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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council to discuss stormwater grants, attainable housing

The City Council will hold three public hearings on accepting and expending grants at its July 26 meeting, followed by possible adoption.

The first public hearing is on whether to accept and expend a \$100,000 federal grant for the Chapel Street ravine stormwater treatment system property grant. This work builds upon the stormwater treatment study of the ravine, completed in 2022. The study evaluated options to utilize the ravine to treat the stormwater naturally before reentering the closed drainage system at the ravine's southern end near Chapel Street, thereby reducing pollutant loads to the Cochecho River and improving water quality. The next phase to be financed by the grant would be to secure land and/or easements to move the project toward implementation.

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

The second public hearing is on the city utilizing a \$65,000 state grant from the New Hampshire Business and Economic Affairs InvestNH program for a regulatory audit. Funds would be used to solicit a contractor to work with Planning Department staff and the Committee to Address Community Housing Needs to assess current land use policies and definitions, identify potential barriers to attainable housing development, and assist in drafting amendment language for review and possible adoption.

The last public hearing on whether the Police Department should utilize a \$33,000 New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety grant. The grant would fund overtime for traffic enforcement patrols funded by the Office of Safety. This includes speed enforcement, patrols, pedestrian and bicycle safety, seat belt, distracted driving enforcement, educational presentations covering operator and pedestrian safety, and the purchase of five new vehicle radar units.

Also on the agenda is a resolution to continue working with the firm providing operation and maintenance to the closed Tolend Road landfill's pump station sewer force main for the coming fiscal year and awarding the contract for tree removal and other tree work services.

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

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



**Whiskey Horse takes stage tonight for
Cochecho Arts Festival Headliner Series**

Weather forecast prompts show to move to high school

The 37th annual Cochecho Arts Festival's Headliner Series, the festival's signature series, continues tonight, Friday, July 21, with Whiskey Horse, sponsored by Continental Paving. Whiskey Horse is a country cover band whose specialty is rocked-up and rowdy versions of current and classic tunes.



Due to the possibility of thunderstorms tonight, the show has been moved to the Dover High School auditorium. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.

The festival lineup for this week includes:

- Saturday, July 22, 7 p.m.: The McConnell Story, The Strand, presented by The Woodman Museum.
- Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.: Magician BJ Hickman, Rotary Arts Pavilion, Children's Series, sponsored by Thrive Family Chiropractic;
- Wednesday, July 26, 2:30 p.m.: Farmers Market Acoustic Series, 100 Portland Avenue, Guppy Park, sponsored by Seacoast Eat Local;
- Wednesday, July 26, 6 p.m.: The Big Picture, Rotary Arts Pavilion, part of the Shark in the Park Series, sponsored by 102.1 and 105.3 The Shark.

Established in 1986, the Cochecho Arts Festival is the most popular Summer Music Festival in the Seacoast. The festival draws over 10,000 people to downtown Dover from the beginning of July through August. This year's festival is underwritten by Orpheum Apartments & Cowork.

All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free to attend and open to the public.

Show your support for the Cochecho Arts Festival by purchasing a First Seacoast Bank Festival Button for \$10. Button holder perks include a free bottle of water courtesy of Kennebunk Savings at the Friday night concerts and entry into the raffle to win a gas grill. All proceeds go directly back to the Cochecho Arts Festival.

For more information, visit <https://www.dovernh.org/cochecho-arts-festival> or call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

Power Options <i>Electricity supply rates effective 8/1/23 – 1/31/24</i>		Renewable Content	Rate (\$/kWh)*	Estimated Cost per Month*	6-month Savings*
Utility Default Energy Service	Unitil	23.4%**	13.257 ¢	\$80	N/A
	Liberty		12.612 ¢	\$76	
	Eversource		12.582 ¢	\$75	
Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire	Clean 100	100%	15.2 ¢	\$91	(\$70) - (\$94)
	Clean 50	50%	12.3 ¢	\$74	\$10 - \$34
	Granite Plus	33%	11.3 ¢	\$68	\$46 - \$70
	Granite Basic	23.4%**	10.9 ¢	\$65	\$61 - \$85

* Rates, costs and savings are for residential customers and assume average usage of 600 kWh per month

** The NH Renewable Portfolio Standard requires 23.4% renewable content for power sold between August and December 2023, which will increase to 24.3% beginning in January 2024.

