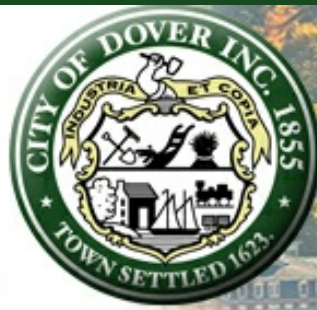


# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



January 10, 2025



**CITY OF  
DOVER, NH**

288 Central  
Avenue  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

**City Hall  
hours:**

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

Friday:  
8:30 a.m. to 4  
p.m.

**Recycling  
Center hours:**

Tuesday,

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

### **Curbside trash/recycling, library and outdoor pool renovations on Council's Jan. 15 agenda**

The City Council's first regular meeting of the year includes consideration of numerous significant funding resolutions that would authorize the renovation of the Dover Public Library and the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool, and extend the contract with Waste Management for the city's curbside trash and recycling for seven years.

The curbside collection contract extension was the sole topic of this week's City Council workshop, available to [view here](#). It's been an issue that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has been investigating for the past three years; the committee recommends the Council approve the contract extension. The contract extension would keep operations as-is for the next two years, followed by a conversion to an

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

automated system that allows trucks to collect totor contents via a robotic arm. The conversion to the totor system would replace the current pay-as-you-throw trash bags. The city's current contract with Waste Management ends on June 30, 2025.

The City Council will also consider awarding bids for:

- The Dover Public Library renovation project to Bonnette, Page & Stone Corp., of Laconia for \$7,161,183, which includes a contingency of \$490,000. If approved, the project is expected to begin this season and be completed in about a year;
- The Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool renovation project to Northeast Earth Mechanics LLC of Pittsfield for \$3,585,124, which is expected to be partially offset by a \$500,000 Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. The project will repair the 47-year-old pool, which includes significant structural cracking that leads to excessive water loss. The deck will also be surfaced and the pumping and filtration equipment will be replaced, among other significant work.

At the beginning of the meeting are four public hearings. One is for a non-debt finance appropriation FY2026 Capital Improvements Program for an ambulance replacement. Two are related to funding the Garrison Hill Water Storage Tank rehabilitation project from unused funds of past projects, with one reprogramming unexpended funds from the Ireland Well replacement project and the other reprogramming unexpended bond proceeds from various water fund capital projects. The last public hearing is on reprogramming unused bond proceeds from the Dover High School construction project to an LED lighting upgrade project for the Dover public schools.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers and will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

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## School Board adopts FY2026 budget

### City Manager to present city-wide budget next month

The School Board adopted the School Department's [FY2026 budget](#) at a special session on Jan. 6 in a 6-1 vote. The adopted budget will be included in the overall city-wide budget that City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. will present to the City Council on Feb. 12, 2025.

The School Department's adopted budget totals \$95,722,335, which includes an operating budget of \$90,086,597 and a special revenue budget of \$5,635,738. The operating budget would be funded by local property taxes of \$63,521,900. That amount exceeds the school portion of the estimated tax-capped levy by \$2,611,154.

The School Board began its budget review on Nov. 18 with a presentation from Business Administrator Michael Limanni and Superintendent William Harbron. Through subsequent weeks of meetings and workshops, they moved the School Board through a high-level overview to an in-depth review of the proposed FY2026 budget, including

recommendations on new position requests.

Video recordings of budget meetings and workshops, along with associated budget documents are posted to the [FY2026 Budget Revealed](#) webpage.

For more information, contact the Dover School District at 603-516-6800.

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# **Dover Public Library to close Monday for renovations**

## **Will reopen temporarily Feb. 3 at the McConnell Center**

The Dover Library will close for renovations next week, but operations will continue in the McConnell Center – once staff has had a chance to move its most popular borrowing items to its temporary McConnell Center location. During the closure and throughout renovations, the entire library collection will remain available for borrowing through a curbside pickup program or at the library's temporary McConnell Center location.

The library's physical space at 73 Locust St., will close to the public on Monday, Jan. 13 and reopen in the McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., on Monday, Feb. 3. Adult services will be located in the cafeteria, and Children's services will be in Room 305. Library events will occur Room 306 starting in January.

