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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



July 3, 2026



CITY OF DOVER, NH

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

City Hall hours:

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



Don Briand, performing as John Adams, reads the Declaration of Independence at a previous event. Briand returns this year, along with Kevin Collins as Thomas Jefferson and Brian Miskinis as

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

**Recycling
Center
hours:**

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

Josiah Bartlett, to read the founding document on the steps of
City Hall on July 4.

Annual Declaration of Independence reading is July 4 at City Hall

Daughters of the American Revolution to hand out flags, copies of the founding document in honor of 250th

Dover will begin Independence Day with a familiar tradition Saturday, July 4, as the Declaration of Independence is read aloud from the steps of City Hall.

The annual reading begins at 9 a.m. at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave. Mayor Dennis Shanahan will speak as part of the program.

This year's reading takes on added significance as communities across the country mark the 250th anniversary of American independence. The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain and setting out the principles that continue to shape the nation's civic life.

Garrison Players Arts Center performers will portray three Founding-era figures for the reading. Kevin Collins will portray Thomas Jefferson, Don Briand will portray John Adams, and Brian Miskinis will portray Josiah Bartlett, a New Hampshire delegate to the Second Continental Congress and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The Margery Sullivan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will also participate in the program. Members will appear in colonial clothing and will hand out copies of the Declaration of Independence and American flags.

The reading has been a Dover Independence Day tradition for more than two decades. The event was started in 2001 by former Mayor Wil Boc and has long been organized by Garrison Players Arts Center, whose performers bring the nation's founding era to life each Fourth of July on the City Hall steps.

Garrison Players Arts Center is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theater group dedicated to enriching the area's cultural life by presenting high-quality theatrical performances for family audiences. Established in 1953, Garrison Players encourages people of all ages to enjoy and participate in the performing arts and to help maintain the Garrison Players Arts Center.

Holiday hours for city offices and facilities

Curbside trash and recycling pickup not affected by holiday

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026, for the Independence Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

The Public Library will be closed on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4.

The McConnell Center, including the Recreation Fitness Center, will close at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 2. The McConnell Center is open regular hours on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4.

The Dover Arena is closed Friday, July 3, Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5. The [Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool](#) will operate regular summer hours, except for Saturday, July 4, where it will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The [Indoor Pool](#) will operate under regular summer hours.

The Dover Community Senior Center is closed on Friday, July 3.

Inspection Services on Mast Road will be closed on Friday, July 3. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

The Recycling Center on Mast Road is closed on Saturday, July 4.

Curbside trash and recycling pick-up is not affected by the holiday and will follow a regular schedule.

Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, is a parking holiday. Metered parking is not required on parking holidays in most locations, except for the Parking Garage and Transportation Center Lot, which are metered parking at all times.



Celebrate 4th of July holiday safely; Fireworks illegal in Dover

As Independence Day approaches, Police Chief David Terlemezian and Fire Chief Brendan Driscoll are reminding residents that consumer fireworks are not only dangerous, they're also illegal in the City of Dover.

According to city ordinance, "no person, firm, partnership or corporation shall offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, purchase, possess, transport, use or explode any fireworks without a permit."

Permits are granted only for approved displays conducted by licensed operators using Class C fireworks. Displays must be authorized by both the Fire and Rescue Chief and the Police Chief, and operators must hold a valid license or a certificate of competency from the State of New Hampshire.

Fireworks pose serious risks. The National Fire Protection Association reports fireworks cause nearly 20,000 fires annually, resulting in more than \$100 million in property damage. In addition, thousands of people are treated each year in U.S. emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries. Children under 15 accounted for nearly one-third of those injured.

Beyond physical harm, fireworks can also cause significant distress for military veterans living with post-traumatic stress disorder and can be traumatic or frightening for pets.

For more information, contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 516-6169.



Downtown placemaking, middle school HVAC upgrades among the resolutions on Council's agenda

The City Council holds its first meeting of fiscal year 2027 on Wednesday, July 8. On the agenda are a number of resolutions and four public hearings.

One public hearing is for the resolution to authorize using \$125,000 generated from Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority land sales in Enterprise Park to invest in downtown placemaking and cultural infrastructure, including \$60,000 for the Dover Arts Commission sculpture base program, \$60,000 for the Light Up Dover project and \$5,000 for Fish Ladder Park. The resolution received a unanimous recommendation from DBIDA. "These investments will activate public spaces, attract visitors, and create a cohesive downtown experience that will support economic activity in Dover," it states in the resolution's background materials. "Targeting the downtown allows us to maximize the community and business benefits of these investments by supporting a larger number of individual businesses."

