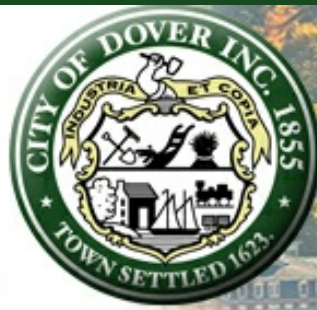


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



January 26, 2024



**CITY OF
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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:
8:30 a.m. to
3:30 p.m.

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Trash and recycling collection topic of Council workshop

The City Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 31, on solid waste collection in the city.

At the workshop, Peter Engel, senior consultant of Kessler Consulting Inc., will provide an overview of the feasibility study the firm conducted over the past year on curbside solid waste and single-stream recycling collection and disposal. Last year, the City Council awarded the bid for the feasibility study to Kessler Consulting to identify future options for the city to consider regarding curbside trash collection and recycling.

In its report that is available with the workshop agenda materials, the consultant reviewed current and predicted industry trends to help forecast future collection costs. Through that lens, the consultant provided analysis and cost estimates for the city to implement its own collection process or continue to contract the service out, as it does currently. The study also reviewed cost estimates and the feasibility of converting from the current bag collection to a toter collection that would reduce the labor needed for solid waste collection. The cost estimates also include procuring trucks, equipment,

and sufficient personnel.

The current contract with Waste Management for curbside solid waste and recycling collection runs through June 30, 2025.

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



Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, right, stands with members of Dover400, which was recognized by the City Council this week for organizing Dover's 400th anniversary celebration, held last year.

City Council recognizes Dover400 for yearlong anniversary celebration

The Dover400 committee received recognition from the Dover City Council on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, for its work organizing events and activities to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Dover last year. Dover is New Hampshire's first permanent European settlement.

Mayor Robert Carrier praised the committee's tireless planning over the four years leading up to the 2023 anniversary.

"The strength of the Dover 400 board was its ability to be creative and mobilize small groups, volunteers to do great things," Carrier said.

Dover400 Chair Kevin McEneaney thanked the Mayor, City Council, committee members, city staff, and volunteers for making the celebration a success despite challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our goals for the celebration were simple — engage our community, reflect on our past, celebrate our unique and diverse cultures, and create legacy projects that would speak to Dover's bright future," McEneaney said. "We had no idea we would be able to accomplish this, but we did."

The committee organized numerous free public events, from lectures to block parties and a parade. The group also worked to accurately retell the city's history through a series of books, recorded oral histories, and engaged local artists to create commemorative works.

Vice Chair Sam Allen noted a two-week summer celebration "filled with fun community gatherings, historical re-enactments, family events, music and love."

