

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



June 27, 2025



## CITY OF DOVER, NH

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

### City Hall hours:

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

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

### Recycling Center hours:

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



## DHS Athletic Complex JBC to hold first meeting since approval of project

The Joint Building Committee overseeing the Dover High School athletic complex project will meet Monday, June 30, for the first time since the City Council approved \$18 million in bonding for the project.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the first-floor conference room at City Hall. The agenda includes discussions on next steps for the project, including re-engaging the architect, updating the bid manual, and reviewing the expected 13.5-month construction timeline. The committee will also receive

a financial update and consider the status of current consultant agreements.

The \$18,037,000 project was approved by a 6-3 vote of the City Council on June 25. The bond approval marked a \$2 million reduction from the original \$20 million request endorsed by the School Board and Joint Building Committee.

While final project details will be determined based on bids and available funding, the current plan includes installing synthetic turf and a new track at Dunaway Field, ADA-compliant seating and amenities, improved lighting, and a new baseball field.

The JBC is responsible for determining how the approved funding is allocated and is expected to begin that process at Monday's meeting. Also on the agenda is an update on a private fundraising effort to support the project.

The [full agenda](#) is available on the city's website.



## City of Dover fireworks launch July 5 from Garrison Hill

The City of Dover will launch its annual fireworks display from Garrison Hill on Saturday, July 5, at dusk, around 9:15 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 6.

The best fireworks viewing will be places with a direct line of sight to Garrison Hill and Garrison Hill Tower. Some areas, such as Henry Law Park, have blocked sightlines.

Before the fireworks, the 39th Army Band will play at Henry Law Park at the Rotary Arts Pavilion from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 603-516-6401.

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## Holiday hours for city offices and facilities

**City administrative offices**, including **City Hall**, will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2025, for the Independence Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 7.

The **Public Library** will be closed on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5.

The **Fitness Center** and **Butterfiled Gym**, located at the **McConnell Center**, the **Dover Arena**, **Camp Kool**, and **Dover Community Senior Center** will be closed on Friday, July 4.



The **Dover Indoor Pool** will be closed on Friday, July 4. The **Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool** will be open on Friday, July 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for scheduled swim sessions and recreational swimming. For a list of scheduled activities and hours, visit the Recreation Department's [website](#).

**Inspection Services** on Mast Road will be closed on Friday, July 4. Regular hours will resume on Monday, July 7.

There will be no **curbside trash and recycling** pick-up on Friday, July 4. Regularly scheduled pick-ups on Friday will occur on Saturday, July 5. For more information, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450.

Independence Day, Friday, 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.

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## Don't Trash Dover to hold Litter Collection Walk on Saturday

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, June 27, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the Heritage Baptist Church, 186 Dover Point Road. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet new people while helping out the community.

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

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://bit.ly/44IEDiV>.

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# Help shape Dover's future by participating in community survey

The City of Dover is inviting all residents age 18 and older to participate in The National Community Survey, now available online at [polco.us/dover2025op](https://polco.us/dover2025op). The survey aims to gather public feedback on the quality of life in Dover and the effectiveness of city services to inform the city's strategic planning.

The survey is part of Dover's broader effort to align municipal goals with the community's priorities and to benchmark local performance against other communities nationwide.

This open participation survey follows the earlier phase of the project, in which randomly selected households received mailed survey invitations. Those who have already completed the survey by mail do not need to participate again.

"This survey is an important opportunity for residents to share their thoughts about life in Dover and how we're doing as a city," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "We use this input to help guide our decisions, improve services, and focus our efforts on what matters most to the people who live and work here."

Developed by the National Research Center at Polco, The National Community Survey gathers resident opinions on a variety of topics, including public safety, economic health, transportation and mobility, community design, utilities, natural environment and sustainability, equity and inclusivity, civic engagement and public trust, and more.

Survey responses are anonymous, and personal data is securely stored by Polco. Results will be used to identify Dover's strengths and areas for improvement, and will contribute to the development of Dover's next strategic plan.

Residents can complete the survey online at [polco.us/dover2025op](https://polco.us/dover2025op) through July 1, 2025.

"We strongly encourage everyone in Dover to take the survey," Joyal said. "The more feedback we receive, the more accurately we can shape a future that reflects the needs and aspirations of our community."

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## ***Honoring Juneteenth***



The City of Dover recently honored Juneteenth, the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Texas and enforced the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the last enslaved African Americans more than two years after it was issued. On June 18, members of the Dover City Council gathered outside City Hall to raise the Juneteenth flag in recognition of this important day. Pictured are Councilors Anthony Retrosi, Deb Hackett, and Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan. At its June 11 meeting, the Dover City Council issued a formal [proclamation](#) recognizing Juneteenth and Dover's historic role in the fight for emancipation. The proclamation notes that Dover was home to New Hampshire's first anti-slavery newspaper, The Morning Star, and elected the nation's first openly anti-slavery U.S. Senator, John Parker Hale. Juneteenth is a day to celebrate freedom and progress, while acknowledging that the work for justice and equality continues.

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Municipal Records Committee, June 30, 1 p.m.

