtown businesses.

This year's collection sites include:

Aplomb Art Café; Birch Theory; Christopher's Third St. Grille; Cinco's Cantina – Dover; Dover Pottery; East Cozy Trading; Garrison City Beerworks; Hello Again; Hong Asian Noodle Bar; Janetos; Jewelry Creations; Kendall Pond Pizzeria; Market Square Jewelers; My Country Store; Ohana Kitchen; OTTO Pizza; Pin Up Hair Salon; Potter's Green & Gift; Positive Directions; Replenish Refinery; Riverbend Pizza; Ross Furniture; Pete's Bargain Basement; Suite Studio; The Art Center; The Brunch Club; The June Cork Pub; The Shop by Wheat; Thirsty Moose; Two Bees Café; Upright Acupuncture; and Wing-Itz.

A continually updated list of participating merchants is available at [dovermainstreet.org](https://dovermainstreet.org).

Dover Main Street organizes the annual drive to support the Dover Food Pantry during the busy holiday season.





## **Dover Fire Toy Bank accepting applications, seeking donations**

The Dover Public Welfare Office is now accepting applications for Dover Fire and Rescue Toy Bank through Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025. The annual Toy Bank provides gifts for children in need each holiday season.

To be eligible, children must be 12 years old or younger and residents of Dover. Proof of residency is required by presenting a current utility bill and photo identification. Applicants should provide the child's name and date of birth only. Specific gift requests will not be taken.

Applications can be submitted at the Dover Welfare Office, located at the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Suite 334. Gift pickup will be Sunday, Dec. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main entrance of 121 Broadway. For more information, contact the Dover Welfare Department at 603-516-6500.

### **How to help:**

Collect new toys within your organization for age groups from newborn to 12 years old. If looking for a specific need to fill, the infant and 9-12 age groups are always in need for both boys and girls. If you need a collection box, please call 603-516-TOYS, leave a message, and we will get you one for your business. Collection boxes will be distributed this month.

Purchase gift cards to area businesses, mall stores, and grocery stores are always appreciated.

Shop for hats and mittens, gloves and scarves that are needed for the cold winter. These gifts help ensure each child receives these essentials.

Collecting monetary donations within an organization and shopping for gifts helps greatly. If you don't have time to shop for these items, the Toy Bank will do it for you.

Monetary contributions can be picked up on location or mailed to Dover Fire Toy Bank, P.O. Box 1712, Dover, NH 03821-1712. Please make checks payable to The Dover Fire Toy Bank.

## **Dover Police Department accepting names for annual Christmas Basket Program**

Chief David A. Terlemezian announced this week that the Dover Police Department is now accepting names, addresses, and phone numbers of needy families residing in Dover for the annual Christmas Basket Program. The Dover Police Department conducts this program each December to provide a Christmas dinner to families in Dover.

Last year, 150 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community. In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place.

Those wishing to donate to this program may bring non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations to the Dover Police Department at 46 Chestnut St. (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities). If you cannot deliver your food donations to the police station, call 603-742-4646 and pick up will be arranged.

Employees of the Dover Police Department, and their families, will prepare and deliver the baskets on Dec. 20, 2025.

For more information, contact the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646 or [a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov](mailto:a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov).

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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:

- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Seasonal Snow Plow Driver, Part-Time**
- **Engineer**
- **General Legal Counsel**
- **Lab Technician - Water Resources**
- **Utilities Supervisor**
- **Engineering Secretary**
- **Health/Fire Life Safety Officer**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator-Streets/Stormwater**

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:

- **Childcare Coordinator-Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC)**
- **Clerical Aide Short Term Assignment**
- **DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)**
- **ESOL - Newcomer Interventionist (One Year Only)**
- **Long Term Substitute - Anticipated Speech Language Assistant**
- **Long Term Substitute - Speech Language Pathologist**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education**
- **Long Term Substitute Social Studies DHS**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Paraprofessionals- Special Education**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Substitute Nurses**
- **Substitute Teachers**

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

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