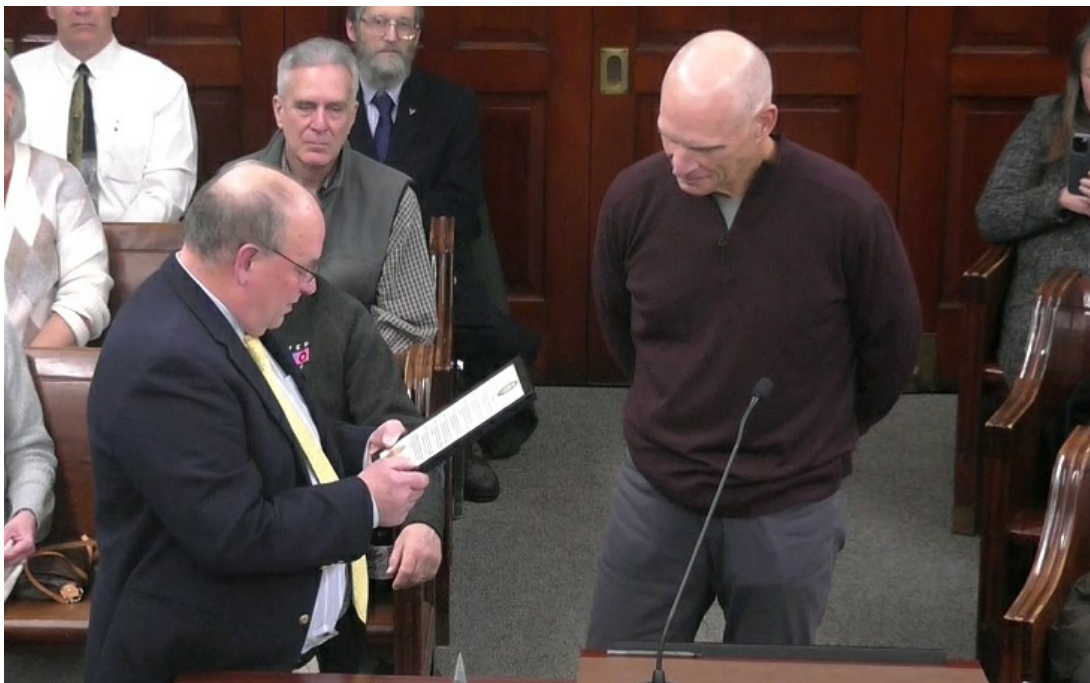
The committee also unveiled a model sculpture titled "River Roots" by Durham artist Andrea Bowen, which will be installed at Dover's planned waterfront park at the site of the ongoing waterfront development. The sculpture, which will be 16 feet tall, depicts a ship's hull with roots extending into the river, signifying the importance of Dover's waterways.

McEneaney closed by thanking the community for its support.

"Our legacy is not just history. It is warmth, spirit, affection," he said. "We feel all of this for the community we call home."



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Mayor Robert Carrier, left, reads a proclamation honoring Dover native Brian Murphy, who was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in December.

City Council honors Dover native and Hall-of-Famer Brian Murphy

Dover Mayor Robert Carrier and the City Council recognized Dover native Brian Murphy's induction into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in December by presenting him with a proclamation at the Jan. 24 City Council meeting.

Brian Murphy, a Dover High School and University of New Hampshire alumnus, has a storied career in hockey officiating, highlighted by over 2,000 regular-season games in the National Hockey League (NHL) and nine Stanley Cup finals. His international acclaim includes officiating at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and the World Cup of Hockey. Murphy started refereeing games at the Dover Ice Arena while attending the University of New Hampshire. He also operated the Zamboni at the Dover Arena.

"Brian Murphy has achieved an extraordinary milestone as one of only eight individuals in the history of the National Hockey League to officiate over 2,000 regular season games during his illustrious 32-year career from 1988 to 2020," the mayor said, reading from the proclamation.

Accepting the proclamation, Murphy dedicated the honor to those instrumental in building the first Dover ice rink.

"In the office at my house, there's a picture of seven or eight businessmen from the mid-1970s who raised \$250,000 to build the original rink," Murphy said. "If those things don't happen, these things don't happen. So, I accept this very appreciatively, but those people who raised the money back in the mid-seventies and built the rink really deserve this."

Mayor Carrier also presented Murphy with a key to the city.

Primary election results, voter turnout available online

The Presidential Primary Election was held on Tuesday, Jan. 23. For Ward 4 voters, there was also a special primary election that day for the state representative race to fill the vacant Strafford District 11 seat.

Presidential Primary Election results and turnout information are available on the City's 2024 [Presidential Primary online resource](#). Election results for Strafford District 11 are available on [its election page](#). The Strafford District 11 special general election will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.



A total of 9,391 Dover residents out of 20,597 registered voters cast ballots in the Presidential Primary, a 45.6% turnout, down from the 53.8% turnout in the 2020 Presidential Primary. Ward 3 had the highest turnout of registered voters with 1,974 ballots cast out a total of 3,887 registered voters, a 50.8% turnout.

Dover Chamber accepting 2024 Annual Award nominations

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.