The renovations will enhance the 1905 Carnegie Library by adding accessible entrances and programming space, including additional meeting rooms. The historic front façade of the building will remain unchanged, as will its detailed woodworking throughout. The new addition on the parking lot side of the library will create two entrances: One for the Children's section on the ground floor and another for the main library section on the first floor. The City Council is expected to authorize the construction contract at its Wednesday, Jan. 15 meeting.

### **Curbside pickup**

During the library's closure to move operations, curbside pickup will be available for all library items, similar to the extended closure during the Covid-19 pandemic. Patrons may select items by placing a "hold" through their online account (or call the library), and then schedule a curbside pickup time via [tinyurl.com/BooksCurbside](https://tinyurl.com/BooksCurbside). During the initial closure on Jan. 13, pickup requests will be located on a cart under the portico by the Children's Room entrance, and wrapped in paper with the patron's first three letters of their last name and first initial on the paper. The items will already be checked out to you. Just grab and go.

### **Library hours and phone numbers**

Once at its temporary location, the library's operating hours will change slightly to match the McConnell Center's regular hours. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, from 12 to 4 p.m. (Closed Sundays during the summer.) The library's phone numbers will remain the same throughout the renovation. Call the Circulation Desk at 603-516-6050 or the Children's Room at 603-516-6052.

### **Public computer use**

Public use of computers will continue in the McConnell Center. The Dover Adult Learning's computer lab in McConnell Center's Room 301 will be open for public use on Mondays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays and Fridays, from 1 to 5 p.m. To schedule technology help during these times, contact Technology Librarian Nick Gagnon at [n.gagnon@dover.nh.gov](mailto:n.gagnon@dover.nh.gov). There will also be computer stations in the McConnell Center cafeteria after the Feb. 3 opening during regular hours.

Interested and available to provide physical labor to help the library move into its temporary location? The library seeks volunteers during the first two weeks of its closure, which will involve pushing carts. Email [libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov](mailto:libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov).

Stay up to date with library renovation plans at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/library/about-us/renovation/>, Facebook, Instagram, or sign up for the library's newsletters.

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## **Ethics Commission continues review of complaint at Jan. 15 meeting**

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. in the McConnell Center's Room 323.

According to the agenda, the meeting will allow for further deliberation of the ethics complaint filed by a Dover resident, which was the subject of the Ethics Commission's Jan. 2 special session, during which the commission held a hearing and began deliberations.

[Click here](#) for the Jan. 15 agenda.

Caitlin Wilkie of Sixth Street filed a complaint with the City Clerk's office on Nov. 26, 2024 alleging Fergus Cullen, Ward 6 City Councilor and the Council's Planning Board designee, had conflicts of interest defined by [Article 10](#) "Conduct of Officials" of the Dover City Charter and [Chapter 21](#) "Code of Ethics" of the City Code. The complaint cites Charter Article 10-2 "Conflicts of Interest and Disqualification from Decision-Making Process," and code sections Chapter 21-2 "Conflicts of interest," Chapter 21-5 "Required disclosure by officers and employees; recusal," and Chapter 21-8 "Investments in conflict with official duties."

[Click here](#) for the Jan. 2 agenda, complaint, and an audio recording of the meeting and other materials.

The Ethics Commission has 30 calendar days to issue a written report on whether the complaint's allegations are actionable and, if so, any recommended remedies for the City Council to consider.

[Chapter 21 Article II](#) in city codes defines the Ethics Commission's purposes, complaint procedure and remedies, which serves in an advisory role to the City Council.

For more information about the Ethics Commission, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/ethics-commission/>.

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## **Daytime lane closures in effect on Spaulding Turnpike in Dover**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is conducting daytime construction on the northbound Spaulding Turnpike (Route 16) in Dover to install temporary shielding under the Cochecho River bridges.

Crews this week began installation work on the northbound section between Exits 8 and 9. The work is in preparation for the rehabilitation of the highway bridges across the Cochecho River scheduled to begin in spring 2025. Lane closures with uniformed officers will control traffic during operations. Motorists should use caution in the construction zone.

Work hours are Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Weather permitting, the project is expected to take about four weeks.

Real-time traffic updates are available at [newengland511.org](https://newengland511.org). Travelers can sign up for "My511" alerts about incidents and construction.

