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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 6, 2026



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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
p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday,
Thursday,
Saturday:



City Council to receive FY27 proposed budget

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City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. will introduce his proposed fiscal year 2027 budget at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The City Manager's budget will incorporate the School Board's adopted budget for the School Department, which the School Board approved on Jan. 12. The city-wide budget will also include the first-year projects in the latest six-year Capital Improvements Program adopted in December.

Once the budget is introduced, a digital version will be available on the [FY2027 Budget Revealed webpage](#), which will also include video recordings of budget meetings and workshops and any accompanying documents. A physical copy of the budget will also be available for review at the Dover Public Library and the City Clerk's office. School Board budget documents and video recordings are already posted on the page.

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

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

The introduction of the budget begins two months of budget review by the City Council. In subsequent weeks, the City Council will hold workshops to review each department's budget. The Council will also hold two public hearings: one for the public education component of the budget, and one for all other city departments. The City Charter requires the City Council to adopt the annual budget by April 15.

During the budget season, City Manager Joyal releases 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, and select "Budget Revealed" from the list of newsletters.



Willand Pond milfoil grant on Council agenda

Resolution would allow acceptance of grant funds for alternative mitigation strategies if amended during the Council meeting

At its [Jan. 28 meeting](#) following a public hearing, the City Council voted 5-3 in favor of accepting the \$19,535 grant for controlling milfoil at Willand Pond, which requires a 50% match from the city. The motion failed as a two-thirds majority is required by city charter to make appropriations that were not included in the fiscal year's adopted budget. While the motion failed, there was consensus among the City Council that action must be taken; the disagreement was on the use of the ProcellaCOR aquatic herbicide recommended by the NHDES.

At its [upcoming meeting](#) on Feb. 11, the City Council is expected to again take up the same resolution that would allow the city to accept and expend a state grant that would be used to combat the invasive milfoil infestation. The City Council may amend resolution to allow the city to pursue an alternative mitigation strategy other than the herbicide recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., in an email to City Council this week, wrote, "NHDES has advised that Dover remains eligible for the matching grant funds and those funds can be applied for alternative remediation efforts, including manual weed removal, should that prove viable." The deadline for the city to accept the grant is Friday, Feb. 13, 2026.

The Conservation Commission [will discuss](#) the Willand Pond mitigation strategies at its Monday, Feb. 9 meeting, and potentially make a recommendation to City Council. That meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall's Council Conference Room.

The City Council will also hold public hearings on:

- Reprogramming unexpended bonds from the Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project to the Horne Street Reconstruction Project
- Reprogramming unexpended bonds from the Elm/Summer/Belknap Reconstruction Project to the Lower Central Avenue Reconstruction Project
- Adoption of the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan related to recovery housing
- Authorizing to apply for a Dover Housing Authority Grant to establish a recovery house on Avon Avenue

The City Council will also consider adopting its goals for the 2026-2027 term.

The [complete meeting agenda](#) is available online. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. will be televised on DoverTV and [online](#).

Mayor Shanahan to host monthly office hours at City Hall

First session is Tuesday, Feb. 10

Mayor Dennis Shanahan will hold monthly office hours at City Hall, offering the public an opportunity to stop by and speak directly with the mayor.