Community Power electricity rates offer savings, value compared to default service

Dover's program to launch no later than May 2024

The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) Board of Directors announced its new electricity rates that begin on Aug. 1, 2023, where it continues to offer electricity supply options at lower rates than the default electricity provider, including options with higher mixes of renewable energy. At the direction of the Dover City Council, Dover businesses and residents will have the option to join Dover Community Power, similar to other competitive energy suppliers, utilizing the CPCNH rates and services by no later than May 2024.

CPCNH estimates its base electric rate of 10.9 cents per kilowatt-hour, effective through Jan. 31, 2024, will generate \$5.5 million of dollars in savings and \$1.7 million in community financial reserves for its 75,000 customers. In addition to its basic rate, CPCNH offers its customers the choice of 100%, 50%, and 33% renewable power at rates comparable to the default rates provided by the distribution utilities, which in Dover is Eversource. CPCNH's 50% renewable option is still below Eversource's default rate, which only includes 23.4% renewable sources.

In May 2023, the City Council authorized the Dover Community Power program with CPCNH, which allows the city to begin public outreach and prepare for the program's launch by May 2024. The community power program is authorized by RSA 53:E to provide electricity supply service to residents, businesses, municipal operations, and other types of customers on a competitive and voluntary basis, similar to other available competitive energy suppliers. CPCNH's goal is to leverage the combined purchasing power from its participating communities to create savings and new value for customers through individual programs, such as the Dover Community Power program. CPCNH membership has grown to 35 cities, towns, and counties and now represents more than 24% of the population, the organization states.

Community Housing Needs Committee seeks members

The City Council's newly established ad hoc committee seeks members to aid in its charge to investigate and make recommendations to the Council on ways to better meet the housing needs of the city and its residents.

Created through a May 24 City Council resolution, the Committee to Address Community Housing Needs will be comprised of stakeholders that include representation from the City Council, Planning Board, Dover Housing Authority, Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, members of the business and development communities, and Dover residents representing homeowners, renters, and landlords.

The purpose of this group is to build on related actions already taken by the city, assess barriers to affordability from a variety of perspectives, and propose long-term solutions to encourage the creation and preservation of attainable housing options for all. Part of the committee's charge is to deliver a report of its findings and recommendations to the City Council by Sept. 30, 2024, for consideration and possible implementation.

Want to join the committee? Complete an application, available here and at the City Clerk's Office, and either deliver it to the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Susan Mistretta at s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov. Applications will be brought forth to the City Council's Appointments Committee for consideration.

The city also encourages community members to complete the Community Housing Needs survey, available at <https://polco.us/sxtact>, to aid the committee in prioritizing its agenda. For more information, contact Housing Navigator Ryan Pope at r.pope@dover.nh.gov, with the Planning Department.

