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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



January 5, 2024



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DOVER, NH**

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**City Hall  
hours:**

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

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

**Recycling  
Center hours:**

**Tuesday,**



## Inauguration begins new term for City Council, School Board

The newly elected Dover City Council and School Board were inaugurated Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, 2024, during a ceremony at City Hall. Don Briand served as master of ceremonies for the event, attended by many family members, friends, and other elected officials. City Attorney Joshua Wyatt administered the oath of office to the newly elected officials.

Prior to the inauguration, the School Board held an organizational meeting and elected Robin Trefethen as chair for the 2024-2025 term.

"I look forward to the opportunity to lead our current school

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

board,” Trefethen said during her speech at the inauguration ceremony. “I look forward to continuing to do the work over the next few years to ensure that we have the best schools for our children and our future.”

During his inauguration speech, Mayor Robert Carrier reflected on the city’s progress over the past 15 years and highlighted several major accomplishments, including renovations to city schools, the new police station and parking garage, enhanced water and sewer upgrades, and the development of the waterfront.

“Let us continue to work together to make this a progressive, great city,” Carrier said.

The inauguration ceremony represented the formal start of the new term for the City Council and School Board.

The ceremony can be viewed online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=viwPL2e0qVz0wNaD>.

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## School Board to hold final budget workshop on Monday

### Budget adoption slated for Jan. 16 special meeting

The School Board will continue its fiscal year 2025 budget deliberations at a workshop this Monday, Jan. 8 before its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. The School Board plans to adopt its FY2025 budget at a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The School Board, with Superintendent William Harbron and Business Administrator Michael Limmanni, has reviewed and refined the proposed FY2025 budget since they introduced it to the School Board at its Nov. 20 meeting. Currently, the FY2025 proposed budget totals \$85,507,439 in estimated revenue and expenditures. Of that, \$58,022,509 is proposed to be raised by local property taxes, a \$6,263,209, or a 12.1% increase over the adopted FY2024 adjusted budget. Based on the current estimated tax cap calculation, the School Department’s budget is an estimated \$2,962,549 above the education side of the tax cap.

The new budget does not add any new positions, and Superintendent Harbron and Business Administrator Limanni have explained the request for additional money above the tax cap is to maintain current services due to the significant loss in state education funding. The current services include an increase of \$1,518,309 in wages and benefits from the three union contracts approved by the School Board and City Council this year, affecting the Dover Teachers Union, Dover Paraeducators, and the Dover Educational Office Personnel unions. In addition to wage increases, there is \$1,446,369 in legally required special education services, and \$1,211,344 in transportation costs, which includes an \$88,344 increase in district transportation costs and \$1,123,000 in legally required special education transportation costs.

Based on the recent state aid calculations, the School Department will receive a 16.8% reduction from the state adequate education grant, totaling \$2,328,513, and a 2.6% reduction in the statewide education tax, totaling \$183,412. The reduction of state aid is a combination of lower student enrollment, fewer students receiving free and reduced lunch, and Dover’s increased property valuation, among other variables, according to the Department of Education’s adequate education aid calculations. Find the calculation for this and previous years at <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-and-analytic-resources/bureau-of-education-statistics/state-adequate-education-aid>.

Once the School Board's budget is adopted, it will be incorporated into the City Manager's city-wide budget, scheduled to be presented to the City Council on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024. The Council is to adopt its final budget by April 15, 2024. The School Department is scheduled to present its budget to the City Council on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 with a public hearing tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Find videos of the School Board's budget meetings and workshops, along with budget documents, at the FY2025 Budget Revealed webpage at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/budget-revealed/fy2025-budget/>

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## Community Power's default residential, small business electric rates drop 26%

### New rates effective Feb. 1

The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire announced new Community Power rates in the state effective Feb. 1 through July 31, 2024, reducing the base electric rate by 2.8 cents to 8.1 cents per kilowatt-hour, a 25.7% rate reduction for Dover Community Power customers.

The new residential and small business electricity base rate will be the state's lowest. Based on the usage of 650 kWh per month, the estimated monthly energy supply cost would reduce from \$71 to \$53 per month, according to CPCNH. The Eversource base rate for the same period will be 8.285 cents per kWh.

The default Dover Community Power product for residential and small businesses is Granite Basic, which includes at least 24.3% renewable content. Customers may opt for higher renewable content, including 33%, 50% and 100%. Dover Community Power is also available for mid-sized commercial customers (Class GV). Find more information about these competitive rates at <https://www.communitypowernh.gov/dover>.

