

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 13, 2026



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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,  
Thursday,  
Saturday:



## **City Manager unveils proposed FY27 budget**

### **City Council review of proposal continues with workshop next week**

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. presented the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget to the City Council at its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026. The presentation kicks off several weeks of budget meetings, workshops, and public hearings. The [first budget workshop](#) is Wednesday, Feb. 18, where the City Council will receive School, Executive, Finance, Planning, and Welfare departmental budget presentations.

The City Manager's proposed budget includes the School Board's recommended budget for the School Department, which it adopted on Jan. 12, 2026. The proposed budget and a video recording of the City Manager's presentation are posted on the [FY2027 Budget Revealed webpage](#), where other budget documents will be posted in subsequent weeks. All of the School Board's budget documents are posted to the same page. Physical copies of the FY2027 budget are available for review at the City Clerk's office and Dover

8:30 a.m. to 3:30  
p.m.

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

Public Library, which is temporarily located in the McConnell Center.

The total proposed FY2027 budget totals \$227,452,568 across all funds, an increase of \$18,523,098, or 8.9%. The General Fund budget totals \$183,077,453, an increase of \$12,700,828, or 7.5%. As proposed, the budget exceeds the tax cap calculation for the General Fund by \$877,273, with the School Board's recommended budget being \$1,912,546 above the school side of the tax cap calculation, which is slightly offset on the city side being \$1,035,273 below its half of the tax-cap calculation. For the City Council to adopt the budget as currently proposed would require a two-thirds affirmative vote by the City Council as opposed to a simple majority.

Based on the average residential property assessment of \$527,204 the estimated average property tax bill, based on the proposed budget, is \$10,739, an increase of \$365, or 3.5%. The final tax rate for Fiscal Year 2027 will be certified by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration in the fall of 2026 once it has information on the adopted budget and taxable assessed property values.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the public education side of the budget at its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026. The public hearing on the city side of the budget will be held at the City Council's Wednesday, March 11, 2026 meeting. Members of the public may also voice their input during the Public Forum section of any City Council meeting or budget workshop, or email the City Council at [CityCouncil-All@dover.nh.gov](mailto:CityCouncil-All@dover.nh.gov).



**City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., presents the proposed FY2027 to the City Council on Wednesday, Feb. 11.**

### **Budget Meeting Schedule**

All budget meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Wednesday, Feb. 18 – Workshop: School, Executive, Finance, Planning, and Welfare departmental budget presentations
- Wednesday, Feb. 25 – Regular Meeting: School Budget Public Hearing
- Wednesday, March 4 – Workshop: Police, Fire and Rescue, Library, and DoverNet departmental

- presentations
- Wednesday, March 11 – Regular Meeting: City Budget Public Hearing
- Wednesday, March 18 – Workshop: Community Services and Recreation departmental budget presentations
- Wednesday, March 25 – Regular Meeting (Public can speak during Public Forum)
- Wednesday, April 1 – 6 p.m. Workshop: General Budget Review
- Wednesday, April 1 – Special Meeting: Budget Adoption (immediately following the workshop)
- Wednesday, April 8 – Regular Meeting: Fallback budget adoption date

During the budget season, City Manager Joyal will also release a weekly newsletter that recaps any budget-related presentations and a look ahead to what will occur the following week. Sign up for the newsletter at [bit.ly/doverdownload](https://bit.ly/doverdownload), and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of newsletters.

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## City administrative offices closed Monday for Presidents Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed for Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 16, 2026. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The Public Library and the Dover Community Senior Center, both located in the McConnell Center, will also be closed on Presidents Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup are not affected by the holiday.

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## Energy Commission seeks new members

The Energy Commission is seeking two new member to join its ranks. Created by the City Council in 2011, the Energy Commission advises other boards and committees pertaining to energy plans and sustainable practices such as energy conservation, energy efficiency, energy generation, and zoning practices.