Parking restrictions next week for Hough Street culvert installation

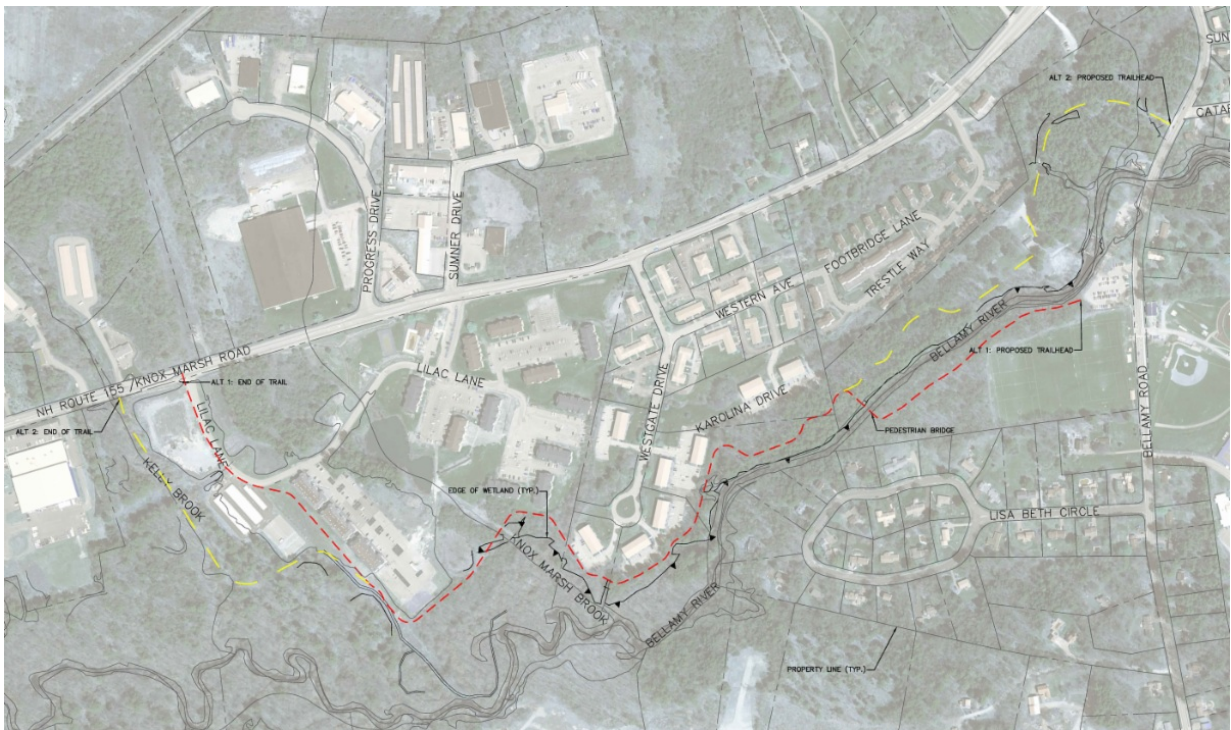
A new culvert will be installed on Hough Street between Horne and Maple streets next week, which will allow the road to reopen once finished.

Precast culvert structures will be delivered on Tuesday, July 25, beginning at 7 a.m. Parking will be prohibited on Hough Street from the failed culvert to Grove Street to allow for delivery. Weather permitting, the structures will be installed from Wednesday, July 26 through Friday, July 28.

Community Services crews worked in the area this week in preparation for the new culvert, as a water main runs through the area. The crews installed water valve gates, so water service will not be affected when the culvert is replaced.

The culvert, which conveys Berry Brook, failed this spring during a rainstorm. City Council authorized the emergency replacement for \$125,012 at its May 24 meeting. The new box culvert's flat bottom will allow a more natural stream bottom in support of aquatic life and habitat.

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



Planning Board receives update on next phase of the Community Trail

The Planning Board recently received an update on the two design alternatives for the next expansion of the Dover Community Trail that would go through Bellamy Park.

Engineering consultants from the firm Fuss & O'Neill detailed the two alternatives for what's known as the Community Trail's Phase IV. Alternative 2 would utilize the existing pedestrian bridge across the Bellamy River but would conflict with the Bellamy Disc Golf course. Alternative 1 would begin from the high school parking lot and run in the woods between the athletic fields and the river, utilizing an existing trail, and then cross the Bellamy River with a new pedestrian bridge that would avoid the disc golf course. The consultants have recommended using Alternative 1.

The project is still in the preliminary design phase, and the consultants plan to continue work this summer before there is a public meeting where the proposed action will be presented. Construction of the ADA-compliant Community Trail is not expected to happen until Spring

2025 at the earliest. Additional design work would be needed, as well as gathering right-of-way agreements.

The city contracted with engineering consultants Fuss & O'Neill of York, Maine, in 2017 to design the next phase, which is planned to go through Bellamy Park. Last year, the City Council agreed to a change order to fund the design of an alternative crossing of the Bellamy River.

[Click here](#) to view the presentation at the Planning Board's June 27 meeting. [Click here](#) for the presentation slides.

Dover Police to host National Night Out

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault is pleased to announce that the Dover Police Department will be participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023. The event will take place at the police station, 46 Chestnut St., from 4 to 7 p.m. and is free to the public. National Night Out is a time for community members to meet with police officers, discuss issues, learn what the police do, and unite with the common goal of crime prevention and safety.