Dover Community Power launched on Oct. 27, 2023. Most customers on Eversource's default supply service were automatically enrolled in the Dover Community Power program if they didn't choose to opt out. The Dover Community Power program is voluntary, and customers eligible can opt in or out. Customers who were not automatically enrolled purchase electricity from third-party suppliers, utilize net metering, or are commercial and industrial customers who use a significant amount of electricity.

Statewide, CPCNH is projected to provide default energy service to more than 120,000 customers in 28 cities and towns during the first half of 2024, with many more municipalities preparing to bring programs online.

For more information visit <https://www.communitypowernh.gov/dover> or call 866-603-7697 (POWR).

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# Parking ban begins Saturday night as storm approaches

Due to the forecast of heavy snow beginning Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, a citywide parking ban will be in effect beginning on Saturday at 8 p.m., and concluding Sunday, Jan. 7 at 6 a.m. The ban will be in effect downtown on Sunday, Jan. 7, from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. only.

While in effect, parking is prohibited on:

- City streets, sidewalks or adjacent public parking areas.
- Third Street and Belknap parking lots, and the Orchard Street lot's public parking spaces.

While in effect, limited parking is allowed on:

- The Fourth Street lot's outside spaces only.
- The two outermost rows of the Library lot, facing either the Greek Orthodox Church or Atkinson Street.
- The first two floors of the Orchard Street Parking Garage, which is paid parking at all times.
- Use Flowbird pay-by-phone app to extend parking time remotely.
- The top three floors of the garage are reserved for permit parking only.
- If the parking garage is at capacity, the Transportation Center lot is the best option for off-street parking.

In addition to snow removal, the parking ban allows Community Services crews to treat the roads with salt and sand, and keep areas open for safe travel.

A Winter Storm Watch is in effect for Dover from 7 p.m. Saturday evening, Jan. 6, until 7 p.m. Sunday evening, Jan. 7, according to the National Weather Service. Heavy snow is possible, with total accumulations of more than 6 inches possible. The storm's track is not yet certain. Because of the uncertainty of the duration and strength of the storm, an additional parking ban may be necessary Sunday evening. Parking bans may also be declared after a storm to facilitate snow removal.

The complete forecast for Dover from the National Weather Service can be viewed here: [bit.ly/doverweather](https://bit.ly/doverweather).

For more information about the parking ban, visit the city's winter parking ban page at [bit.ly/doverban](https://bit.ly/doverban).



## Council set to authorize grant funding, increased parking hours at Dover Transportation Center

The new City Council will hold its first regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The agenda includes a slate of public hearings on whether to accept and expend grant monies for various projects. The resolutions include whether to utilize a federal \$553,350 grant for the design and permitting for the replacement of the Bellamy Road bridge, which conveys the Bellamy River, authorizing reprogramming \$200,000 of unexpended bond proceeds from the River Street pump station project to the wastewater treatment plant aeration blower retrofit project, authorize expending a \$500,000 matching federal grant for the construction of the park pavilion at the waterfront site, and authorize expending a \$150,00 grant from Wentworth-Douglass Hospital to assist the Police Department's community outreach and youth substance prevention efforts.

There is also a public hearing on the pending resolution to require paid parking at the Dover Transportation Center parking lot 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Currently, paid parking is required Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. According to the resolution background, the city leases the lot from Cocheco Mills Holdings, which includes a provision to designate parking areas for its exclusive use. The firm has invoked the provision and will utilize 96 parking spaces for the old courthouse project on First Street, which is nearing completion. The Parking Commission unanimously endorsed the parking lot to be metered at all times to allow the Parking Manager to manage the lot properly.

Also on the agenda is a pending resolution to expand the scope of work for the city's waterfront public improvements contractor, Northeast Earth Mechanics, LLC., to include work on the dredge cell, which was not included in the bid. If approved, the city would pay the contractor up to \$80,665 for leveling, clearing erosion, and sediment controls for the dredge cell located adjacent to the waterfront site and Maglaras Park.

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



Dover Arts Commission Chair Jane Hamor discusses the economic impact of the arts in Dover during the Wednesday, Jan. 2, City Council workshop.

## Survey: Arts pump \$7.5 million into Dover economy

The Dover Arts Commission presented the results of its Arts and Economic Prosperity Survey to the City Council on Jan. 3, touting significant economic contributions from nonprofit arts and cultural organizations.