Another public hearing will be held on a resolution that would amend sections of the Vehicle and Traffic ordinance. One part is the changing of parking restrictions on select streets to aid winter snow removal and emergency vehicle access. Another part is adding parking permit areas on sections of Washington and Chestnut streets. There is a separate public hearing and resolution related to setting the fees for these new parking permit areas. These proposed changes were recommended by the Parking Commission.

The last public hearing is on the resolution authorizing the City of Dover to conduct its annual appraisal of real estate for fiscal year 2027 (tax year 2026). It's been the city's practice for decades to conduct the annual assessment to ensure assessments are proportional to market value. This is the first of two public hearings of the resolution. Another will be held on Wednesday, July 22, with a City Council vote on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

The City Council will also vote on a resolution that would authorize bonding an additional \$2,433,068 for the Dover Middle School geothermal HVAC upgrades and parking lot repairs as part of a fiscal year 2027 Capital Improvements Program project. The project would install geothermal well technology, a rooftop solar installation, and flat roof restoration work, as detailed in the School Department's energy infrastructure modernization plan. It would also repair the parking lot after the geothermal well installation is complete. The City Council has authorized \$7,854,980 for the project in previous resolutions. According to background materials, the project is estimated to be eligible for \$3,442,279 in rebate and incentive revenues. The City Council held a public hearing on the resolution at its June 10 meeting.

The City Council will also consider authorizing an amendment to the Jenny Thompson Pool renovation project for \$120,606 that includes the patching of the collector tank, painting of both the pool and pump house, adding a fence and removal of steel ports, repair of the water line, door closers, installation of equipment pad, additional plaster demo and ledge removal, according to the background materials.

Also on the agenda are resolutions that would:

- Award the bid for construction oversight of the Henry Law Avenue and Payne Street Reconstruction to Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc., for \$407,220
- Authorize the City Manager to sell surplus city property to fund Dover's share of the county-wide warming center project being built on county lands in Dover
- Amendments to the Conservation Commission and Open Lands Committee bylaws
- Authorize the replacement and upgrade of the Dover Police's digital management system for \$28,850
- Award the bid to make accessibility improvements to Woodman Park and Sullivan Drive Park to William P. Davis Excavation, LLC for \$99,165
- Award the bid to install decorative street lighting downtown and related electrical infrastructure to NEGM Electric, LLC for \$29,600
- Authorize the purchase of a batch of ultraviolet light bulbs for the wastewater treatment plant disinfection system for \$49,837
- Award the contract for the household hazardous waste collection services to MXI Environmental Services, LLC
- Award the contract for water hydraulic modeling to Underwood Engineers for \$67,000
- Authorize the contracting with Haley Ward, Inc. for the operation and maintenance of the sewer pump station servicing the former municipal landfill on Tolend Road for \$114,600
- Authorize the purchase of granular activated carbon media replacement for PFAS filters at the Pudding Hill Water Treatment Facility for \$97,200
- Authorize the purchase of a heavy-duty pickup truck and plow for Community Services for \$64,850
- Authorize the bargaining agreement between the Dover School Board and the Dover Educational Office Personnel Union for two years
- Authorize the purchase and sale agreement for parcels in Enterprise Park with Pioneer REI, LLC

The complete agenda and agenda materials [are available online](#). The meeting will be held in City Hall's Council Chambers starting at 7 p.m. It will be televised on DoverTV and [online](#), where it will be available on-demand.

Stayin' cool in the pool



Recreation Program Supervisor Colby Conway waves from the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool on Thursday, just after Camp Kool participants jumped back into the pool to cool off. The Jenny Thompson Pool, named for the decorated Olympian who trained here is [now open 7 days a week](#), including from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 4. The pool opened on July 1 after extensive renovations.

Community Power sets new rates, effective Aug. 1

The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) announced its default "Granite Basic" residential electricity supply rate for Dover customers at 14.949 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), effective Aug. 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027. The new rate is a 0.286-cent increase, or 1.95% above the current 14.663-cent kWh rate.

The coalition's board of directors adopted the new rates at its June 26 meeting based on CPCNH's cost of service, noting in its announcement that the rate "adjustment reflect higher energy supply costs associated with wholesale market conditions, including impacts from geopolitical conflicts and increased demand during the past winter."