These awards allow GDCC 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 GDCC's Annual Awards Gala, scheduled for Thursday, May 9, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Red Barn at Outlook Farm in South Berwick, Maine. The 2024 Annual Awards Gala will be 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. All nominations are due by March 18 at 5 p.m.

"Our educators, advocates, dedicated residents, nonprofit organizations, and businesses are true assets of our community," says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. "If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination."

The GDCC 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 GDCC President Margaret Joyce at margaret@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.



Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Jan. 27, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the front entrance of Garrison Elementary School. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet

new people while helping out the community.

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

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://bit.ly/4bkQ7Ga>.

Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2024 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30, 2024 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3, per household. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering sent by email to j.bizier@dover.nh.gov or by mail to City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1, 2024.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or online.

To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

To renew online, [click here](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018.

Upcoming Meetings:

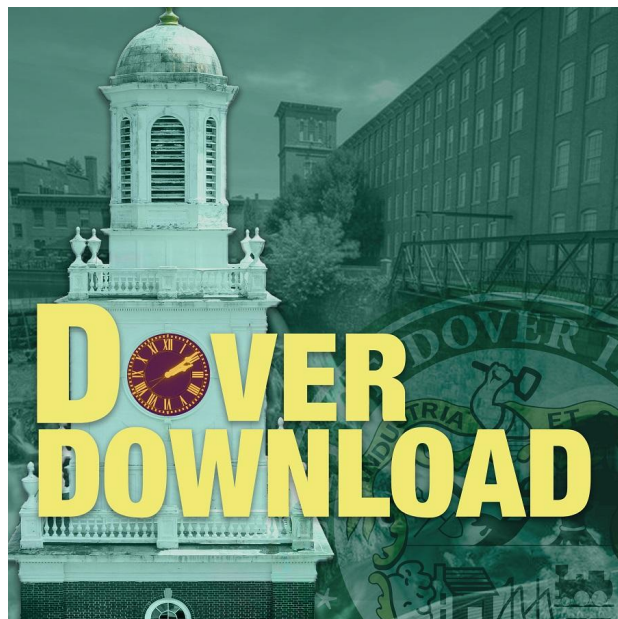
Conservation Commission, Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 29, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Planning Board - Master Plan Subcommittee, Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.



How the city is adapting to an evolving workplace

In the latest episode of Dover Download, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Heather Worrall, the new Human Resources Director for the City of Dover, about the various

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

**City Council, Jan. 31,
7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, 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/>.

responsibilities of HR, including labor negotiations, benefits, liability analysis, and recruitment/retention. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3SplgRh>.



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

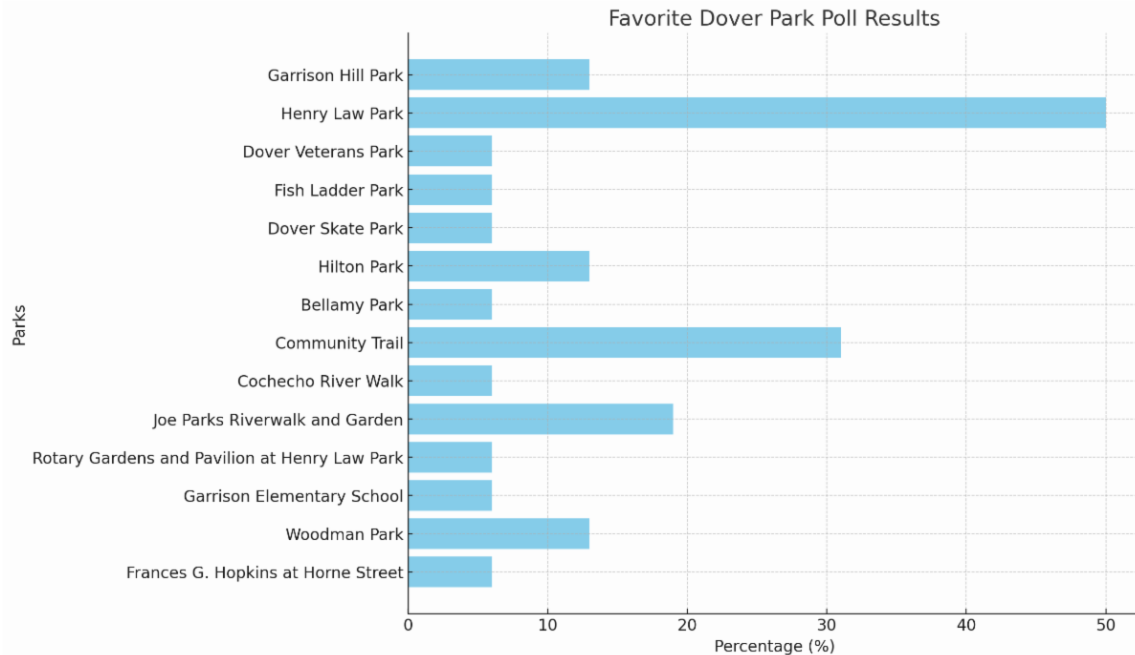
We want to hear from you! In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