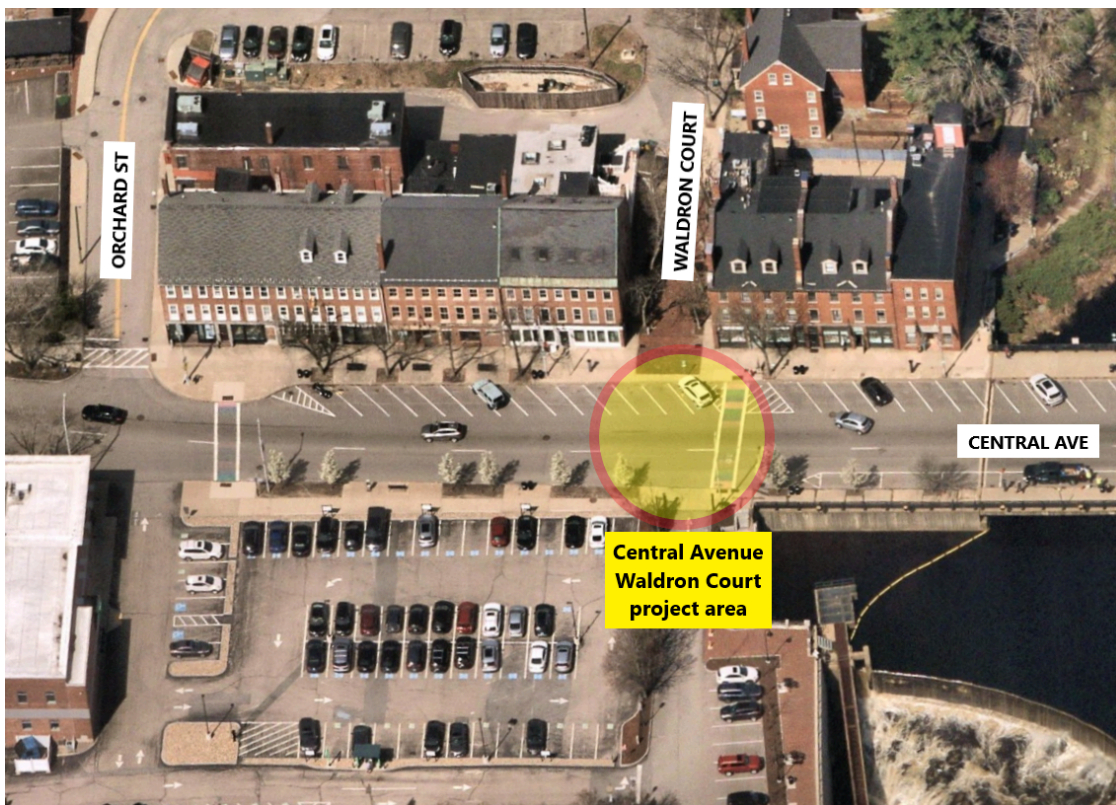
The office hours will take place in the Council Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall and will last approximately 90 minutes. Residents are welcome to attend during the scheduled time.

The first two office-hour sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 9 a.m., and Thursday, Feb. 26, at 5:30 p.m. Additional dates will be announced monthly.

City Hall is located at 288 Central Ave.

For more information, contact Mayor Shanahan at 603-534-3750 or d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov.





Central Avenue work begins next week

Work will require traffic restrictions, including lane closures

A city contractor will begin upgrading the Waldron Court pedestrian crossing at Central Avenue next week. Work next week will be preparing area for construction. No work will occur on Friday, Feb. 13.

Work will begin in earnest on Monday, Feb. 16 and continue Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through mid-April.

During construction, motorists should anticipate delays through the project area during construction hours with lane shifts; flaggers will be present to assist with traffic flow. Parking will also be restricted in the project area. Waldron Court and sidewalks in the area are expected to be open for the duration of the project, except for brief closures for the installation of lighting infrastructure.

This project will construct curb bump-outs to reduce the crossing distance on Central Avenue, improving pedestrian visibility in a high-traffic area. New lighting will also be installed to enhance visibility, as well as new drainage infrastructure. The pedestrian crossing at Waldron Court will be shifted slightly to align with Waldron Court. Parking spaces will also be adjusted slightly, with two spaces being permanently eliminated.

City Council [awarded the project bid](#) to S.U.R. Construction, Inc. for \$169,595 after a competitive bid process. The project will utilize funds from the Community Development Block Grant. The project is the first of a multi-phase effort to improve downtown pedestrian crossings.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Conservation Commission, Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Dover Utilities Commission, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

The Dover Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

Recreation Advisory Board, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., at the McConnell Center, Room 224.