Community Power's Granite Basic provides 25.2% of renewable energy content. They also offer Granite Plus, with 33% renewable content, Clean 50 with 50% renewable content, and Clean 100, which provides 100% of energy from renewable sources. The kWh rates for the Aug. 1, 2026 to Jan. 31, 2027 are as follows: Granite Basic at 14.949, Granite Plus at 15.349, Clean 50 at 16.049, and Clean 100 at 18.049.



Executive Director Henry Herndon wrote in a June 29 letter to the CPCNH Board of Directors that Community Power has recovered from a negative reserve balance and returned to a net positive reserve accrual position; the non-profit has also completed an internal reorganization.

“With recovery and reorganization complete, CPCNH enters the second half of 2026 focused not on stabilization, but on strategic execution to improve our competitive position,” Herndon stated. “Our priorities include enhancing portfolio flexibility and performance, evaluating municipal energy prepay bond opportunities, strengthening reserves and liquidity, and advancing initiatives that improve long-term value for Members and customers.”

Eversource, the utility provider for Dover residents and businesses, will increase its default electricity supply rate 23.89% to 14.009 cents per kWh, up 2.706 cents from its current 11.303 cent rate.

In addition to electricity supply rates, there is an electricity delivery rate component that is charged to all energy customers by the utility provider, regardless of a customer’s energy supplier. For most customers, this charge is slightly more than half of their monthly electric bill.

Dover’s energy customers may choose which firm supplies their electricity, including Dover Community Power, third-party options, and the utility provider, Eversource. The New Hampshire Department of Energy [has a webpage](#) to help customers shop for competitive energy power suppliers.

To opt in, out, or select a Community Power option with more renewable energy content, customers can:

- Use Community Power’s [online portal](#)
- Call [1-866-603-7697](tel:1-866-603-7697) (POWR) or email Info@CommunityPowerNH.gov

Please note that it may take one to two billing cycles to reflect the change. To complete the change, customers will need their Eversource account number

About Community Power

The Community Power program is authorized under state law RSA 53:E. It allows municipalities and counties to aggregate retail electric customers to “access to competitive markets for supplies of electricity and related energy services” on a voluntary basis. The program is self-funded through revenues generated by participating customers and does not use taxpayer funds to cover program expenses.

Since launching in early 2023, Community Power has introduced more competition and product options to an increasing number of electric customers in New Hampshire. Customers can easily choose from options including 33%, 50%, or 100% renewable energy on a month-to-month basis and can move between Community Power, utility supply options, and third-party providers.



Project Manager Jamie Stevens discusses the work at Nebi Park and the Cochecho Waterfront Development Project in a recent [video update](#).

Ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 14 will celebrate official opening of Nebi Park, waterfront development project

Recent video provides virtual tour of the site

The City of Dover and Cathartes will celebrate the opening of Nebi Park and continued progress in the city's Waterfront District with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Nebi Park Pavilion, 28 River St.

The ceremony will mark the official opening of [Nebi Park](#), Dover's new public waterfront park along the Cochecho River, and recognize the public-private partnership that has helped transform the long-planned waterfront development into a new mixed-use district. Following the Nebi Park ceremony, attendees will walk across River Street for a second ribbon-cutting at The Truette, 31 River St.

The program at Nebi Park will include a poem presented by the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People, a plaque dedication and keynote remarks honoring the progress made in developing the district.

Nebi Park is a central public feature of the Waterfront District, offering new gathering space, river views, public access to the waterfront and a 2,300-square-foot pavilion. The park includes green space, seating areas, walkways, public restrooms, a plaza, paddle dock access, lighting, landscaping and areas designed for public art and recreation.

The park's name, "Nebi," uses the Abenaki word for "bend in the river," reflecting the site's connection to the Cochecho River and the area's Indigenous heritage.

A recent video tour of the site, led by City of Dover Project Manager Jamie Stevens, provides a closer look at the park and surrounding improvements. The tour highlights the pavilion, riverwalk pathways, paddle dock, seating areas, new plantings, public art locations, stormwater treatment systems and shoreline restoration work. The video, "Waterfront Development Project Update and Tour: Summer 2026," is available on the city's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/5a-7WijRjoM>.