The survey found that in 2022, Dover's nonprofit arts and culture sector generated \$7.5 million in total economic activity. This includes \$3.5 million in direct spending by arts and cultural organizations and an additional \$4 million from event-related spending by those groups' audiences.

"That economic activity supported 124 jobs, provided \$4.7 million in personal income to residents, and generated \$1.1 million in tax revenue to local, state, and federal governments," said Jane Hamor, chair of the Dover Arts Commission.

Hamor emphasized the survey results only include the economic impact from nonprofit groups and do not factor in commercial art galleries, restaurants with music performances, or other for-profit artistic outlets.

The survey was conducted by Americans for the Arts and included responses from 862 attendees at arts and cultural events in Dover gathered through in-person interviews over 13 months. The survey was made possible through funding and support from the Dover Planning Department and Office of Business Development.

"The survey really is setting a baseline for the economic impact of the nonprofit art and culture scene in Dover," said Cliff Blake, vice chair of the Dover Arts Commission. "It's the largest and most comprehensive that we have ever conducted in the city, and as you'll see, the arts have a measurable economic impact."

Beyond the dollars and cents, Hamor argued investment in the arts also pays other dividends.

"The arts build empathy and understanding as well," she said. "Those are strong contributors to a positive way of life in Dover."

In addition to the survey, Hamor highlighted several other recent accomplishments by the 12-member volunteer Dover Arts Commission:

- Launching a Dover Literary Laureate program, naming author Steve Bargdill to the inaugural post
- Funding two graffiti art walls at the new Dover Skate Park and on the Community Trail
- Installing two large metal cube sculptures created by a local artist on the Community Trail
- Installation of two commemorative markers for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- Preparing to bring back an "Art Beat" program that features Seacoast artists in local businesses
- Endorsing a 14-foot tall glass sculpture for the Second Street Courthouse project, set to be completed this year

"With your support, the Arts Commission is really proud of what we've been able to accomplish," Hamor told the City Council.

The full presentation to the Dover City Council can be viewed online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=QeaemcrK73aOa8zi>.

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## Former skatepark on River Street closed, to be demolished soon

The former skatepark on River Street is closed to public use and will be demolished in the coming weeks to prepare the area for the ongoing waterfront construction. The new Dover Skatepark opened in the fall of 2023 and is located at Guppey Park on Portland Avenue.

Soon, city contractor Northeast Earth Mechanics, LLC., will erect fencing around the former skatepark before the demolition occurs. The waterfront construction site and

adjacent dredge cell parcel are also closed to the general public for the duration of the construction project. The city and the contractor ask the public to adhere to all posted signs at the site.

Northeast Earth Mechanics is tasked with making public improvements to the waterfront site in preparation for the private development on the site. Their work includes constructing a new street system, installing utilities, site grading, shore stabilization and creating a public riverfront park. The private development by the firm Cathartes will build approximately 20,000 square feet of commercial space at the waterfront site and 418 residential units, comprising both rental and condominium units for sale.

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

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## Upcoming Meetings:

### **Conservation Commission, Jan. 8, 5:30 p.m.**

The Conservation Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

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

The Recreation Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 224 at the McConnell Center.

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

### **Arts Commission, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.**

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

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

## Sample ballots available for Ward 4 state representative special primary election

A special primary election will be held to fill the vacant Strafford District 11 state representative seat, representing Dover Ward 4, Lee and Madbury, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, which coincides with the 2024 Presidential Primary. The special general election will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2023.

Ward 4 sample ballots for the Democratic and Republican primaries are available on the dedicated election webpage [www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2024-district-11-special-election/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2024-district-11-special-election/). The Democratic candidates are Erik Johnson and Jeffrey C. Salloway – both of Lee. The sole Republican candidate is Joseph E. Bazo of Madbury.

Voters who are unable to make it to the polls may apply to vote by absentee ballot. The absentee ballot application is also available on the election webpage. Voters who have already completed an absentee ballot application for the Presidential Primary do not need to complete another application.

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

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## MLK celebration planned for Sunday, Jan. 14

The Dover Area Religious Leaders Association (DARLA), will host "Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: Civil Rights and Equity for All People" on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m., at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover.





The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, beginning at 4 p.m., in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

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

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Room 306 at the McConnell Center.

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

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

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at 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/>.

The celebration will feature Steve Curwood, host and executive producer of the public radio program "Living on Earth," as keynote speaker. Curwood plans to discuss civil rights and equity for all people.

The event is wheelchair-accessible.

For more information, contact event organizer Anita Remig by email at [anitaremig@gmail.com](mailto:anitaremig@gmail.com).