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

School Board, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

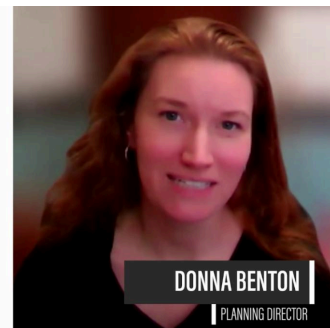
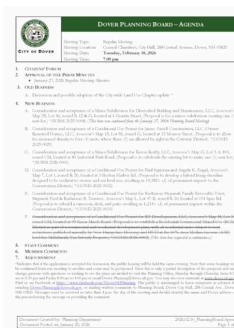
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Planning Board, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

City Council, Feb. 11,



On the Agenda: Planning Board, 2/10/2026

[In this video](#), Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on [the agenda](#) at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026.

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 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:

- [General Carpentry, Sheetrock and Painting Services As Needed](#)
- [Public Safety Vehicle Equipment Removal and Installation](#)
- [Arena Concession Food and Snacks](#)
- [2026 Sidewalk Improvements](#)

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.

7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Ethics Commission, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

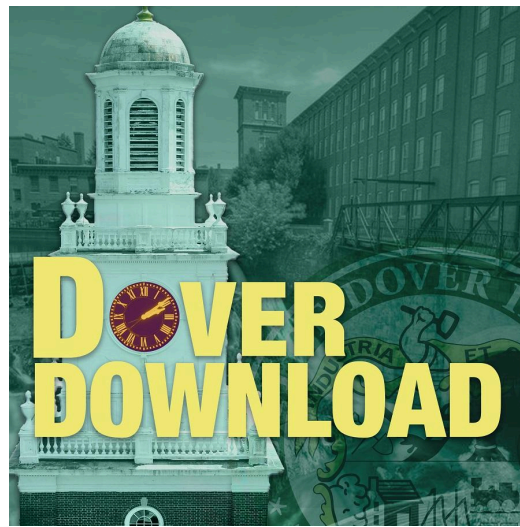
Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

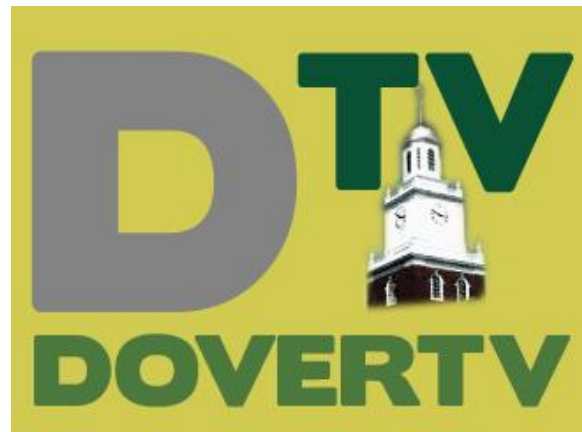
- Conservation Commission
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Energy Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Waterfront TIF
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at



January in Review: New Council, New Goals, New Beginnings

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Mike Gillis, the city's Director of Media Services, to recap highlights from January's board, committee, and commission activities. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3NU5gH1>



Stay connected with DoverTV

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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.

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. 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 **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 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.