The work is part of the Dover 41824 project. Evroks Corporation of Northfield, New Hampshire, is the prime contractor for the \$14 million project, scheduled for completion in June 2027. The project includes replacing both decks, superstructures and bearings, rehabilitating abutments, minor rehabilitation work to the piers, and minor work at the approaches to tie into the existing roadway.

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GREATER DOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



## Dover Chamber to host annual Economic Forecast Jan. 29

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host its 2025 Economic Forecast breakfast on Wednesday, Jan. 29, featuring keynote speaker Brian Gottlob, director of the New Hampshire Employment Security's Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau.

The event, sponsored by Eversource and Cleveland, Waters and Bass, Attorneys at Law, will be held at Brueckner Group USA in Dover and will provide attendees with a comprehensive review of 2024's economic performance and insights into the anticipated economic landscape for 2025.



BRIAN GOTTLLOB

Gottlob, who also serves as principal of Dover-based economic research firm PolEcon Research, was recently appointed to the advisory board of the New England Public Policy Center of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in 2024. His firm specializes in analyzing emerging economic trends, demographics, energy, fiscal policy, labor markets, and real estate at the intersection of private sector activity and government policy.

New for 2025, the Chamber will offer a virtual attendance option. While the event will not be livestreamed, a recording will be made available to all virtual registrants and in-person attendees following the event.

The breakfast, catered by Stella's Cafe, begins at 8 a.m., with the program starting at 8:30 a.m. Chamber members can attend in person for \$30 or virtually for \$15. Non-member rates are \$40 for in-person attendance and \$20 for virtual access.

To register for the event, visit <https://bit.ly/40tnNxY> or contact the Chamber office at 603-742-2218.

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## Upcoming Meetings:

### Conservation Commission, Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### Recreation Advisory Board, Jan. 13, 6 p.m.

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

### Planning Board Workshop, Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Auditorium. The topic of the workshop is the annual meet-and-greet for all of the city's land-use public bodies.

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

### Planning Board, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

### Ethics Commission, Jan. 15, 6 p.m.

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center. The regular meeting will be followed by a nonpublic session.

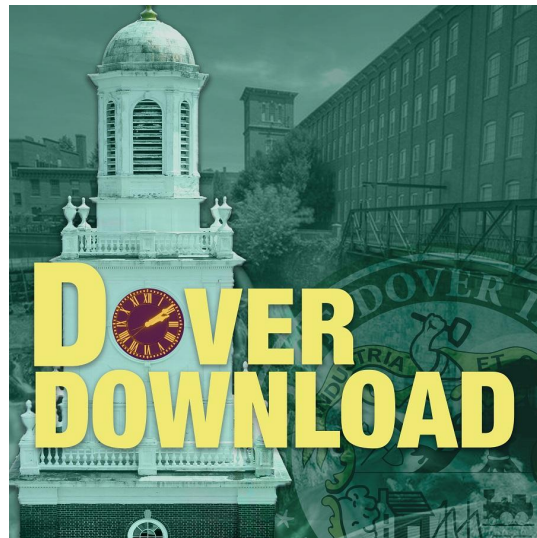
## Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS - Consulting Services-Bellamy River Fish Passage Restoration Bridge Replacement](#)

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.



## Building Trust: A Conversation on Local Government and Transparency

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, the second of two parts, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Nate Bernitz, a field specialist for Community and Economic Development at the University of New Hampshire's Cooperative Extension, about transparency and public trust in local government. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3DFuaOM>.

## Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due

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

### **City Council, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

### **Zoning Board, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16, 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/>.

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:

- Arena Commission
- Arts Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Heritage Commission
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee
- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](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 Vansylyvong-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.

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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:

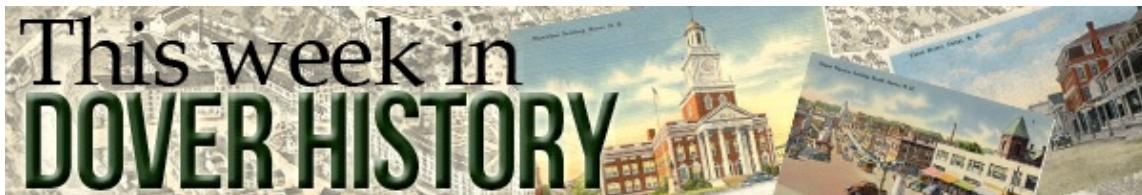
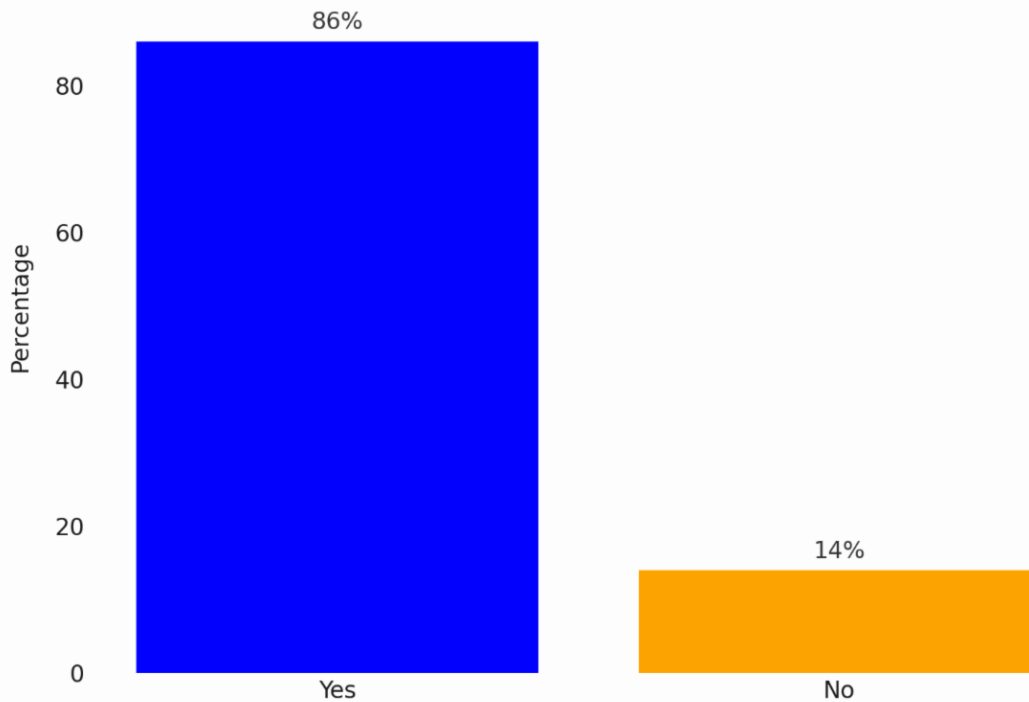
**"Have you ever visited Garrison Hill Tower?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mdk33n>.

*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 ever used any of the City of Dover's recreation facilities?"**

Poll Results: Have you ever used any of the City of Dover's recreation facilities?



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](#).

**Jan. 16, 1766** — Lee, part of the original territory of Dover, and afterwards of Durham, was "set off" and incorporated as a town on this day.

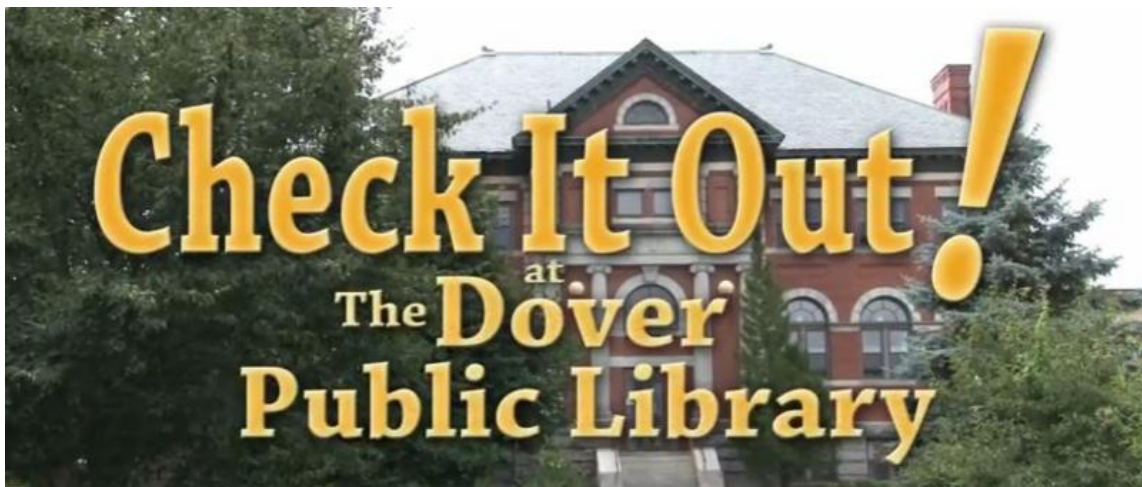
**Jan. 11, 1850** — Fire broke out at H.S. Plumer & Company's store in the Cocheco Block. Local firefighters, with help from the Cocheco Manufacturing Company, managed to contain the fire to just the store. However, most of the store's inventory was destroyed. The total damage was estimated at \$9,000, with insurance coverage of \$3,500 from Cocheco Mutual of Dover and \$1,500 from Atlantic Company of Exeter. The company lost all their accounting records in the fire, and there were initial concerns about a large sum of money being lost as well. In the local newspaper, the Dover Gazette, a writer using the pen name "Philo" published a letter praising the store's owners as respectable young businessmen who had suffered a major setback. The writer urged the community to help them rebuild their business. Investigators believed the fire started when a stack of cotton goods fell onto a stove. The building itself sustained damage between \$1,500 and \$2,000. The fire's spread was slowed by the wet weather that night.