The waterfront redevelopment spans a 29-acre city-owned parcel along the Cochecho River, with approximately 14.5 acres of developable land and about a half-mile of river frontage. Public improvements have included new streets, utilities, stormwater systems, shoreline stabilization, park construction and river access. Private development by Cathartes is expected to include approximately 418 residential units and about 26,000 square feet of commercial space once fully built.

The July 14 ceremony will also celebrate The Truette, a 197-unit, mixed-use apartment complex featuring a 5,000-square-foot coworking space, dining options and panoramic views of the Cochecho River.

Attendees are encouraged to park along River Street where spaces are available. Once River Street parking fills, attendees will be directed to The Truette parking lot. The program will be held rain or shine.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP through the [event page](#).



You're Invited!

Please join us for the

Nebi Park and Truette Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

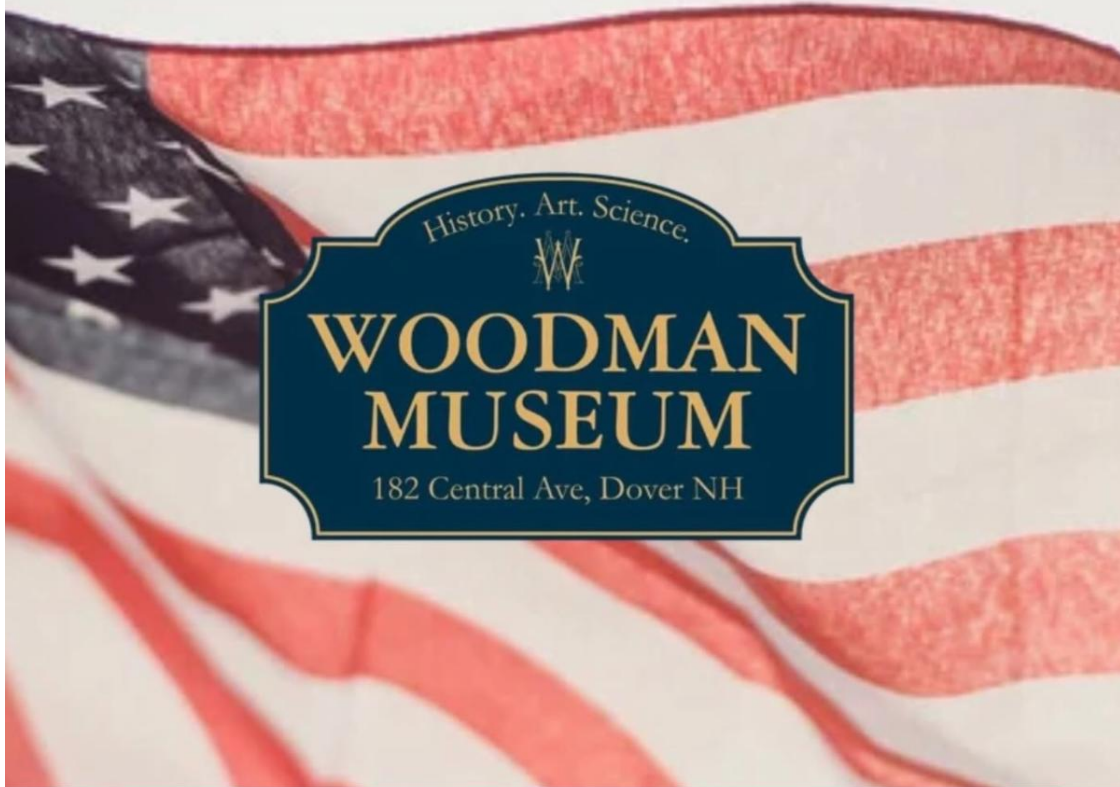
Hosted by the City of Dover and Cathartes

**Tuesday, July 14, 2026
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Nebi Park Pavilion
28 River Street, Dover, NH

OUR COMMUNITY, OUR MEMORIES:

DOVER REMEMBERS
THE TRAGEDY OF
SEPTEMBER 11TH



Opens July 5th

Woodman Museum exhibit to feature Sept. 11 artifacts, oral histories

The Woodman Museum will open a new exhibit Sunday, July 5, featuring artifacts connected to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, including pieces from the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

“Our Community, Our Memories: Dover Remembers the Tragedy of September 11th” will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum. The exhibit highlights the work of retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. John Fischer of Dover, who served as a responder at Ground Zero after the attacks. The exhibit includes images and gear Fischer collected during his time there, as well as a piece of steel from World Trade Center 1 and a stone capstone from the Pentagon.