In addition, the committee assists in reviewing sustainability frameworks and advise on how the frameworks may be incorporated whenever possible into planning, policymaking, and municipal practices, and assist in creating recommendations for the city.

To apply for this or any other city committee, submit [a public body member application](#) to the City Clerk. The City Council makes appointments to the city's board, committees and commissions.

# BE A PART OF DOVER'S ENERGY FUTURE

## JOIN THE ENERGY COMMISSION

Dover's Energy Commission advises the City about all things energy including energy conservation, energy efficiency, energy generation, and policy. Members have expertise in various fields like solar, natural gas, electrical engineering, and sustainability. Some current projects include the Wastewater Treatment Facility solar project, a Weatherize Dover campaign, and an Energy Savings Performance Contract.

**Meetings:** Third Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM



### Upcoming Meetings:

#### Parking Commission, Feb. 17, 8:30 a.m.

The Parking Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

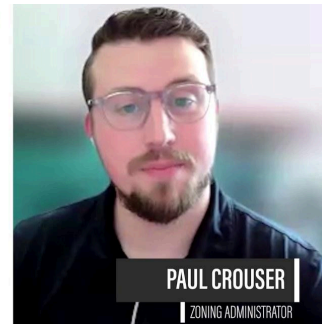
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

#### Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee, Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m.

The Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Conference, City Hall.

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

#### Energy Commission, Feb 18, 5:30 p.m.



**PAUL CROUSER**  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

### On the Agenda: Zoning Board of Adjustment, 2/19/2026

In this video, Zoning Administrator Paul Crouser reviews what's on the agenda at the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=zo5GB9aVOmT2C9BB>

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



The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **City Council Appointments Committee, Feb. 18, 6 p.m.**

The City Council's Appointments Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **City Council, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

### **Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Planning Board, Feb. 19, 4:30 p.m.**

The Planning Board TDR Sub-Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Zoning Board, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday,

Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.

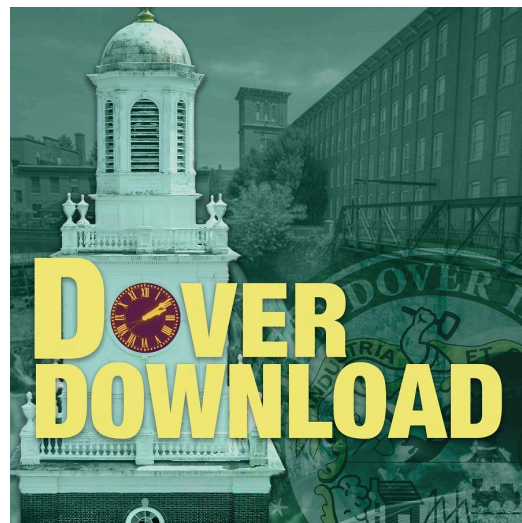
## **Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover**

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

- [Arena Concession Food and Snacks](#)
- [2026 Sidewalk Improvements](#)
- [Public Safety Vehicle Equipment Removal and Installation](#)
- [General Carpentry, Sheetrock and Painting Services As Needed](#)
- [Henry Law Avenue & Payne Street Reconstruction](#)
- [WWTP Plant Water \(Wastewater Effluent\) Skid System](#)

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.



## **Reaching for the Top: How One Dover Nonprofit Is Changing Lives for Children and Families**

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Amy Rich Crane, executive director of Reach for the Top Therapy, a nonprofit organization located in the

Feb. 19, 2026, 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
- Energy Commission
- 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 [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/)

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vanslyvong-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

McConnell Center that provides therapeutic services for children and young adults from birth to age 21. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4klg5hz>



## Stay connected with DoverTV

DoverTV is your front-row seat to local government and education in Dover, bringing public meetings, community events and original programming directly to residents.

Dover operates two local cable channels. The Government Channel features City Council, Planning Board, School Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and other municipal meetings, along with other government programming. The Education Channel features school-related programming.

- On **Xfinity**, the Government Channel is Channel 22 and the Education Channel is Channel 26.
- On **Breezeline**, the Government Channel is Channel 9010 and the Education Channel is Channel 9011.