The public will be able to take tours of the station and see a variety of displays around the building, including some of the specialized equipment and vehicles that the police use. These will include a police cruiser, a police motorcycle, the crime scene vehicle, and the tactical rescue vehicle. Several officers, including our K9 officer, will be at the event and interacting with the public.

"The Dover Police Department recognizes the importance of getting to know the members of our community and the value of positive police-community partnerships," Chief Breault said. "National Night Out is an excellent opportunity for police officers and community members to meet and interact. This goes a long way toward solving community problems together."

There will also be community organizations on hand to provide literature and other health, safety, and wellness information. Information on drug prevention, treatment and recovery resources, violence prevention, and local mental health resources will be available to the public through various booths at the event. The Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 443 will be outside the station cooking burgers and hot dogs free for the public.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Dover's National Night Out is an opportunity for citizens to meet and engage with their first responders.

Dover's National Night Out is a family-oriented event affiliated with National Night Out, which involves over 35 million people in more than 10,000 communities nationwide.

Upcoming Meetings:

**School Board, July 24,
6 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, July 24, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

**Transportation Advisory
Commission, July 24,**

ON THE AGENDA

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board to hold public hearing, possibly adopt Master Plan Vision Chapter

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing, followed by a discussion and possible adoption of the draft version of the Master Plan's Vision Chapter, "Distinctly Dover: A Community Vision for 2035," at its Tuesday,

6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., at Police Department Community Room, 46 Chestnut St.

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

Housing Authority, July 25, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier St.

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

Planning Board, July 25, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

City Council, July 26, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Open Lands Committee, July 27, 5:30 p.m.

The Open Lands Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference 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->

July 25 meeting.

The Master Plan's Vision Chapter captures the long-term view of the city, as told by Dover residents, and serves as the foundation from which all other Master Plan chapters are built.

Over the past nine months, Planning Department staff members and the Vision Chapter Steering Committee have worked alongside consultant partners, Resilience Planning and Design and CJW Consulting RRG, to create an updated Vision Chapter of the city's Master Plan that represents what makes the community, "Distinctly Dover." It would replace the current Vision Chapter, "Building our Tomorrow," adopted in 2012. The Master Plan team engaged the public through various means to gather input for the chapter update.

The draft chapter is included in the Planning Board agenda materials, [available here](#), and on the Distinctly Dover webpage, <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/master-plan/distinctly-dover/>.

The Planning Board 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.



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.



Governor, Executive Council recognize Dover400

Other Dover volunteers recognized during Dover meeting

The Governor and Executive Council convened in Dover this week for their July meeting. For those unable to attend the meeting or want to view it again, a video of the meeting is available [online here](#). The meeting is also airing on Channel 22.

The meeting, which took place at the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park, began with special recognition of the Dover400 committee for their work planning this year's anniversary celebration. Kathy Crompton of Dover was also commended for her work with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County. Shelli La Torre of Dover sang the National Anthem, and Revolutionary Councilor John Wentworth of Dover, portrayed by Kevin Collins of the Garrison Players, made an appearance.

The New Hampshire Executive Council, comprising five Councilors elected from across the state, serves as a check and balance to the authority of the Governor by approving all state contracts valued at \$10,000 or more, and confirming all appointments to state agencies, commissions, boards, and judicial appointments. The Executive Council occasionally chooses to meet at various locations throughout the state. District 1 Executive Councilor Joseph

Kenney, who represents Dover, selected the site for this month's meeting.

The video of the meeting can be accessed here: <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=Wny6NlvBbt8huf8t>.



The McConnell Story re-premieres at the Strand Theater Saturday night

Join the Woodman Museum on Saturday, July 22, at 7 p.m. at the Strand Theater for the "re-premiere" of The McConnell Story. In 1955, this Hollywood biopic about Dover-born Korean War Hero and jet Ace Capt. Joe C. McConnell had its East Coast premiere at the Strand Theater in Dover.