As part of the exhibit, the Woodman Museum is partnering with the City of Dover to record oral histories from Dover residents about where they were on Sept. 11 and what the day means to them. Filming will be held Friday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum.

The recorded histories will be included in a video connected to the exhibit and the city's new 9/11 Memorial. Those interested in participating may contact the museum at director@woodmanmuseum.org.

The exhibit also connects with Dover's planned 9/11 Memorial, which is expected to be dedicated Sept. 11, 2026, the 25th anniversary of the attacks. The memorial will be located in the Cochecho Mill Courtyard in downtown Dover and is intended as a place for remembrance, reflection and education. Its design includes granite panels representing the Pentagon, the World Trade Center towers and Shanksville, Penn., along with interpretive elements honoring the victims, first responders, military members and survivors.

A public display with details and renderings of the memorial is on exhibit in the Customer Service Center on the ground floor of City Hall, adjacent to the City Clerk's office.

Upcoming Meetings:

Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee, July 7, 5:30 p.m.

The Planning Board's Community Trail Advisory Subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Arts Commission, July 7, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, July 8, 6 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

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

City Council, July 8, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 8,



Cochecho Arts Festival headliner series opens July 10 with Jon Nolan and Good Company

The 40th annual Cochecho Arts Festival kicks off Friday, July 10, with Jon Nolan and Good Company performing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rotary Arts Pavilion in Henry Law Park.

The free concert opens this year's summerlong festival, presented by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. All Cochecho Arts Festival events are free and open to the public.

Festivalgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an evening of live music in downtown Dover. For more information and the full festival schedule, visit dovernh.org/artsfest.

2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chamber at City Hall.

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

Ethics Commission, July 10, 1 p.m.

The Ethics Commission will hold a regular meeting on Friday, July 10, 2026, beginning at 1 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board

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

To apply, [complete an application](#), and return it to the City Clerk's Office, or [email it to](#) City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

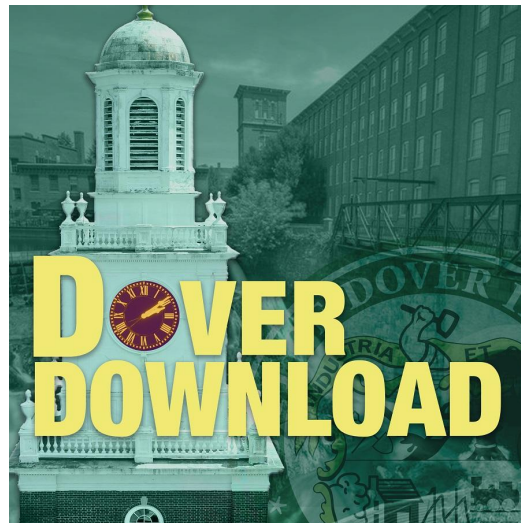
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Littleworth Road Water and Sewer Improvement Project](#)
- [Website Redesign and Content Management Systems Implementation](#)
- [Barrier Removal ADA Door Installation](#)
- [Sale of Real Estate, 275 Durham Road](#)
- [Sale of Surplus Property - Wooden Chairs and Tables](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

For more information, contact the Finance and Purchasing Office at 603-516-6030.



Wrapping Up June: TIFs, Tie Votes, and Nebi Park

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Mike Gillis for an end-of-June recap of city government activity. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at bit.ly/doverdownload