Missed a meeting or want to watch it again? DoverTV makes it easy to catch up online. Visit [dovernh.viebit.com](http://dovernh.viebit.com) to watch meetings on demand, anytime. Archived meetings are conveniently organized by agenda item, so you can jump straight to the topics that matter most to you.

Whether you watch live or on demand, DoverTV keeps you informed, engaged and connected to your community.

## 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:

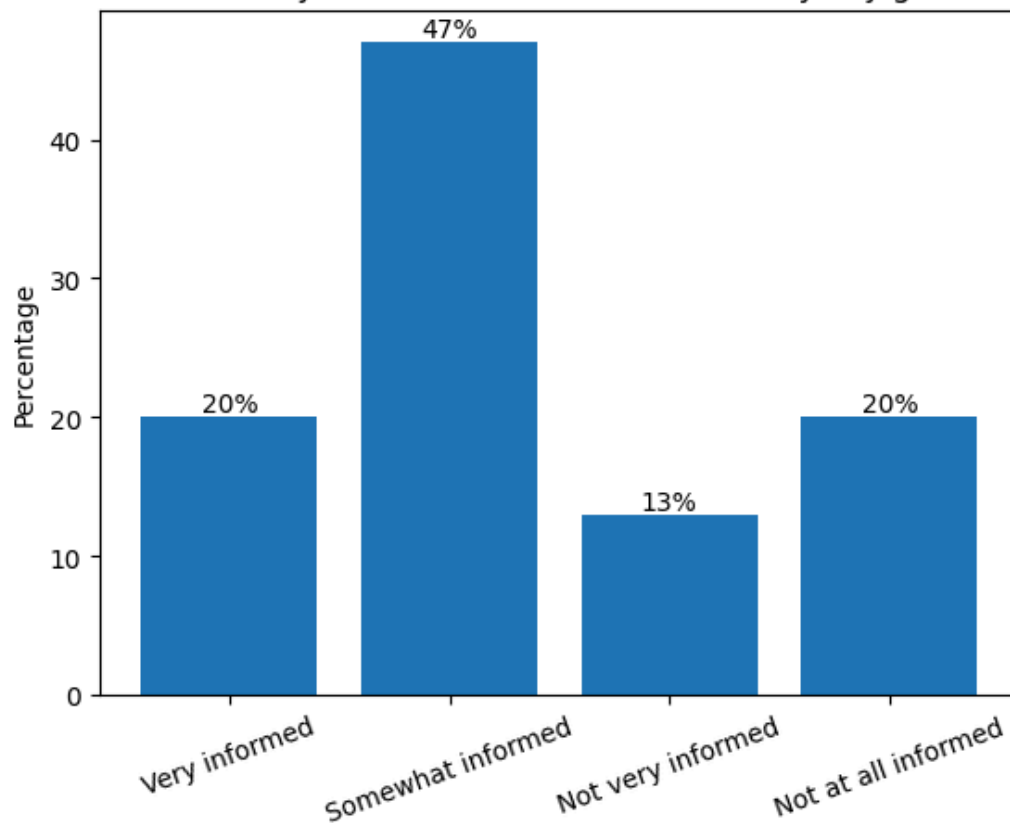
**"How often do you interact with neighbors socially?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mmt5ra>

*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, **"How informed do you feel about decisions made by city government?"**

How informed do you feel about decisions made by city government?



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](#).