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is located at 5 Hale St. in Dover.



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

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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 previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

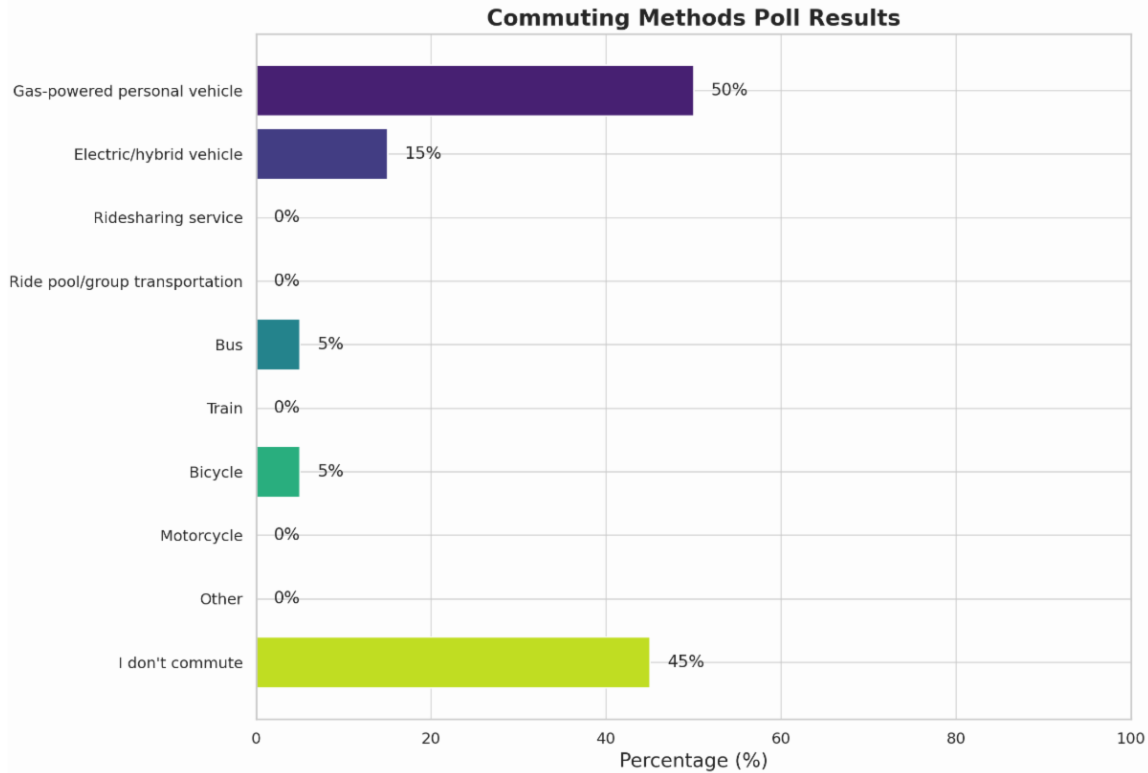
This week's question: "Have you ever taken a ride on Amtrak's Downeaster train?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m783sc>.

*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, "Do you commute to work or school? If so, how?"





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. 10, 1800** — Col. Theophilus Dame died on this day at age 73. He was Canadian by birth, and had been an officer in the British service, but became a citizen of Dover about 1768. He was sheriff of Strafford County from its formation in 1773 until the time of his death. As sheriff, he was also in charge of the county jail.