This week's question: "Have you ever owned a business in Dover?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mqeb4a>.

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.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "What is your favorite park?"



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. 29, 1669 — Peter Coffin, Anthony Nutter, William Follett, Robert Burnum, William Roberts, and Richard Otis were appointed to go to the Lamprey River, which was the dividing line between Dover and Exeter, to meet with men from Exeter to perambulate the lines and set bounds between the two towns. The perambulation requirement for towns began in 1651. Once required every year, the law has changed since that time and is now required of all communities every seven years. The state legislature changed the law in 1969 and required communities to file the perambulation report with the Secretary of State. Legislators have discussed amending or abolishing the requirement, but the mandate remains in effect, and there is no penalty for not fulfilling the requirement.

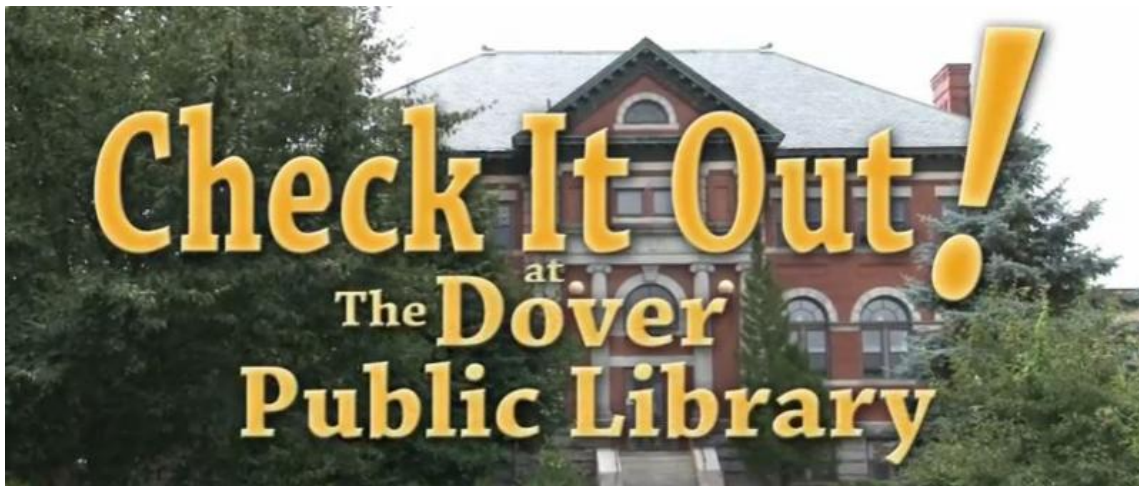
Jan. 28, 1825 — The New Hampshire Turnpike, leading from Portsmouth to Concord, and passing through Dover, was surrendered by the Proprietors to the State for the purpose of establishing a free highway.

Feb. 2, 1836 — The coldest day of the year is recorded at 17 degrees below zero.