**Feb. 14, 1792** — Just one month after a devastating fire destroyed his printing office, Dover publisher Eliphalet Ladd launched a new newspaper with a fitting name: The Phoenix. Ladd's previous paper had been forced to suspend publication after flames consumed his shop in January. In an era when newspapers were printed by hand on wooden presses and lit by candles or oil lamps, fires were a constant threat. A single spark could wipe out months of work, expensive type, and scarce paper supplies. For a printer, losing a shop often meant losing a livelihood. But Ladd was not finished. With remarkable speed, he resumed operations and debuted The Phoenix, symbolically rising from the ashes like the mythical bird. The first issue addressed the recent fire directly. Ladd published pointed commentary criticizing fellow citizens whom he believed had failed to assist in extinguishing the blaze. In a small town like Dover, where bucket brigades were the primary means of fighting fires decades before organized fire departments existed, community response could mean the difference between saving or losing an entire block. The tone of the paper suggests the fire, and the response to it, stirred strong feelings. Criticism of townspeople continued in subsequent issues. By Feb. 29, however, the editor struck a different note, writing that several submissions about the fire had been received, but that too much had already been published. The discussion, he said, had grown "too personal and abusive" to continue, and he declined to print further commentary on the matter.

**Feb. 12, 1844** — Capt. William Flagg, one of Dover's best-known "deep-water" sea captains, died on this day in 1844. Contemporary accounts remembered him as a former U.S. naval officer who was receiving a federal pension at the time of his death, and as a shipmaster who had earned the trust of his neighbors through a long maritime career. Flagg was born in Portsmouth in 1770 and went to sea young, building a career that included merchant voyages, wartime risk, and long stretches of Atlantic and coastal trade. In the late 1790s, he served two years in the United States Navy as a third lieutenant on the frigate John Adams, the kind of service that could later be tied to a pension. During the War of 1812 era, Flagg was also involved in privateering (private vessels legally authorized to capture enemy shipping). Records connected to his papers describe his participation in privateering ventures during that war. In 1815, Flagg built what became known as Tidewater Farm, a brick mansion on the Cochecho River, and he became influential enough that a road was laid out for a more direct route to his home, first called Flagg Road in 1821, and later renamed Cochecho Street in 1830. He also became involved with Dover's early industrial economy through the Dover Manufacturing Company, serving as an overseer and later a director.

**Feb. 18, 1999** — President Bill Clinton leads an invitation-only roundtable discussion on health care in the auditorium at Dover City Hall. Among the event organizers was former Mayor George Maglaras, who was with Clinton at a campaign stop at the Dover Elks in 1992, during the presidential primary. It was at the Elks that Clinton, who was then expected to drop out of the race, delivered his "last dog dies" speech that turned the tide of his ailing bid for the Democratic nomination. During that speech, he said, "I will tell you something. I'm going to give you this election back, and if you'll give it to me, I won't be like George Bush. I'll never forget who gave me a second chance, and I'll be there for you till the last dog dies — I want you to remember that." Clinton went on to place second in the New Hampshire primary and eventually won the presidential election. He would make several return trips to Dover.

**Feb. 13, 2002** — The Dover City Council considered a proposal to name the former middle school on Locust Street after Dover native Joseph C. "Mac" McConnell Jr. At the meeting, Councilor Jason Hindle sponsored a resolution to name the building the Joseph C. McConnell Center. The structure had previously been referred to as the old high school, junior high, or middle school. Hindle said the building lacked a clear identity and noted that city and school services were being consolidated there. McConnell grew up on Washington Street in Dover. During the Korean War, he became the nation's first triple jet fighter ace, credited with shooting down 16 MiG-15 aircraft in 1953 while flying an F-86



Sabre. He was killed in 1954 while test-flying an F-86H at Edwards Air Force Base in California. His life was later depicted in the 1955 film "The McConnell Story," which premiered at the Strand Theater in Dover. The former Dover Civil Defense Center briefly carried his name before it was demolished. Following a public hearing in March 2002, the building was formally dedicated later that year as the Joseph C. McConnell Center. Today, the McConnell Center houses city offices, school district offices, community programs, and a variety of non-profit agencies.

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## **How Dover's winter maintenance operations work**

When a winter storm hits Dover, it takes far more than a plow truck and a bag of salt to keep the City moving.