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

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

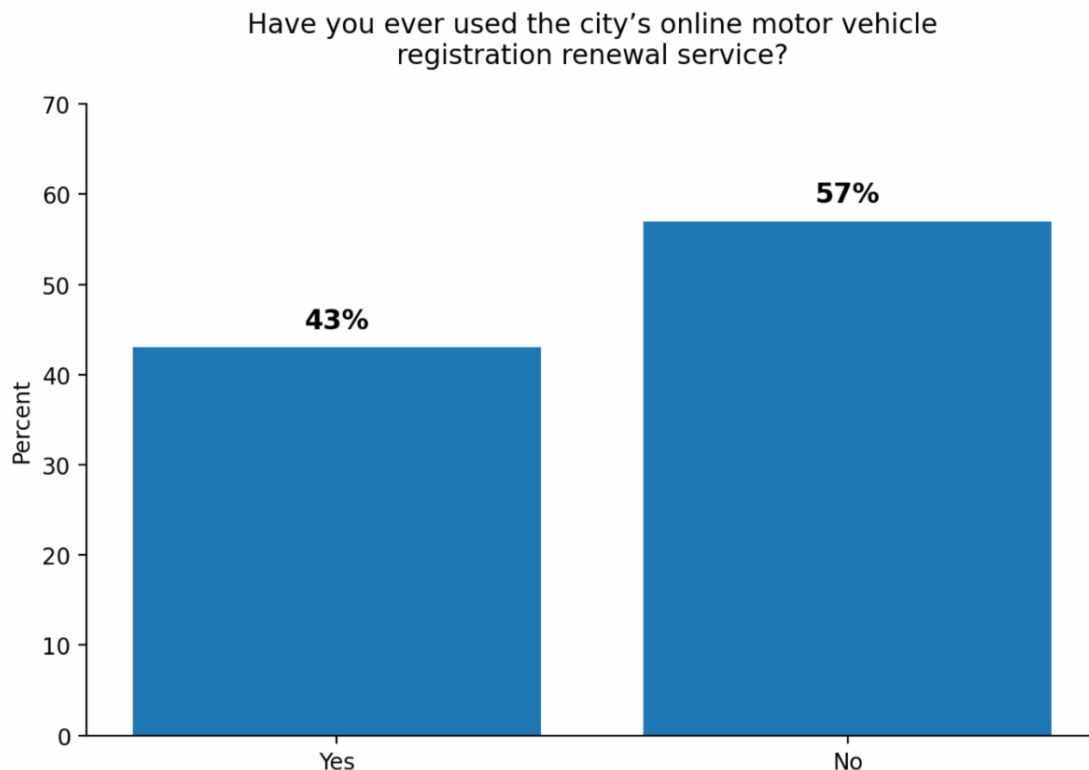
This week's question:

"Did you watch this year's fireworks display on July 2?"

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

Please note that if you don't already have an account with Polco, the city's polling system, you will be asked to create one. Responses are anonymous.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you ever used the city's online motor vehicle registration renewal service?"**





As the nation prepares to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, This Week in Dover History will spend the next month looking back at Dover's role during the American Revolution and the year 1776.

While the Declaration was signed in Philadelphia, its meaning was felt in communities across the colonies, including Dover. Local residents were called upon to support the cause of independence, serve in the militia, provide supplies, and help shape the new civic life of a nation being born.

Over the next several weeks, we'll explore moments from Dover's Revolutionary past and consider how events here connected to the larger story of American independence.

The Piscataqua River System and the Timber Conflict

In 1776, Dover's economy was inextricably tied to the Piscataqua River system, which served as the commercial artery connecting the town to Portsmouth's deep-water port and the broader Atlantic economy. New Hampshire's economy was centered around the watershed's vast stands of white pine.

Long before the Revolution began, this timber was a major source of conflict with Great Britain. The Royal Navy's Surveyor of His Majesty's Woods and Forests had enacted a policy reserving the best and tallest pines strictly for British ship masts. This mandate was deeply resented by the colonists, leading to acts of rebellion like the 1772 Pine Tree Riot. Dover's local sawmills, and the timber that constantly flowed through them toward Portsmouth, were directly implicated in this ongoing contest over natural resources.

The Role of the Gundalows

To move massive timbers, agricultural goods, and bricks downriver, Dover relied heavily on gundalows, flat-bottomed sailing barges that were indigenous to the Piscataqua region. Described as "the 18-wheelers of their day," these vessels were perfectly designed to navigate the shallow, dangerous currents of the local rivers with a crew of just two or three men. The gundalows formed an essential supply chain between the inland resources of Dover and the coastal shipyards of Portsmouth.