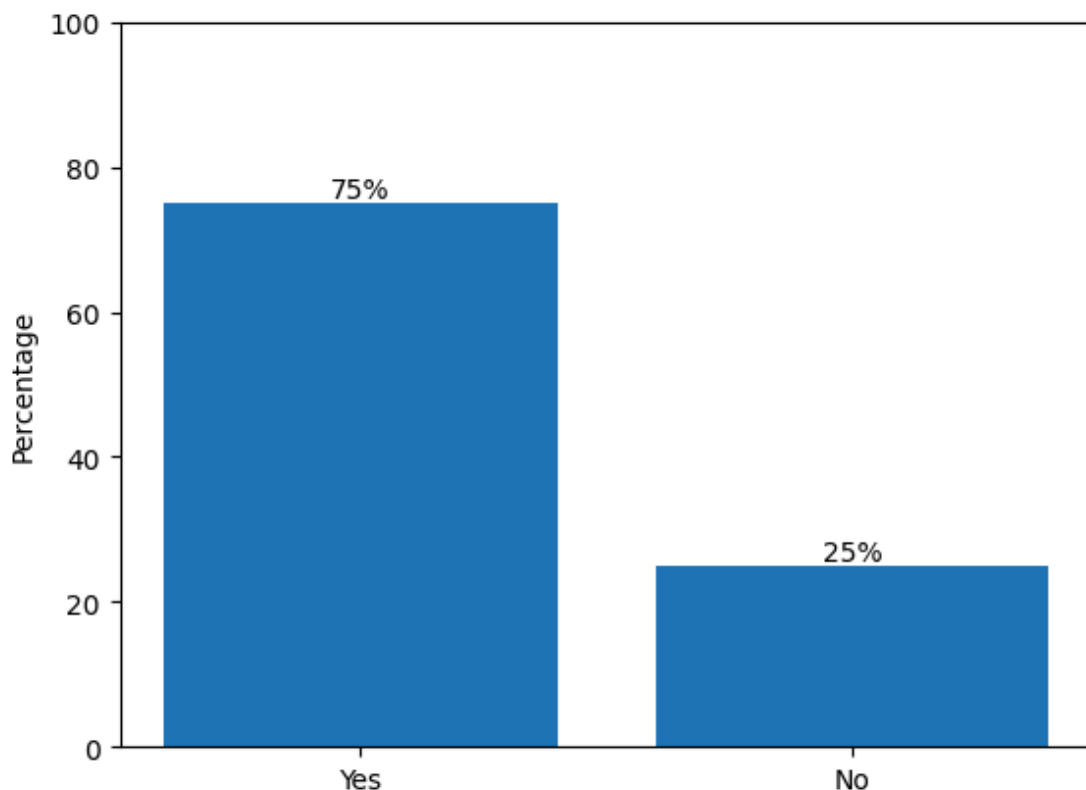
This week's question:

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

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m2dx4q>

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, **"Have you visited a local Dover business in the past week?"**



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. 9, 1893 — Late on a snowy Wednesday night, a devastating fire swept through the Strafford County Asylum in Dover, killing 41 people and becoming the deadliest tragedy in the city's history. The blaze was discovered around 10 p.m. by a night watchman, but firefighters traveling by horse-drawn wagons did not arrive until nearly midnight. By then, the two-and-a-half-story wooden building was already in ruins. With barred windows and no safe exits, most of the residents were trapped inside. Only three people survived. A marker commemorating the tragedy stands behind the Strafford County House of Corrections.

Feb. 10, 1897 — According to the Dover Enquirer, a man and a young woman from Durham narrowly avoided serious injury after a sleigh accident on Central Street in Dover. As they were heading home in the evening, their sleigh became caught in an electric streetcar rail in front of St. Mary's Convent. The sudden stop threw both occupants from the sleigh, with the woman landing in a puddle of icy water. Her companion managed to hold onto the reins and was dragged a short distance before a passerby, identified as Mr. Austin, was able to stop the horse. Aside from minor bruises and some shaken nerves, the pair were unharmed and continued their journey home.

Feb. 7, 1924 — About 3,000 people attended the opening of the new 1,000-foot-long toboggan chute at Garrison Hill. The event included a torchlight parade and bonfire. At 8 p.m., Mayor Waldron and Park Commissioner Richardson switched on the park lights.

Council President A.C. Wentworth and William Penn Tuttle, president of the Chamber of Commerce winter sport committee, rode the first toboggan down the chute, about 600 feet into a field at the bottom of the slide.

Feb. 8, 1925 — Dover Fire Chief James Smith was instantly killed after striking a match while searching for a gas leak in the cellar of the Strafford Bank building. A janitor in the building at the time was injured. This event is detailed in the video, [The Tragic Death of Dover Fire Chief James Smith](#).



Suicide Prevention Training

We Can All Play a Role in Suicide Prevention

Pick a time to learn how to recognize and respond to warning signs and behaviors that may indicate a peer or loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis. Be empowered to help save a life!