**Jan. 14, 1884** — The Dover Public Library opened to the residents of Dover with 4,508 volumes and an author and title catalog. The librarian, Miss Garland, told the local newspaper, "The work had been carried on incessantly up to within a few minutes of the hour of opening, but about five minutes before two, she sat down in a great depression of mind. Had it been worthwhile, and would anybody come? The clock struck two and the door creaked open. Three high school boys rushed up the stairs. Following them was a

woman who had been sent by her sick son at home. Close behind her were more high school boys and some men. Then came a few ladies who had not wanted to push. In a few seconds the room was full. With very unsteady knees she rose to her work. "Ivanhoe" was the first book wanted. The mother of the sick boy went home with "Adventures of a Young Naturalist". Thus did the Library begin its ministry to the sick." There were 180 people registered and 160 took books that first day. A rousing success, the Dover Public Library recorded 2,300 borrowers during that first year and in its first decade of operation circulated over half a million volumes.

**Jan. 14, 1976** — The City Council unanimously approved a resolution renaming the Dover Recreation Center the Robert "Bumpy" Butterfield Memorial Gymnasium, honoring Robert M. Butterfield, the city's Director of Parks and Recreation who had recently passed away on Nov. 26, 1975. Included in the resolution was a petition signed by 861 youths to rename the gym "as a memorial to the man that unselfishly dedicated so much of his life to the benefit of children, and to a man that always had a moment to spare for anyone." At the time, the gym was located at Dover's Armory (now the New Hampshire Children's Museum), which the Dover Recreation Department acquired in 1962. When Dover Recreation moved to the McConnell Center, it renamed the old high school and junior high gym to the Butterfield Gymnasium in honor of the hero to many of the city's children.

**Jan. 12, 1999** — Gerald "Gerry" Daley, Dover School District's superintendent for 16 years, announced his retirement at age 60, citing a long-held personal goal. Known for his calm demeanor, dedication, and wit, Daley had been called a cornerstone of the district, attending countless events and championing initiatives like public kindergarten and curriculum updates. Though proud of his accomplishments, Daley expressed regret over leaving before the completion of a new middle school on Durham Road. While his tenure faced occasional criticism, Daley emphasized the rewards of education. School Board members praised his leadership, highlighting his lasting impact on the district and its students.



## This Week at the Library

**Monday, Jan. 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Preschool Storytime**

**McConnell Center in Room 305**

Join us for a Preschool Storytime for kids aged 3-5. We will read books, sing songs and participate in some fun activities in celebration of winter animals and snow.

**Monday, Jan. 13, 3 to 4 p.m.**

**Monday Afternoon Book Group**

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda

**Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 to 7 p.m.**

**Friends of the Dover Public Library**

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.

Rutledge. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

**Monday, Jan. 13, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Teen Dungeons & Dragons**  
**McConnell Center in Room 305**

Do you love the idea of exploring fantastical worlds? Do you have a love of collaborative gameplay and an active imagination? Then Dungeons and Dragons is for you! Join Dungeon Master Michael for this beginner series, where you will create your own character, play a one-shot story campaign, and learn the basics of D&D 5th Edition. This program is for teens entering grades 6-12 only, and all supplies will be provided.