John Langdon and the USS Raleigh

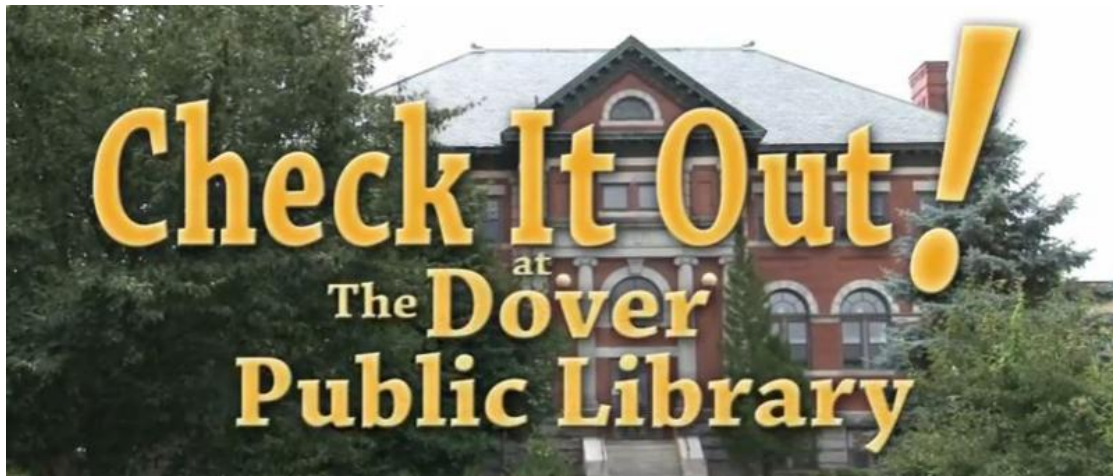
When the Continental Congress authorized the creation of a navy in December 1775, the Piscataqua shipyards, which had served British naval needs for generations, were suddenly tasked with building the naval arm of a new nation. The primary organizer of this effort was John Langdon, a Portsmouth merchant and the superintendent of Continental naval prizes. Dover's merchants, who traded up and down the Cochecho and Piscataqua rivers, operated directly within the commercial ecosystem that Langdon anchored.

On March 21, 1776, the keel of the USS Raleigh, a 32-gun frigate, was laid at Langdon's shipyard on Badger's Island, just 0.2 miles from the Portsmouth wharves. Dover's river commerce, gundalow trade, and timber industry provided the essential raw materials and logistical support that made the rapid construction of this ship possible.

Thanks to this highly efficient local supply chain, the USS Raleigh was launched just two months later on May 21, 1776, before the Declaration of Independence was even signed. It achieved the historic distinction of being the first warship built for the Continental Navy

and the first warship to carry the American flag into battle. Today, the image of the USS Raleigh is immortalized on both the state seal and the state flag of New Hampshire.

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](#).



Learn About Andrew Jackson at Dover Public Library in Presidential Series

He was into dueling (and had a bullet near his heart to prove it); blamed John Quincy Adams for his wife's death; and was the last president to conveniently die at the same place where his funeral and burial were held. Oh, and his swearing parrot got kicked out of his funeral. Don't you want to know more about Andrew Jackson?



Join Dover Public Library virtually on Friday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m. to discover some more fun facts about our seventh president in this yearlong Presidential Series with "America's Preeminent Presidential Doodler" Heather Rogers! The program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

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

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

To keep her interest during her accidental spite project, Rogers filled hundreds of sketchbook pages doodling her way through presidential biographies. Doing so heightened her curiosity and turned her into an insufferable presidential nerd. Along the way, she discovered unexpected threads connecting seemingly unconnected people, times, and events. She can't get enough of the weird trivia, coincidences, and quirks. Like

the fact that English wasn't the first language of the first president born in the U.S. Or that a three-part plan was proposed to bring George Washington back to life. Don't even get her started on William Henry Harrison – he was only president for a month, but she could talk about him for hours.

For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050. Dover Public Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and closed Sunday.

This Week at the Library

Monday, July 6, 10 to 10:45 a.m. **Family Summer Storytime** **Community Room**

Family Summer Storytime will feature "Unearth a Story," the nationwide Summer Reading program where dinosaurs will rule! Explore books, sing songs and play games highlighting these ancient creatures. Come discover how dinosaurs lived and what they ate and how they played. Bring your big roaring voice, and big stomping feet for this fun and educational storytime.

Monday, July 6, 3 to 4 p.m. **Crafternoon for Kids: Dinosaur** **Suncatchers**

Program Room (Mullen Room)
Kids ages 4 and up and their caregivers are invited to join us in the children's program room to make a dinosaur suncatcher. Younger children may need help from a caregiver to complete this project.

Tuesday, July 7, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Adult Knitting Group**

Meeting Room 4 (Garland Room)
This group is open to anyone who has a love for knitting, crocheting, and related fiber arts. All levels are welcome, no instructions provided! Bring your works-in-progress and any finished objects you would like to show off to the group.

Wednesday, July 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **All Abilities Club: Art for All** **Community Room**

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, July 8, 2 to 3 p.m. **Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club** **Trustees Room**

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month's book is *The Terrible Hours* by Peter Maas.