 Thurs, Feb 5, 5-8pm	 Dover High School Library
 Tues, Feb 10, 5-8pm	 Mulligans/Somersworth High School
 Thurs, March 5, 5-8pm	 Dover High School Library
 Wed, April 8, 4-7pm	 Rochester Public Library
 Sat, May 2, 12-3pm	 Barrington Public Library

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Register: <https://forms.gle/VrJxgeYmQYnXjZULA> or scan below:



Brought to you in collaboration by these Tri-City Alliances

Casino proceeds to benefit Dover Rotary

Dover Rotary will host Charitable Gaming Days from Feb. 10–19 at Revo Casino, with proceeds supporting a wide range of local Rotary service projects.

Revo Casino, located at 887B Central Ave., features slot machines, table games and sports betting. Funds raised will benefit Rotary programs including community giving grants, scholarships, food insecurity initiatives, youth and senior programs, mental health awareness, vocational training grants, and other charitable efforts.

More information about Dover Rotary and its programs is available at doverrotary.com.

Rotary

Dover, NH



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Join in the fun at
**Dover Rotary's
Charitable
Gaming Days
at Revo Casino**
Feb. 10 - 19, 2026
887B Central Ave, Dover, NH

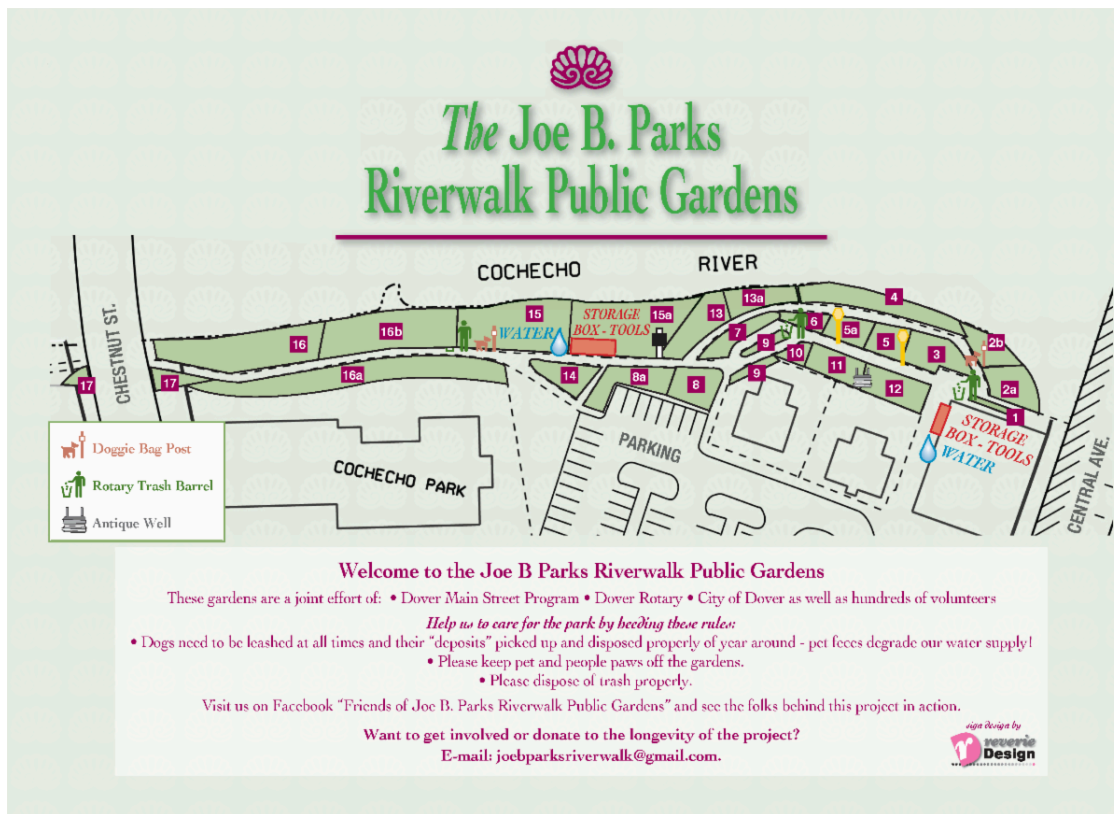
Funds raised during gaming days will
help Rotary fund our projects:

Community Giving Grants
Scholarships
Rotary Garden at Henry Law Park
Milk & Eggs Program
Shoe & Boot Program
Child Enrichment Program
Kids Closet
Senior Visits
Dictionary Literacy Project
Middle School Student of the Month
Gifts of Warmth for the Unsheltered
Food Insecurity Programs
Mental Health Awareness
Vocational Training & Tools Grants
Local & International Projects

Revo Casino features thrilling games like Ultimate Fire Link, Devil's Lock, and Huff N' More Puff. Enjoy a variety of table games including Blackjack, Roulette, and Craps, plus Table Games Progressives and Live Poker. And get into the action with DraftKings Sportsbook.

Visit their new restaurant and bar, Rebels for bold flavors and fun vibes.





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 to learn more.

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.

Your Power, Your Choice: How to Change Your Electricity Supplier

Dover residents are automatically enrolled in Community Power but you may opt out or choose another supplier at any time.

Community Power Rate Update



New rate:
14.663¢ per kWh



Effective:
Feb. 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026



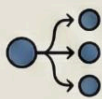
Applies to electricity supply only.
Delivery charges stay the same.

Delivery charges are set by Eversource and apply to all customers, regardless of supplier.

How to Opt Out or Change Suppliers

STEP

1



Decide What You Want

- Stay with Dover Community Power
- Switch to Eversource's default supply
- Choose a third-party supplier

There is no penalty for switching.

STEP

2



Have Your Account Number Ready

- You'll need your Eversource account number
- Found on your electric bill

STEP

3

Choose How to Make the Change



Option A: Community Power Portal

Visit the Community Power website. Make changes online.



Option B: Call or Email

1-866-603-7697 (POWER)

Info@Community-PowerNH.gov

STEP

4



Allow Time

Changes take 1-2 billing cycles. No service interruption.



Shop & Compare Your Options

New Hampshire residents can compare licensed energy suppliers and rates through the New Hampshire Department of Energy.

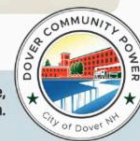
www.energy.nh.gov/engyapps/ceps/shop.aspx

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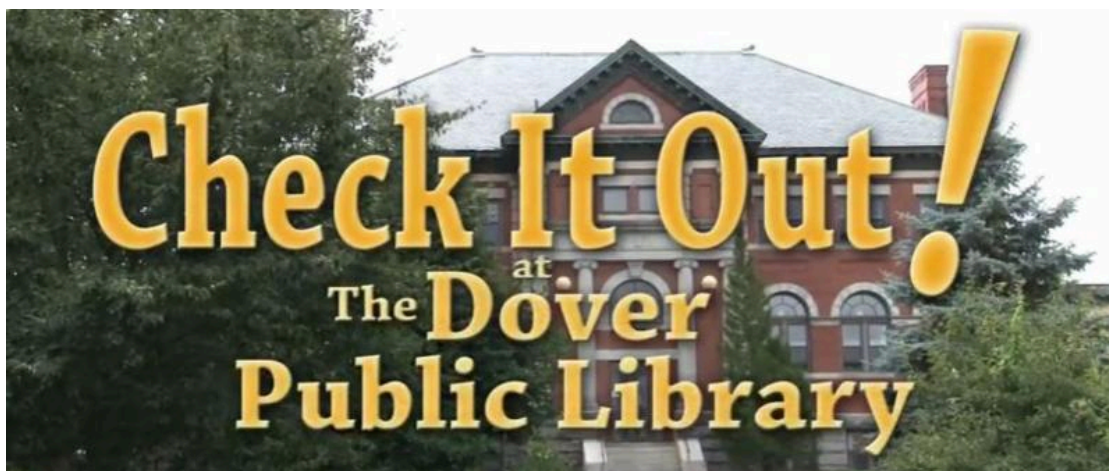


Good to Know

- ✓ You will still receive one bill from Eversource
- ✓ Community Power is voluntary under state law
- ✓ You can switch suppliers again at any time
- ✓ No taxpayer funds are used to operate the program



Dover Community Power is part of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, authorized by state law and designed to provide local choice and market competition.