**Monday, Jan. 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Monday Evening Book Group**

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the adult circulation desk.

**Monday, Jan. 13, 7 to 8 p.m.**  
**Virtual: How Birds Created the World**  
Virtually chat with author and journalist Randi Minetor who, with her photographer husband Nic, have visited 354 (out of 429) National Parks! All of their travels have inspired Randi's book, "The Complete Language Of Birds". In this talk, Randi will discuss her book, birds and their evolution, and (hopefully) some of her travels! We hope you can join us for this fun and informative event.  
*Register to receive live stream link.*

**Tuesday, Jan. 14, 3 to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Bullet Journaling**

**McConnell Center in Room 306**  
Have you ever wanted to start a Bullet Journal but weren't sure exactly what it was or how to get started? Learn the basics of what a Bullet Journal is, how to use one, and how to make it truly yours! Notebooks, markers, washi tape, and all the supplies you need will be included. If you have a special notebook you'd like to use, feel free to bring it along. No experience necessary. You can bring favorite pens, markers, and anything you'd like to include in your Bullet Journal. *Registration required.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 15, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Family Storytime**

**McConnell Center in Room 305**

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 15, 10:30 to 11:45 am**  
**Caregiver Cafe**

**McConnell Center in Room 323**

Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation. Loved ones are welcome.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 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.

**Thursday, Jan. 16, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Bullet Journaling**

**McConnell Center in Room 306**

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**Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 to 8 p.m.**  
**Virtual Author Hour:**

**Bestselling Author Kate Fagan**

Bestselling author Kate Fagan will discuss her new novel, *The Three Lives of Cate Kay*, in this installment of "Author Hour in Massachusetts." Sign up here to receive a link to the live stream: <https://ow.ly/h31z50UBtUW>



# MEMBERSHIP INFO MEETING!

*Rotary Club of Dover, NH*

Join us to learn how you can  
make a difference within our  
community and beyond!

**JANUARY 15TH**

12:00-1:30 PM  
121 Broadway  
Dover, NH 03820  
(RELYCO Building)

## WHAT DOES BEING IN ROTARY MEAN?

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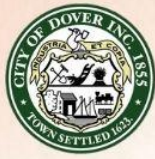
### For More Information!

Please Contact:

Steve Pappajohn, Membership Chair  
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## Bulky Item Tag Tip



Make sure the bulky tag you purchased, stays on your item!

- Include your address.
- Include name of item.
- After you place the tag on the item, run a razor blade over the tag to prevent removal.

**Brought to you by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

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## COAST receives \$30K grant to support free rides

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation received a \$30,000 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to expand its free ticket program.

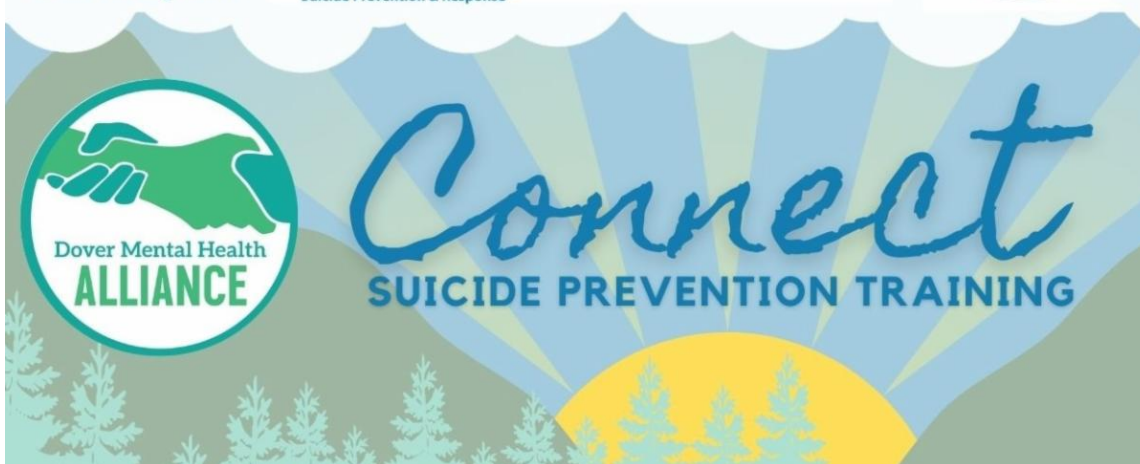
The grant, funded by the Barbara K. and Cyrus B. Sweet III Fund and the Thompson Family Fund, will help COAST provide free bus tickets to nonprofit agencies serving people experiencing homelessness and those in addiction recovery.