Jan. 26, 1907 — Known as the Great Blaze, Mill #1 of the Cochecho Manufacturing Company was nearly destroyed by fire on this day. The alarm was given at 6:33 Saturday morning for a fire that broke out in the middle of the fourth story of the building. Some of the operatives in the fourth and fifth stories were cut off by smoke from the stairways, and there was only one fire escape on the back side of the mill. They became panic-stricken. Two jumped from the fourth-story window and were seriously injured—a dozen men slid down a rope that had been made fast inside a window, burning and lacerating their hands in a horrible manner by the friction, and some found their way to the fire escape. All those injured were sent to the Wentworth Hospital as quickly as possible. Streams of water were played from the engines on Washington Street, but the pressure of the water service was

very poor, and very little water reached the flames. Assistance was given by the Portsmouth Fire Company, The Cocheco Company, and the Williams Belt Factory. The automatic sprinklers in all the stories save the fourth worked perfectly, and this, with the fire doors, no doubt, was the means that prevented the spread of the flames in the lower part of the mill. After the fire had been burning for nearly an hour, four men were discovered with their heads outside of a window in the fifth story on the back side, calling for rescue. The firemen at once put up ladders which lacked 20 feet of reaching the window. An extension ladder was added, and still, there was a lack of 10 feet. Lieutenant Bradley of House 1 volunteered to lift a pole and lash it to the top of the ladder. The other end was lashed to the window sill by the men. Bradley stood at the top of the ladder, receiving the men as they slid down the pole. He did a most daring and heroic piece of work in rescuing them. No. 1 mill was erected by the Cocheco Manufacturing Company in 1877 at a cost of \$640,000. Five hundred hands were employed. The machinery cost upwards of a million dollars. The machinery on the three upper floors was ruined while that on the first and second was damaged only by water. This fire showed the need of additional fire apparatus. Soon after, 2,000 feet of hose and a fire net were purchased, with other appliances, to ensure greater safety to the firemen and to facilitate the discharge of their duties. Mayor White, in his last inaugural address, said the exhibition of bravery by the firemen that day stamped them as real heroes and won for them the lasting gratitude of our citizens.

January 1910 — Under a new New Hampshire law that took effect in 1910, the auto registration fee was raised to \$10, and the speed limit in Dover was raised from 8 to 10 mph and in rural areas, from 20 to 25 mph. Later that same month, many complaints about horses raced on Sixth Street were raised. The mayor declares to end the sport. A speedway, wide enough for four or five horses, was to be prepared on Silver Street, starting at Arch Street. But local horsemen, unsatisfied with the speedway, convinced the mayor to create a new speedway through Torr's Woods on Durham Road, starting near the location of the current high school.



This Week at the Library

Monday, Jan. 29, 7 to 8 p.m.

VIRTUAL: The Challenges & Rewards of Being a Debut Author

Welcome authors Lauren J. A. Bear, Rita Chang-Eppig, and Nishita Parekh as they discuss getting into publishing, the pitfalls, challenges, and roadblocks as well as the excitement, fulfillment, and reader enthusiasm that makes it all worthwhile. Bring your questions as this will be in a Q&A format.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 10 to 11 a.m.

Cover 2 Cover Book Group

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. February's selection is *Once Upon a River* by Bonnie Jo Campbell. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Arts and Crafts Storytime

Registration required.

**Tuesday, Jan. 30, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Mother Goose on the Loose**

For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, Mother Goose on the Loose is a 30-minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

**Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, strategy, and imagination. The group will meet every Tuesday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required.

**Wednesday, Jan. 31, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime**

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Get Lit! Book Club**

Join us at The Farm Bar & Grill (25 Portland Ave, Dover) to discuss *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!

**Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Finding Mental Wellness: virtual series**
Improving your mental wellness is internal and requires a great deal of reflection!

Over 6 weeks Audrey will educate you about positive psychology, help you to gain confidence, give you grounding techniques, explain how the brain works, let you become aware of your fears and enlighten you with self-care tips and tricks. This course will be around 45 minutes and requires a notebook for light journaling.