Sally Snowman, the last keeper of Boston Light

What began with George Worthyake in 1718 ended with Sally Snowman in 2023.

For over 300 years, Boston Light lit the way with a lightkeeper by its side. When Snowman became the 70th lighthouse keeper in 2003 she made history as its first woman caretaker, but also the last lighthouse keeper in the United States.



Hear Snowman's remarkable story virtually with Dover Public Library on Thursday, February 12 at 7 p.m. The program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

Boston Light, located on Little Brewster Island in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, was the first established Light Station in colonial America and began lighting the way for safe navigation in 1716. In Snowman's presentation, she will provide photos of Boston Light's 307 years of history and a few photo anecdotes of her experiences as a 21st century keeper. She will also be joined by her husband Jay Thomson and Lighthouse Historian Jeremy D'Entremont.

By the 1990s most lighthouses were automated, but Boston Light remained manned. Snowman was hired in 2003 by the Coast Guard as a civilian lighthouse keeper with her jobs including keeping the lighthouse clean, checking mechanical equipment, and overseeing all the tours (while adding her own personal touch of wearing period accurate dress.)

By 2023, the age of the lighthouse keeper came to an end when Snowman retired at age 72, but her love of the lighthouse still remains. The lighthouse, with Fresnel Lens and fog signal apparatus, continues to remain active as a Coast Guard maintained aid-to-navigation.

Snowman's love of lighthouses began as a child seeing her father work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She struggled in school, barely passing, and would eventually discover that she had undiagnosed dyslexia and attention-deficit disorder. This led her to gravitate towards caretaking jobs like childcare, elderly care, and work with the disabled. She would go on to earn a BS at Bridgewater State College, Masters in Education at Curry College, and a PhD in Neurolinguistics from Walden University (simply because she was curious how a brain operates with a learning disability). But throughout her many jobs and degrees, she always fell back to the sea — the one constant that brought her comfort. It was through her 30 years volunteering with the Coast Guard Auxiliary that she not only became involved with Boston Light but also met her civil engineer husband.

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.

Learn about John Adams in presidential series

His vice presidency was the only time the president and vice president were from different parties. He was the first president of the United States to live in the White House; and he never enslaved anyone. Do you want to know more about John Adams?

Join Dover Public Library virtually on Friday, Feb. 13 at 10:30 a.m. to discover some more fun facts about our second president in this yearlong Presidential Series with "America's

Preeminent Presidential Doodler,” Heather Rogers. The program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

In 2026, journey through Rogers’s sketchbooks as she shares her favorite tidbits, doodles, observations, and resurrection stories about the first 12 presidents. This yearlong series will take place the second Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. and feature a new president each month. Sign up is needed to receive a link to the live stream. Register online at the Dover Public Library’s website for one or all of the programs. For those unable to attend, the program will be record and sent to registrants via email within 48 hours of airing.

Rogers isn’t a historian, an academic, or an impartial storyteller, but she has read more than one book about every U.S. president. She was dubbed “America’s Preeminent Presidential Doodler” by one of her favorite biographers and she’s been repeating it ever since. When she’s not reading or doodling history books, she’s a freelance graphic designer, illustrator, and content creator.

To keep her interest during her project, Rogers filled hundreds of sketchbook pages doodling her way through presidential biographies. Doing so heightened her curiosity and turned her into an insufferable presidential nerd. Along the way, she discovered unexpected threads connecting seemingly unconnected people, times, and events. She can’t get enough of the weird trivia, coincidences, and quirks. Like the fact that English wasn’t the first language of the first president born in the U.S. Or that a three-part plan was proposed to bring George Washington back to life. Don’t even get her started on William Henry Harrison — he was only president for a month, but she could talk about him for hours.