Dover's Community Services Department is responsible for maintaining:

- Approximately 82 miles of public sidewalks
- Hundreds of lane miles of roadway
- Municipal parking lots and public facilities
- The downtown business district
- Crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and drainage infrastructure

### **What happens before and during a storm**

Winter operations begin long before the first snowflake falls. Crews monitor forecasts daily, prepare equipment, produce brine solutions, and stage salt and sand supplies.

When snow begins, priority roads are plowed and treated first to maintain emergency access and major travel corridors. Sidewalk clearing follows an established priority system. Of Dover's 82 miles of sidewalks, approximately 43 miles are designated priority routes, developed in coordination with police and school officials to maintain safe school transportation corridors and access to key municipal facilities. Sidewalks outside those zones are cleared as staffing, equipment, and budget allow.

Unlike larger municipalities, Dover does not operate full, rotating snow shifts. During significant snow events, crews often work extended hours, frequently more than 24 hours at a time, to keep roads and sidewalks passable. In prolonged storms, staff may remain on duty for 36 to 40 consecutive hours to maintain priority routes and respond to changing conditions.



## Why winter is so challenging

This winter has included multiple storms, intense cold snaps, and rapid freeze-thaw cycles.

When temperatures fall into the single digits or below zero, traditional road salt loses much of its effectiveness. In those conditions, crews switch to a sand/salt mixture to improve traction. However, this approach may leave a compacted layer of snow, sometimes referred to as “hard pack,” on road surfaces. While this improves vehicle grip, it can give the perception that roads are untreated. Larger agencies, such as the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDT), may achieve bare pavement under similar temperatures by applying significantly more salt.

Repeated storms and extreme cold also strain equipment and require additional material applications. Due to the severity and frequency of storms this season, the City has already exhausted its winter maintenance budget.

Like many municipalities across New Hampshire, Dover continues to face challenges recruiting and training qualified snowplow operators and equipment drivers. Operating specialized winter equipment safely requires skill and experience, and building that workforce takes time.

## How residents can help

Winter maintenance is a shared effort. Residents can support operations by:

- Removing vehicles from streets during snow events
- Avoiding passing plow trucks
- Clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property
- Keeping catch basins clear of snow when safe to do so
- Reporting persistent trouble spots through the City's [Service Request Portal](#) or by contacting Community Services at 603-516-6450

When you see crews working overnight in extreme cold, know that they are doing everything possible to keep Dover safe and accessible.

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## Volunteers sought for Master Plan update

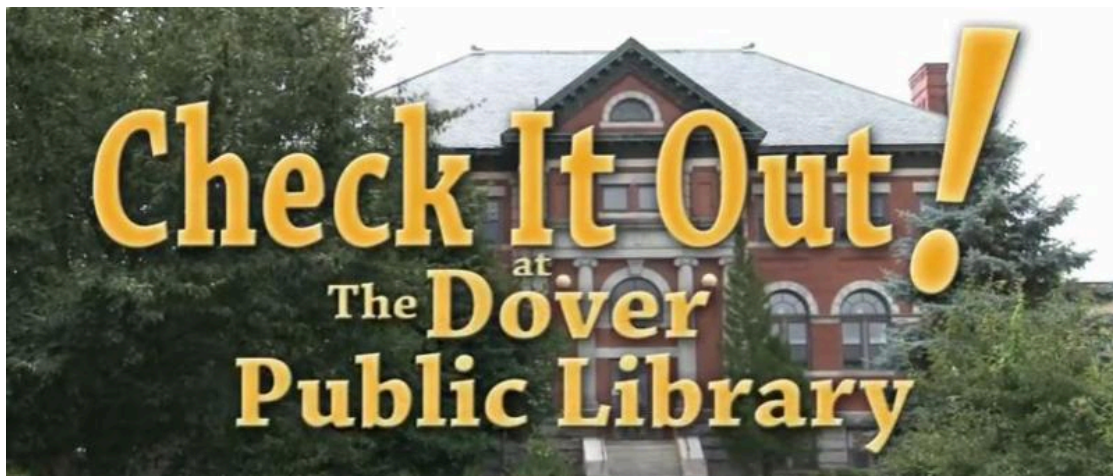
The Planning Department seeks volunteers to serve on the steering committee for the upcoming update to the [Transportation Chapter](#) of the Master Plan, which was last adopted in 2016. This update will build on ideas and themes identified during the public engagement process for the [Vision Chapter](#), with a focus on enhancing walkability,