Joseph "Mac" McConnell Jr. (Alan Ladd) dreams of piloting airplanes, so much so that he goes AWOL from an Army base to take flying lessons. When the military police look for him, Mac hitches a ride with Bob (Robert Ellis), a teenager who takes him home to meet the family, including Bob's sister, Pearl (June Allyson). Mac and Pearl eventually marry, but she worries whenever he sets foot in a plane -- especially when he's chosen as a test pilot for the new Sabre jet. The movie was released in 1955.

The event includes a WWII/Korean War exhibit, Capt. McConnell beer by Chapel & Main and a photograph on the red carpet. Tickets are just \$5, and proceeds benefit the Woodman Museum. [Purchase tickets](#).

Upcoming events for Dover's 400th anniversary

Dover400, the committee organizing Dover's 400th-anniversary celebration, has events scheduled throughout the summer and year as the city reaches this historic milestone.

Other upcoming events include:

Through Aug. 11: Dover 400 Cochecho Arts Festival. A summer-long festival full of music and art is held in Henry Law Park. View the Friday Night Headliner and Children's Show schedule: <https://www.dovernh.org/cochecho-arts-festival>

Through Aug. 11: Dover Artists Exhibition. A special exhibition featuring Dover artists in the new Backstage Gallery, 1 Washington Street, Suite 1177, Dover. An artists' reception will be held on July 15 from 6 to 9 p.m.

July 22: The McConnell Story, Movie Night at the Strand at 7 p.m. This Hollywood Biopic is about Dover-born Capt. Joseph C. McConnell: The U.S. Air Force's first triple jet-on-jet flying ace and hero of the Korean War. The event will include a red carpet/ photo op for guests, a special Joe McConnell beer made by Chapel & Main, and more! [Purchase tickets](#).

Aug. 5: Dover Artists Exhibition. An opening reception at the new Backstage Gallery, 1 Washington Street, Suite 1177, Dover, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Aug. 5: Cochecho Arts Festival Creative Arts Showcase. Local artists will showcase their work in Henry Law Park from 12 to 4 p.m.

Aug 11: Milestone Anniversary Celebration, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. Join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce in celebrating several chamber members' milestone anniversaries in one combined celebration from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Stay up-to-date on the latest events by visiting dover400.org.



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](#).

July 22, 1765 — A vote at the annual meeting in March to hire five school teachers for a six-month term was overturned after 33 "free-holders" requested it be reconsidered. No organized school districts were required by statute until after 1800, and, as a result, there were very few schoolhouses and instructors.

July 24, 1843 — At a town meeting held in the new Town Hall, the town voted to convey to the County of Strafford the use of the Court Room with the necessary rooms for county officers, jury rooms, etc., as long as the Court remained in Dover, upon the payment of \$3,000.

July 23, 1849 — Dover and the region suffered a great drought and heatwave this summer. The severe weather claimed the lives of several people in the area, all of whom died from sunstroke while at work in their fields.

July 21, 1954 — Crews working on the steeple at Dover's First Parish Church discovered a secret, sealed box underneath the steeple's weathervane. Inside the metal box were copies of Foster's Daily Democrat from 1901, a history of the city, and other mementos. Who placed the box beneath the steeple remains a mystery.

July 26, 2001 — The City Council reviewed plans by the Police Department to move from the basement of City Hall to the former middle school across the street, now the McConnell Center. That plan was eventually rejected. The Police Department did move to a new facility on Chestnut Street in 2016.



Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with music, food, and time capsules

The Dover Public Library sprinted into summer on June 19 with its reading program and now, as the finish line approaches, they are winding up with festivities for all ages.

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading on Thursday, July 27, at 6 p.m. with food, music, and crafts on the library's front lawn. In the event of rain, activities will be moved inside.

Joining the celebration will be the Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group and Red's Good Vibes Food Truck, providing music and food. The librarians will also be serving free snow cones.

During the party attendees will be invited to create their own time capsules, while supplies last, and see what the librarians have picked to go into their very own time capsule to be buried at the library that evening.

Dover Public Library's Summer Reading Program officially ends on Saturday, July 29, but there's still time to participate. There are programs for kids, teens, and adults, with the option to do the program entirely online through the app Beanstack. Simply read and then earn raffle tickets to put towards weekly prizes, including gift cards to local businesses and a six-foot stuffed goose. Programs are retroactive so participants can log past days read after signing up.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to sign up for summer reading, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

Tracing the history of your home: Learn how

Join the Library on Monday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at the Dover Public Library for an informative free program on how to trace the history of your (Dover area) house.