Qualifying nonprofits and municipal welfare departments in COAST's service area can request up to 3,000 free single-ride tickets per calendar year. After reaching this limit, organizations can purchase tickets at a 60% discount.

COAST, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, operates with an annual budget of \$7.5 million to \$8.5 million through federal, state and local funding. The organization provides public transportation services throughout New Hampshire's Seacoast region.

For more information, visit [coastbus.org](https://coastbus.org).

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## Do you know how to recognize warning signs of suicide?

The Dover Mental Health Alliance and Dover High School are partnering with NAMI New Hampshire to offer free "Gatekeeper" suicide prevention training in February and May.

DMHA works with authorized NAMI NH Connect trainers to deliver the three-hour curriculum to school groups, organizations, businesses, and community members 18 and older throughout Strafford County. The program offers an integrated community approach to reduce suicide among youth ages 10-24 and adults.

Participants learn to identify warning signs and connect individuals with appropriate resources.

Training dates:

- Thursday, Feb. 6, 5-8 p.m., Dover High School library
- Thursday, May 8, 5-8 p.m., Dover High School library

"Our region is fortunate to have these organizations working together to provide mental health and suicide prevention education," said DMHA Co-founder Suzanne Weete. "It takes all members of a community to be engaged to end stigma and prevent suicide. These training opportunities are an invitation for community members to be part of the solution."

Trainers include community members, parents, first responders, teachers, administrators, prevention coordinators and case managers. The training is designed for anyone wanting to learn about suicide risk factors and warning signs. Coaches, teachers, faith leaders, business people, first responders, parents and young adults are encouraged to participate.

Register at [dovermentalhealthalliance.org/events](https://dovermentalhealthalliance.org/events). Classes require a minimum of 10 participants and are open to all communities.

To schedule group training on suicide prevention or mental health challenges, contact Suzanne Weete at [suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org](mailto:suzanneweete@communitypartnersnh.org).

For more information, visit the Dover Mental Health Alliance at [dovermentalhealthalliance.org](https://dovermentalhealthalliance.org) and NAMI NH Connect at [theconnectprogram.org/about-us](https://theconnectprogram.org/about-us).

# Annual Awards

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce (GDCC) is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, David K. Bamford Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, and Nonprofit of the Year. The GDCC also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.

The awards allow Chamber member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the Dover Chamber's Annual Awards Gala, scheduled for Thursday, March 13, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Red Barn at Outlook Farm in South Berwick, Maine. The 2025 Annual Awards Gala is underwritten by Newburyport Bank.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to reflect on individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit a nomination, visit [www.dovernh.org/awards](http://www.dovernh.org/awards). All nominations are due by Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. The deadline for student scholarship applications is March 10.

The Annual Awards Gala serves as a marketing and sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorship in connection with the Annual Awards Dinner, email Jed Allen at [jed@dovernh.org](mailto:jed@dovernh.org).

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and other programs, or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## Sign up for winter parking ban alerts

The City of Dover utilizes winter parking bans as needed through the winter season to clear the streets of snow. The public may sign up for phone, text and/or email to receive parking ban alerts.

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 text or phone alerts, visit <https://bit.ly/dovercodered> or text "DoverNH" to 99411 from your phone. Follow the instructions to create a managed account to modify notification settings.

To receive email alerts, visit <https://bit.ly/doverdownload> and add "Parking Ban Alerts" to your email subscriptions.

The City of Dover also utilizes its website, social media accounts, Channel 22, and press releases to local news media to notify residents about parking bans. The current ban status is always posted at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/police/parking-bureau/parking-bans.html>. The public can call 603-516-PARK (7275) to check the parking ban status anytime.

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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**
- **Firefighter / AEMT**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, part-time**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, part-time**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Custodian - City Hall**
- **Engineering Intern**
- **Arena Maintenance / Ice Resurfacers**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Storm Water**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**

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:

- **Paraprofessional**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Social Worker**

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

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