Registration required.

**Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Chess Group**

Adults and teens are invited to drop in to play a game or two and meet other folks interested in all things chess. Please bring a chess set if you have one!

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. 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, Feb. 1, 5 to 8 p.m.
Magic the Gathering**

Join every Thursday to play Magic the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels welcome. No materials required.

**Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.
Two Eyed Cyclops: Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club**

Join for a lively discussion monthly selection of the Two Eyed Cyclops Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club.

**Thursday, Feb. 1, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Meditation Class**

Try this free meditation series to learn how to be more relaxed and mindful. The Lift Method, created by Dover resident, Thomas McGreavey, is an enhancement to traditional mindfulness meditation that can soothe anxiety and ease the flight/fight/freeze response on the spot.

This class is being offered over six sessions. Come to as many as you'd like.

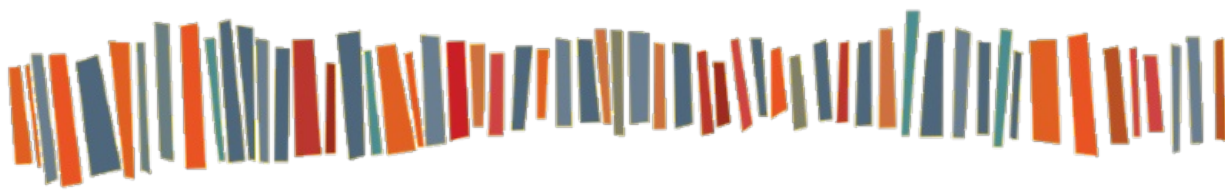
**Friday, Feb. 2, 10 to 11 a.m.
Family Place Workshop**

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable five-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health. *Register once for the entire five week series.*

**Saturday, Feb. 3, 2 to 4 p.m.
Modern Square Dance Demonstration**

Join us for this free demonstration on Modern Square Dancing - with a chance to try it yourself! Even if you think you can't dance, you should try this form of team dancing. Can't teach an old dog new tricks? Nonsense! Build mental acuity while enjoying heart healthy walking exercise. Great fun!

Registration required.



Salted sand available to Dover residents

Residents of Dover can obtain salted sand to use on their personal property. The salted sand is located at the intersection of Piscataqua and Drew roads.

Residents must bring their own supplies, such as buckets, bags and shovels.

Please note that when temperatures are below freezing, the pile can harden and be more difficult to work with.

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



Don't miss your chance to win \$10,000 cash. Tickets are on sale now for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's 22nd Annual Sweepstakes. Tickets are \$50 each, and only 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held Feb. 13 at Filotimo Casino at Dover Bowl. You do not need to be present to win. To purchase your lucky ticket, visit dovernh.org/sweeps.

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:

- Energy Commission
- McConnell Center Advisory Committee
- Library Board of Trustees
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission

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

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

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:

- Firefighter/EMT
- Police Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Truck Driver, Utilities
- Utility Laborer
- Prevention Programmer
- Planning Division Supervisor
- Camera Operator
- Water Treatment Operator
- Arena Attendant
- Custodian - City Hall
- Enterprise Systems IT Administrator
- Custodian - McConnell Center
- Superintendent of Facilities, Grounds & Cemeteries
- Maintenance Mechanic, Meter & Backflow
- Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities
- Maintenance Mechanic, Utilities
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic

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:

- Title I Programming Coordinator
- Long Term Maternity Leave - 3rd Grade
- Title I Interventionist
- Literacy Interventionist Specialist
- DALC Teacher-Adult Foundational Skills and High School Equivalency Preparation
- Dover High School Boys Head Tennis Coach
- Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Dover Middle School Boys Head Lacrosse Coach
- Substitute Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- Special Education Teacher Case Managers

- Long Term Substitute School Counselor
- Dover Middle School Girls Head Lacrosse Coach

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

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