Have you ever wondered about your house's past? When was it built, and why? Who owned it, and what happened to the occupants? Whether you're seeking documentation for historic status or are just plain inquisitive, tracing a property's history and learning about the people who lived there can be a fascinating and fulfilling project. Researching your home means

becoming a local detective.

Using a combination of print and electronic resources, architectural and historical information, maps, obituaries, city directories, and census information, former Library Director Cathy Beaudoin will present the best ways to begin tracing your property.

Cathy Beaudoin has been researching local residences and Dover neighborhoods for decades. She will primarily focus on Dover and Strafford County information sources, but the general suggested methods can be applied to almost any house, anywhere. Knowing your home's history certainly will make you feel more connected and involved with its past, and you'll probably uncover some intriguing stories, too.

For more information, please call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Dover 400th Scavenger Hunt July 1 through Aug. 31

Learn all about Dover's history with our Dover 400th Scavenger Hunt! Using historical markers, monuments, and some online sleuthing, complete at least 15 of the 40 missions in the ActionBound app to be entered into a raffle for \$75 Dover Dollars and some Library & Dover 400th swag. Complete all 40 and be entered three times. Learn more:

<https://en.actionbound.com/bounds/user/doverpubliclibrary>

July Cookbook Club Recipe Swap

Join us for a good, old-fashioned recipe swap. Throughout July, bring in a favorite recipe (or multiple favorites) or upload the recipe to our Google Form. There will be a recipe binder at the main circulation desk for patrons to browse and make copies of recipes. If you make one of the recipes from the swap, please send a picture to be shared on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at

e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov, or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

Monday, July 24-Saturday, July 29 Donation Drive for Pope Memorial Humane Society

Let's help out our furry and feathered friends at Pope Memorial Humane Society by collecting some of their greatest need items! Suggestions include: Dry dog and cat food; Wet and dry kitten food; Clay non-clumping cat litter; Bleach; Paper towels; Gloves; Trash bags (39 gallon or larger); Hay (any brand); Rabbit food (any brand); and Thermal cat mats. Donations will be accepted at the Adult or Children's circulation desk. View full wish list of items: <https://popememorialcvhs.org/how-you-can-help/wish-list/>

Monday, July 24-Saturday, July 29

Tuesday, July 25, 2 to 3 p.m. Tendercrop Farm Tour

Meet at 123 Dover Point Road for a tour of the animals and how the farm is run.

Tuesday, July 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & 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 – all skill levels are welcome!

Wednesday, July 26, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All Abilities Club: Video Gaming

Adults with disabilities are invited for an hour of Nintendo Switch gaming action! Just Dance, Wii Sports, Mario Kart, and more. Everyone will get a chance to play, and activities will be provided for the down time between turns.

Wednesday, July 26, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Summer Lego Club

Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on, or you can build your own creations. This is a family event for people aged 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library. CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Get Lit! Book Club

Join us at Blue Latitudes in Dover to discuss *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!

Thursday, July 27, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Multilingual Book Group

Educators from the UNH Community

Teen Take & Make Kits: Friendship Bracelets

Teens entering grades 6-12 are welcome to bring home a Take & Make Kit filled with supplies needed to make a small craft. This week's kit will contain supplies to make a candy stripe friendship bracelet. Kits will be available beginning July 24, and can be picked up in the Teen Loft (one per teen, please) while supplies last!

Monday, July 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Family Summer Storytime

We will be reading books, singing songs, and enjoying activities highlighting some of our excellent Dover community workers. Meet either in the Lecture Hall or on the front lawn, weather permitting. All children and their caregivers are welcome.

Monday, July 24, 2 to 3 p.m. STEM event: Paper Airplanes

Kids entering grades one and up are welcome to build and test paper airplanes and launchers! All supplies will be provided, and no registration is required.

**Monday, July 24, 6 to 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons: 14+ Group**
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 14 & older group is for new and veteran role-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.