improving transportation efficiency, and advancing the City's ongoing traffic calming efforts. Residents interested in helping shape the future of local transportation are encouraged to get involved. To apply, please complete [this application](#) and submit it to the City Clerk's Office by March 1, 2026, either [by email](#) or in person at City Hall.

Some of the project goals for the Transportation Chapter include:

- Analyze existing conditions, including a review of relevant plans, studies, and transportation projects.
- Identify current, emerging, and projected transportation trends and evaluate potential impacts, constraints, and opportunities.
- Assess citywide and corridor-specific traffic calming opportunities, speeds, volumes, and crash data.
- Develop and implement a public engagement and communications plan.
- Prepare recommended transportation strategies guided by the 2023 Vision, including complete streets, traffic calming, ordinance updates, and cross-sectional street design guidelines for integration into regulations and capital planning.

Residents who wish to learn more about the Steering Committee and update project, may [email](#) City Planner Erin Bassegio or call the Planning Department at 603-516-6008.



## A writer's view of the Louvre burglary

The world stood in stunned silence on October 19, 2025 when it was revealed that thieves broke into the Louvre and stole several priceless jewels... in broad daylight.



As the details began to emerge, more and more it sounded like something you'd read straight out of a book. Except it wasn't – and mystery writers everywhere were left wondering how they could ever write a story to surpass it.

Join Dover Public Library virtually on Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. for "Burglary at the Louvre: How Can Writers Top This?" featuring the Curators of Crime, a group of four mystery writers who specialize in stories about art, antiques, and historical thefts. The program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

The Curators of Crime are made up of mystery authors Connie Berry, Lane Stone, Nina Wachsmann, and M. A. Monnin. In this presentation, they will examine the public's fascination with the burglary and discuss how, as authors, they have used the same

elements in their books. They will cover the crime itself, the police investigation including the procedures for capturing the thieves, the psychology and motives that prompt such a bold theft, and how intrinsic and historical value of the jewels make them targets and added to the public's fear of their loss.

The 2025 Louvre theft is the first art theft from the world's most visited museum since Le Chemin de Severes by Camille Corot was stole in 1998. Four suspects, posing as construction workers, used a mechanical lift and broke into the museum using power tools. The eight Napoleonic jewels that were taken included diadems, necklaces, earrings, and brooches. One was an emerald necklace with more than 1,000 diamonds gifted by Napoleon to his second wife. The stolen jewels total around \$102 million and were stolen in under eight minutes.

Connie Berry is the author of the Kate Hamilton mysteries, set in the UK and featuring an American antiques dealer with a gift for solving crimes. Berry was raised by antiques dealers who instilled in her a passion for history, fine art, and travel. During college she studied at the University of Freiburg in Germany and St. Clare's College, Oxford, where she fell under the spell of the British Isles. In 2019 Berry won the IPPY Gold Medal for Mystery and was a finalist for the Agatha Award's Best Debut.

Lane Stone is a graduate of Georgia State University with a degree in Political Science and has a post-graduate certificate in Antiquities Theft and Art Crime. When not writing, she enjoys characteristic baby boomer pursuits such as traveling and volunteering for good causes. She serves on several boards. She published her first art thriller "The Collector" in 2022. Her other series are the Pet Palace Mysteries and the Tiara Investigation Mysteries.

Nina Wachsmann graduated from Parsons School of Design where she studied illustration with Maurice Sendak. After a career as a former ad agency creative director, she now runs a digital marketing company. Art is a theme in many of her stories, including "The Gallery of Beauties", her debut novel of historical suspense which is the first in the Venice Beauties set in 17th Century Venice.