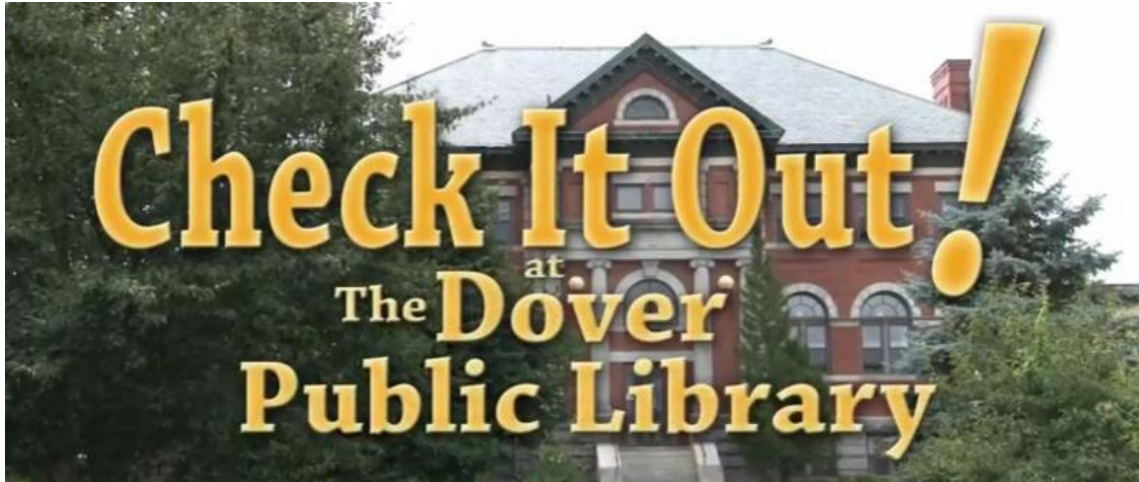
**Jan. 7, 1845** — The Hon. John Parker Hale's letter to his constituents against the annexation of Texas was published on this day. Hale refused to obey a resolution of the state legislature directing him and the New Hampshire delegation in Congress to support the annexation of Texas. Hale argued the measure was only presented to promote slavery. The Democratic State convention was quickly reassembled and Hale's nomination was withdrawn.

**Jan. 6, 1850** — Jeremiah Stickney died on this day at age 85. He was the first person to introduce the manufacturing of cotton and woolen hand cards in Dover, having established the business here as early as 1798 in a building that stood where the No. 2 Factory was built. For many years he employed many people, principally children, in the manufacturing of cards, the teeth of which were then set by hand. The manufacturing of cards by machinery, introduced around 1820, superseded the old process, and he gave up the business.

**Jan. 11, 1996** — The Dover City Council unanimously approved a first-of-its-kind ordinance in the state requiring the safe storage of firearms. The ordinance was proposed by then-Police Chief William Fenniman and City Prosecutor George Wattendorf following

an incident in September 1995 when a .44-caliber handgun was discharged at a Dover elementary school. No one was injured, but officials felt compelled to act after parents expressed concern. The ordinance requires the safe storing of firearms when leaving them unattended or storing them so that a minor cannot access them. The [ordinance remains in effect](#), having been amended in subsequent years.

**Jan. 5, 1999** — An addition to Dover's South End Fire Station neared completion on this day. The addition would provide much-needed extra garage space with a third bay. Construction of the \$126,000 addition began the previous year and was originally slated for completion in November 1998. The additional bay would allow firefighters to respond to calls without moving multiple vehicles around in the previously cramped space. Dover Fire and Rescue had proposed the expansion for over a decade before gaining City Council approval in 1998.



## This Week at the Library

**Sunday, Jan. 7, 1 to 5 p.m.**

**Monday, Jan. 8, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

### **Clothing Library**

The Clothing Library provides clothing to borrow for free, just like a traditional library, but instead of books you can check out fashion! Partnering with the Dover Public Library as their pilot, the Clothing Library serves the communities unique needs and aims to address the negative ecological and social impacts of overproduction of the fashion industry by keeping existing clothing circulation longer. Less Is More so Borrow Not Buy!

**Monday, Jan. 8, 4 to 4:45 p.m.**

### **Big Kids Storytime**

Kids in grades K-2 are invited to join us for a storytime with more in-depth, challenging picture books.

Registration required.

**Monday, Jan. 8, 6 to 8 p.m.**

### **Dungeons & Dragons: 14-plus Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 14 and older group is for new and veteran role-

**Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6 to 7 p.m.**

### **Teen Advisory Board**

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of 7-12 graders who are interested in shaping the library's programs and services aimed at middle and high-school students.

Members attend monthly meetings to share their ideas, help to plan future events/services for teens and work toward making the library a teen-friendly space in our community.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10, 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!

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

playing gamers to join us for adventure, strategy, and imagination in the Trustees Room. The group meets every other Monday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

**Monday, Jan. 8, 6 to 7 p.m.**  
**Artificial Intelligence: Who? What? When? Where? Why?**

Confused by all the recent news on AI? This program will cover the terminology and general concepts of Artificial Intelligence. This program is best suited for Adults.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9, 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.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30 to 8 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.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**All Abilities Club: Art for All**  
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, Jan. 10, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club**  
This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book will be *Through the Language Glass: Why the World Looks Different in Other Languages* by Guy Deutscher. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

**Reading Rainbow Book Group**  
Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *The Darkness Outside Us* by Eliot Schrefer in the Lecture Hall at the library! Copies of the books will be available to borrow from the library and some through Hoopla or Libby. All are welcome at this inclusive book group.