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This Week at the Library

Monday, February 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Preschool STEM Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

Children aged 3-5 are invited to participate in a science storytime. Each week, children will discover a winter theme utilizing books, songs, games, and highlighting a STEM activity. Learn about the science of Penguins and Polar Bears and get your hands 'dirty' with snow and ice! *Registration required.*

Monday, February 9, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Copies of the book will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

Monday, February 9, 6 to 8 p.m.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

McConnell Center, Room 306

Do you love the idea of exploring fantastical worlds? Do you have a love of collaborative gameplay and an active imagination? Then Dungeons and

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids

McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Wednesday, February 11, 7 to 8 p.m.

The Art Spy: The Extraordinary Untold

Tale of WWII Resistance Hero

Rose Valland

Register: <https://ow.ly/yNeb50Y8vCk>

Author Michelle Young discusses her book *The Art Spy*, a riveting and stylish saga set in Paris during World War II that uncovers the true story of an unlikely heroine who infiltrated the Nazi leadership to save some of the world’s most treasured masterpieces.

Thursday, February 12, 10 to 10:45 am

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

Dragons is for you! Join Dungeon Master Michael for this beginner series where you will create your own character, play in a story campaign, learn the basics. This program is for teens in grades 6-12 and all supplies (and snacks) will be provided. Register once for the six week session

Monday, February 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Copies of the book will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

Tuesday, February 10, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Baby Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers. Join for songs, movement, rhymes, and stories.

Tuesday, February 10, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library
McConnell Center, Room 306

As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$20 per year. This organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as cultural events for the community.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 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, Feb. 11, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Club: Art for All
Great Bay Services

This inclusive program for adults welcomes those with disabilities as we create art and craft projects. Each session of this hands-on program will feature a different art exploration.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 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 Power of Habit* by Charles Duhigg. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

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, February 12, 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Reading Rainbow Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *The Pairing* by Casey McQuiston. Copies of the book will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

Thursday, February 12, 7 to 8 p.m.
Sally Snowman: The Last Keeper of the Boston Light

Register: <https://ow.ly/mA1e50Y8vSg>

For over 300 years, Boston Light lit the way with a lightkeeper by its side. When

Sally Snowman became the 70th lighthouse keeper in 2003 she made history as its first woman caretaker, but also the last lighthouse keeper in the United States. Hear Snowman's remarkable story as she shares photos of Boston Light's 307 year history.

Friday, February 13, 10:30 to 11:30 am
Virtual Presidential Series:
John Adams

Register: <https://ow.ly/FgTM50Y8w0h>

A yearlong series with "America's Preeminent Presidential Doodler,"

Heather Rogers, sharing curious facts, surprising tidbits, and lively illustrations of

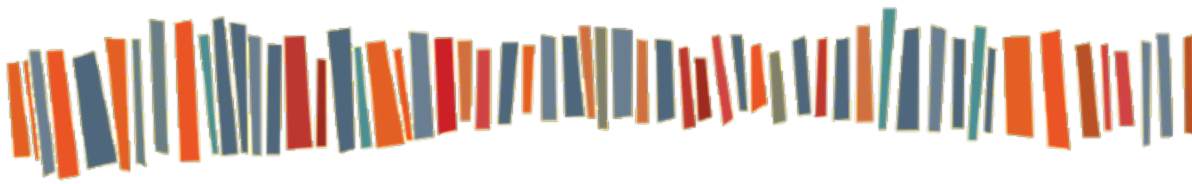
U.S. presidents. This month we're all about John Adams: His vice presidency was the only time the president and VP were from different parties. He was the first POTUS to live in the White House; and he never enslaved anyone.

Saturday, February 14, 2 to 3 p.m.
Bird Feeder Craft

McConnell Center, Room 306

Calling all bird lovers in grades 3-6! Help out your feathered friends this Valentine's Day and create bird feeders from orange peels and other natural materials.

Registration is required.



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 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.

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.



**American
Red Cross**

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.

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**

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:

- **Dean of Bellamy Academy**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Long Term Substitute - Anticipated Speech Language Assistant**
- **Third Grade Teacher**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education**
- **Spanish Teacher**
- **DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Social Studies Teacher**
- **Noon Supervisors**
- **Credit Recovery Proctor**
- **Summer School Proctor**

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

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