M. A. Monnin has been a traveler all her life, living in West Germany, The Netherlands, Spain, and England. An avocational archaeologist, she attributes her fascination with archaeology to her childhood in Germany, where she visited medieval churches, castles, and villages. Her short stories have appeared in anthologies and Black Cat Mystery Magazine, and her nonfiction articles cover Victorian reception of Ancient Egypt, detective fiction, and gardening. She is author of the Intrepid Traveler mystery series.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to sign up, visit the library's [website](#) or call 603-516-6050. If unable to attend, the program will be recorded and sent via email within 48 hours of the live stream.

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## This Week at the Library

**Monday, February 16, Library Closed**  
**Presidents Day Holiday**

**Tuesday, February 17, 9:30 to 11:30 am**  
**Adult Knitting Group**  
**McConnell Center Cafeteria**

This group is open to anyone who has a love for knitting, crocheting, and related fiber arts. All levels are welcome, no instructions provided! Bring your works-in-progress and any finished objects you would like to show off to the group.

**Weds., Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**  
**Art Forgery**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Do you dream of being an art forger? Give it a try! Each month we will take on replicating a famous work of art. Come every time, or just come for the pieces that interest you. We'll start off with a brief history on the piece, as well as an overview of the techniques and the medium. We will have pastels, watercolors, colored pencils, markers, and more at your disposal to render your imitation. Feel free to bring your own art



### **Caregiver Cafe**

#### **Dover Chamber of Commerce**

Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation.

Loved ones are welcome.

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

#### **All Abilities Club: Legos**

##### **Great Bay Services**

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

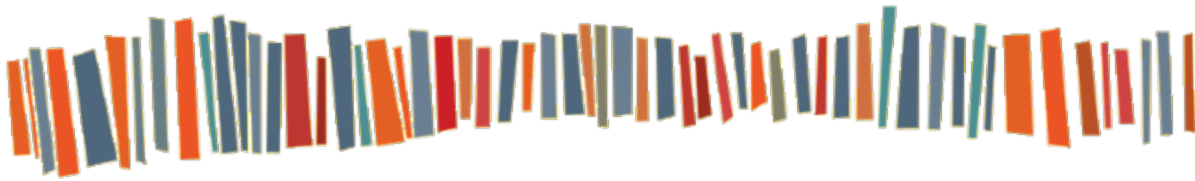
supplies as well. This is not a class. We will have a reference photo on the overhead projector. Just come paint, draw, relax, and socialize. This program is intended for teens and adults. This month's painting is *The Kiss* by Gustav Klimt. *Registration required.*

**Saturday, February 21, 10 to 11 a.m.**

#### **Bingo!**

##### **McConnell Center, Room 306**

Start your Saturday off right with some rousing rounds of bingo! We'll be giving away small prizes for lucky bingo winners, and snacks and drinks will be provided. This program is open to participants of all ages, and no registration is required.





**REPORT A CRIME  
ANONYMOUSLY.**



**CALL 603-749-6000**



**SUBMIT AN E-TIP AT  
DOVERCRIMELINE.ORG**

## **Report crimes anonymously to Dover CrimeLine**

Dover CrimeLine is a community partnership between residents and the Dover Police Department that allows people to anonymously share information about criminal activity.

Anyone with information about a crime can call Dover CrimeLine at 603-749-6000 or submit an E-Tip through [www.dovernhcrimeline.org](http://www.dovernhcrimeline.org). Tipsters remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest or indictment.

Dover CrimeLine was established in 1991 to enhance public safety and reduce crime in the city. Since then, thousands of tips have contributed to arrests and investigations, with more than \$34,000 in rewards authorized.

Tipsters are reminded that Dover CrimeLine is not an emergency service. If a crime is in progress or has just occurred, call 911 or the Dover Police Department's nonemergency line at 603-742-4646.