Literacy Center will lead this group which will feature a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. This program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3. Caregivers are not required to attend, but are always welcome. *Registration required.*

Thursday, July 27, 5 to 8 p.m. Magic the Gathering

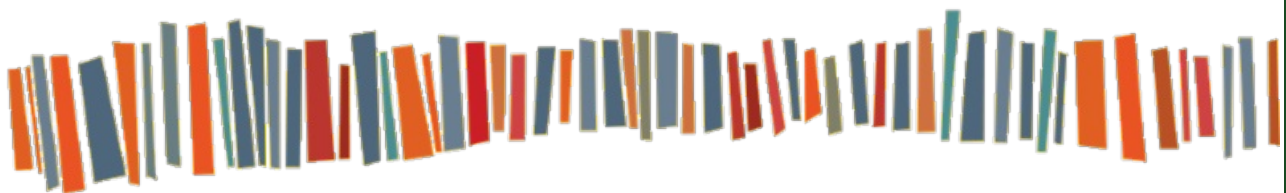
Join us every Thursday evening to play Magic the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels welcome. No materials required.

**Thursday, July 27, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
End of Summer Reading Party Featuring Music by Southern Ukulele Group**
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with music from the Southern NH Ukulele Group, Red's Good Vibes Food Truck, and snow cones! Make your own time capsule and then join the library as we bury ours.

Thursday, July 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cocheco River Writers

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

**Friday, July 28, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!**
This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to five with puppets, and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.



Small Boat Regatta is this Sunday

Join the Great Bay Yacht Club in celebrating 69-plus years of sailing Merry Macs, Oyster River Cats, Handy Cats, Sunfish, Nutshell Prams, small sailing boats and dinghies at the Small Boat Regatta on Sunday, July 23.

The race is open to entrants of all ages. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at Hilton Park.

It was in the spring of 1954, when a group of sailors gathered with a simple purpose, "to organize and provide rules for racing this summer on Great Bay, or other places designated." By 1958, Great Bay Yacht Club was officially registered with the State of New Hampshire as a non-profit organization whose purpose was "to foster the spirit of sailing in the community

around the Great Bay area."

Visit <https://www.greatbayyachtclub.org> for more details.

Garrison City Football Club fall registration

Garrison City Football Club offers programs for boys and girls, ages 3 to 14, at every ability level. Players develop soccer skills and learn what it means to be a good teammate and leader on and off the field.

Registration for fall soccer is open through Monday, July 31. Sign up online at: garrisoncityfc.org/



Garrison City F.C. was formed in 1984 by a group of passionate parents and fans who wanted to bring the game of soccer to the youth of Dover and surrounding communities. The club provides various opportunities for competitive and recreational soccer training and play that emphasizes player development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Avoid input fees for permits and licenses by using new online application system

The City of Dover utilizes an online permitting system to streamline the process of applying for and renewing permits and licenses, submitting construction plans, and scheduling inspections.

Available 24 hours a day, the city's portal for permits, plans, and licensing at <https://permits.dover.nh.gov> allows customers to utilize the system without entering a municipal building. The portal has about 60 applications for permits, plans, and business licenses, ranging from driveway permits to health licenses. Customers can view the status of their application at any time, pay fees online, receive email alerts when a permit or license is issued, and download that permit or license from the site. The online process ensures timely review and processing of incoming permits.

Beginning July 1, 2023, the city now charges a "permit input fee" to cover the administrative cost for customers who seek to have city staff input permit data into the portal. The charge is \$40 an hour, prorated to the actual time to input the information into the system. The fee was instituted by the City Council when it adopted the [FY2024 budget](#) and accompanying [schedule of fees](#). Manual entry of permits may extend the review and processing times.

Customers who have questions on how to input the information into the online system can contact the city without incurring an input fee. For more information, contact Planning Department at 603-516-6008 or Community Services at 603-516-6450.

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:

- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Heritage Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arts Commission
- 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/

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 Susan Mistretta at s.mistretta@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:

- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Inspection Services Office Assistant**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Firefighter / EMT**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**
- **Laborer - Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator - Utilities**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Police Systems IT Technician**
- **City Planner**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