**Friday, Jan. 12, 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.*

**Friday, Jan. 12, 3 to 4 p.m.**  
**Fun Friday**  
Tweens and teens in grades 5-12 are welcome to join us after school on Fridays for hot chocolate, snacks, and gaming!

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Tween/Teen Knitting Class**  
Fun and easy Fingerless Mitts knitting class for kids ages 10-14! Great for kids who have learned how to do the knit stitch but absolute beginners are welcome. Please bring size 9- 10 (straight) knitting needles with you. Yarn and the tapestry needles for finishing the project will be provided.  
*Registration required.*

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 to 4 p.m.**  
**Learn to Use Your Sewing Machine**  
Bring your sewing machine, any supplies that came with it (such as bobbins/thread/sewing machine feet/plugs etc.) and the manual along with you and we'll get you started with the basics of your machine. Scrap fabric and thread provided.





## Cleanup to remove memorial items left at Pine Hill Cemetery

The City of Dover's Facilities, Grounds, and Cemeteries staff is preparing for a post-holiday cleanup at Pine Hill Cemetery. Family members, friends, and loved ones are kindly reminded to retrieve any keepsakes, flowers, wreaths, or other memorial objects.

Facilities, Grounds, and Cemeteries staff regularly remove items left at the cemetery to help maintain the serenity and appearance of Pine Hill Cemetery. The City of Dover appreciates the public's understanding and cooperation.

For more information, contact Facilities, Grounds, and Cemeteries at 603-516-6480.

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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](https://dovernh.org/sweeps).

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## Election workers needed for January's



# Presidential Primary Election

The City Clerk's Office is seeking election workers in all six wards to help staff Dover's polling places during the upcoming Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024.

Election workers are paid positions, and the City Clerk's office provides necessary training. The only requirements are that election workers must be at least 18 years old and a Dover resident. Election workers assist with various duties on election day, including aiding voters, maintaining order, opening and closing the polls, and processing the vote counts.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018 or email City Clerk Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier at [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.bizier@dover.nh.gov).

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## Free Workshop & Water Testing for Dover Private Well Users



**The Seacoast Private Well Initiative**  
invites residential private well users in Dover to register for:

**Dover**  
**Private Well Workshop**  
**Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 6:00PM**  
Dover City Hall Auditorium  
288 Central Ave, Dover

## Dover residents invited to free workshop on private well water safety

The Seacoast Private Well Initiative invites residential private well users in Dover to a free workshop and water testing event. Aimed at educating homeowners on the health risks associated with common well water contaminants, this event is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Dover City Hall Auditorium, located at 288 Central Ave.

Participants will learn about contaminants that may affect their well water, such as radon, arsenic, lead, and PFAS, and the importance of regular water testing. The workshop will cover the types of contaminants to test for, reasons for testing, and the process of collecting water samples. In addition, attendees will receive guidance on selecting the appropriate water treatment solutions if contaminants are found.

The event is part of an ongoing effort to ensure the safety and health of the community's drinking water. Experts will be on hand to explain the testing process, and private well attendees will leave with a test kit and instructions for returning filled bottles for analysis.

Please register for the workshop by sending an email to confirm attendance to Amy Hudnor, Private Well Coordinator for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, at [welltest@des.nh.gov](mailto:welltest@des.nh.gov).

The Seacoast Private Well Initiative, supported by NHDES, the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund, and the Seacoast Commission on Drinking Water, encourages all private well users in Dover to take advantage of this opportunity.

For further information, please contact Amy Hudnor at (603) 271-5986 or via the [provided email address](#).

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## Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

- Energy Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Committee to Address Community Housing Needs

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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## 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/EMT**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Enterprise Systems IT Administrator**
- **Custodian - City Hall**
- **Truck Driver, Streets**
- **Truck Driver, Utilities**
- **Laborer**
- **Utility Laborer**
- **Arena Attendant**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Camera Operator**
- **Planning Division Supervisor**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Streets**
- **Lifeguard I**
- **Swim Instructor I**

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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:

- **Dover High School Boys Head Tennis Coach**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional**
- **Dover Middle School Boys Head Lacrosse Coach**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Coach Winter Cheering**
- **Special Education Teacher Case Managers**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Long Term Substitute School Counselor**
- **Paraprofessional**
- **Special Education Teacher Case Manager**
- **Paraprofessional**
- **ELL Tutors**
- **Literacy Interventionist Specialist**

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