For more information or to learn how to volunteer with the CrimeLine board, visit [www.dovernhcrimeline.org](http://www.dovernhcrimeline.org).

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## How to stay informed about parking bans

The City of Dover utilizes winter parking bans as needed through the winter season to clear the streets of snow.

Parking bans can occur during a storm or afterward for cleanup. When a parking ban is in effect, all vehicles must be off public ways and specific parking lots to avoid being ticketed and towed.

To receive email alerts, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and add "Parking Ban Alerts" to your email subscriptions.

The City of Dover also utilizes its [website](#), social media accounts, DoverTV, and local news media to notify residents about parking bans. The [Winter Parking Ban webpage](#) has current ban status. The public can call 603-516-PARK (7275) to check the parking ban status at any time.

### Seasonal winter parking restrictions

In addition to winter parking bans, several streets have seasonal winter parking restrictions in place from Dec. 1 to April 1, regardless of the current weather conditions. These streets have signs posting restrictions that prohibit parking at any time, day or night, between Dec. 1 and April 1.

Find the complete list of streets with seasonal parking restrictions on the city's [Winter Parking Restrictions webpage](#).

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

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## Dover Community Power: How to opt out or "opt up"

New electricity rates for Dover Community Power take effect on Feb. 1, 2026. While eligible residents are automatically enrolled in the standard Community Power plan, participation is entirely voluntary. Residents have the right to change their electricity supplier at any time with no penalty.

The process to change is straightforward. Using your current Eversource account number, you may opt out and return to Eversource's default supply service, or switch to a third-party competitive supplier through the [online portal](#) or by phone.

Additionally, Dover Community Power offers choices for cleaner energy. You can "opt up" to a plan with significantly higher percentages of renewable or green energy than standard utility plans.

Regardless of who supplies your power — [Dover Community Power](#), Eversource, or [another provider](#) — Eversource will continue to deliver electricity to your home and send you one single monthly bill.

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## Critical need for blood donors

The American Red Cross reports a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply. The shortage is especially serious for blood types O, A negative, and B negative blood.



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

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). [Learn more about the donation process.](#)

### Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Tuesday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Dover Point Road
- Thursday, Feb. 19, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
- Friday, Feb. 20, 1 to 5:30 p.m., [St. John's United Methodist Church](#), 28 Cataract Ave.
- Monday, Feb. 23, 12 to 4:30 p.m., [Riverside Rest Home](#), 276 County Farm Road
- Tuesday, Feb. 24, 12 to 5 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.
- Wednesday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Wentworth-Douglass Hospital](#), 789 Central Ave.

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## Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens seeks volunteers

As spring approaches, The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is seeking volunteers to maintain garden beds weekly, with flexible scheduling available. Tools are provided and stored in the on-site shed. The team also welcomes Common Area Tenders to assist with general cleanup; no gardening experience is required.

Additional volunteer opportunities are available for special projects, including website support, historical research, database management, steering committee leadership, and other tasks.

Residents interested in volunteering are encouraged to email [contact@joeparksgarden.org](mailto:contact@joeparksgarden.org) to learn more.

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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
- Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities
- Seasonal Snow Plow Driver, Part-Time
- Lab Technician - Water Resources
- Utilities Supervisor
- Health/Fire Life Safety Officer
- Municipal Construction Project Administrator
- Prevention Programmer
- Custodian, Part-Time
- Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater
- Truck Driver - Streets
- Maintenance Specialist - Utilities
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Maintenance Specialist - Meters & Backflow
- Utilities Laborer
- Truck Driver-Utilities
- Working Foreman - Water Treatment & Supply
- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Summer Day Camp Supervisor

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:

- Substitute Teachers
- DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)
- Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher
- Dean of Bellamy Academy
- Individual RN - Anticipated
- Noon Aide
- Long Term Substitute - Anticipated Speech Language Assistant
- Special Education Teacher/Case Manager
- Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education
- Paraprofessionals
- Noon Supervisors
- Credit Recovery Proctor

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

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