Thursday, July 9, 6:30 to 7:30 pm **Reading Rainbow Book Group** **Meeting Room 4 (Garland Room)**

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

Friday, July 10, 10:30 to 11:30 am **Virtual Presidential Series:** **Andrew Jackson**

Register: <https://ow.ly/2V6m50ZiVaK>

A yearlong series with "America's Preeminent Presidential Doodler," Heather Rogers, sharing curious facts, surprising tidbits, and lively illustrations of U.S. presidents. This month our focus turns to Andrew Jackson: Into dueling (and had a bullet near his heart to prove it). Blamed John Quincy Adams for his wife's death. Last president to conveniently die at the same place where his funeral was held and he was buried (his swearing parrot was kicked out of his funeral).

Saturday, July 11, 10 to 11 a.m. **Drop-In Art Lab for Kids** **Program Room (Mullen)**

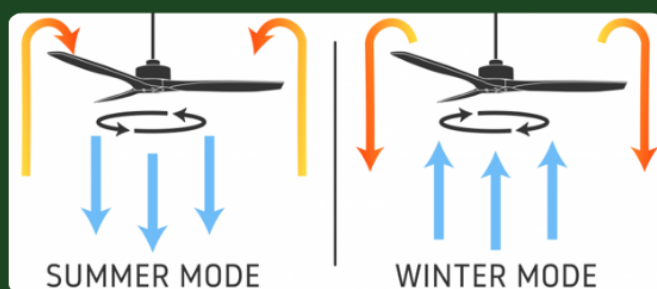
Kids of all ages are invited to bring their imagination and creativity to the Drop-In Open Art Lab. A variety of supplies will be available for you to use to create artwork of your own design.



Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

SET YOUR CEILING FAN FOR THE SEASON

Your ceiling fan can help reduce cooling costs in summer and heating costs in winter.



Summer: Set the fan counterclockwise for a cooling breeze and reduced AC use.

Winter: Set the fan clockwise to pull cool air up and push warm air back down.

Note: Most fans have a small toggle switch on the motor housing that reverses the blade direction.

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Help shape the city. Your work makes a difference every day.



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Training, certifications, and advancement in multiple fields.

Community Services is more than just public works. From roads and water to parks and sustainability, our team keeps Dover moving forward. Join a department where every day brings a new challenge, new skills, and the chance to build community.



Critical need for blood donors

The American Red Cross reports a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply. The shortage is especially serious for blood types O, A negative, and B negative blood.



**American
Red Cross**

Every day, thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant.

Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). [Learn more about](#) the donation process.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Monday, July 6, 12 to 4:30 p.m., [Riverside Rest Home](#), 276 County Farm Road
- Thursday, July 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., [St. Thomas Aquinas High School](#), 197 Dover Point Road
- Tuesday, July 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [St. Mary Church](#), 25 Chestnut St.
- Thursday, July 16, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.
- Tuesday, July 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.

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DoverTV is your front-row seat to local government and education in Dover, bringing public meetings, community events and original programming directly to residents.

Dover operates two local cable channels. The Government Channel features City Council, Planning Board, School Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and other municipal meetings, along with other government programming. The Education Channel features school-related programming.

- On **Xfinity**, the Government Channel is Channel 22 and the Education Channel is Channel 26.
- On **Breezeline**, the Government Channel is Channel 9010 and the Education Channel is Channel 9011.

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Whether you watch live or on demand, DoverTV keeps you informed, engaged and connected to your community.

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Streets**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator-Streets/Stormwater**
- **Account Clerk II - City Clerk Tax Collection**
- **Police Accreditation Coordinator, Part-Time**

- Laborer - Facilities, Grounds & Cemeteries
- Public Welfare Technician
- Maintenance Specialist - Facilities & Grounds
- Media Services Technician, Part-Time

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:

- 1:1 LNA
- 1:1 RNs
- Academic Interventionist
- CTC Electrical Technology Teacher
- DALC Childcare Assistant
- Elementary Teacher
- Freshman Boys Soccer Coach
- Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Teacher
- Noon Aide
- Paraprofessionals
- Paraprofessional-Special Education
- Preschool Paraprofessional - Special Education
- Special Education/Case Manager
- Special Educator/Case Manager - Social-Emotional/Behavioral
- Summer Programming Paraprofessionals
- Trained Diabetic Personnel (TDP)/paraeducator
- Anticipated Elementary School Classroom Teacher

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

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