The Municipal Records Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 30, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### Joint Building Committee, Athletic Complex, June 30, 6 p.m.

The Joint Building Committee for the Dover High School Athletic Complex will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 30, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

## Property owners must keep their vegetation from obstructing streets, sidewalks

Property owners are required by city code to maintain trees and shrubs on their land that extend over public roads or sidewalks, ensuring they do not block safe passage for pedestrians or vehicles. Failure to do so may result in city enforcement actions.

Trees and plants on private property must not obstruct traffic sight lines or sidewalks. They must also not block streetlights or create any public hazard. The minimum vegetation clearance is 10 feet above sidewalks, 12 feet above most public streets, and 16 feet above truck thoroughfare routes. See chapters 125-17 and 133-6 for complete requirements.

If a property owner fails to maintain their trees or shrubs, the city will issue a written notice



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

### **Dover Housing Authority, July 1, 12 p.m.**

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m. at 62 Whittier St., Dover.

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

### **Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority, July 1, 4 p.m.**

The Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, immediately following a non-public meeting, in the Council 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/>.

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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:

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

requiring them to prune or remove the plants. If the vegetation is still not pruned, it is lawful for the city to do so and charge the property owner for the costs.

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

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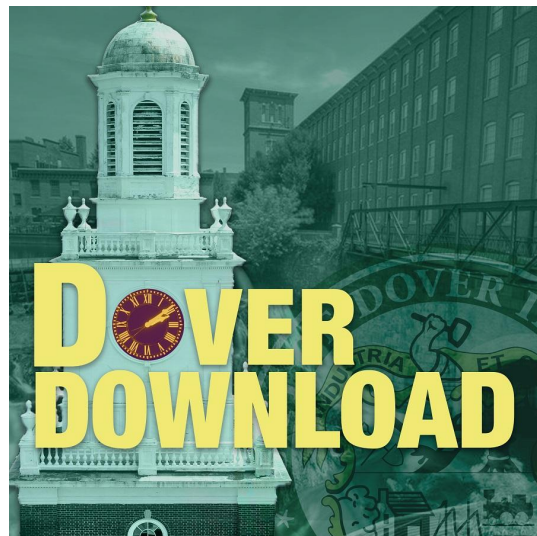
## **Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover**

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

- [Household Hazardous Waste](#)

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.



## **A Calling to Serve: Superintendent Bill Harbron's Eight-Year Journey in Dover**

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with outgoing Dover School Superintendent Dr. William Harbron about his eight-year tenure and upcoming retirement. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/44c3qFR>.

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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 Vanslyvong-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.



## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board, Planning Board or Waterfront Committee meetings on DTV, 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. Instead of our usual weekly poll, we're inviting all Dover residents age 18 and older to participate in The National Community Survey. Your input will help guide City priorities, evaluate services, and shape Dover's future.

Taking the survey is easy, and your responses are anonymous.

Take the survey here: <https://polco.us/dover2025op>

If you've already completed the mailed survey version, thank you. There is no need to respond again. Otherwise, we encourage you to participate online and share the link with friends, family, and neighbors in Dover.

Let your voice be heard!

*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.*



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](#).

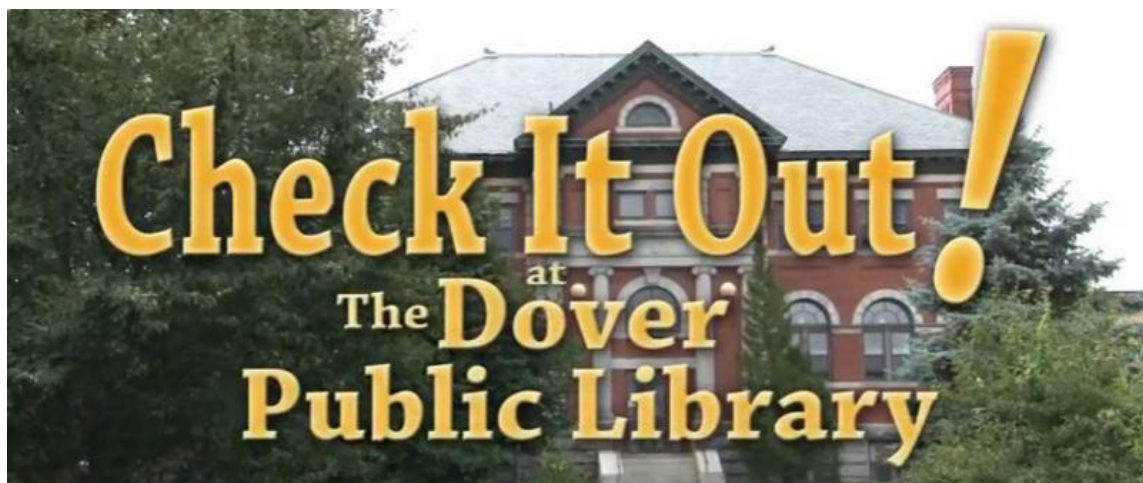
**June 28, 1723** — Colonial authorities ordered a group of men to scout and cut a road from "Winnipishoky" Pond, now known as Lake Winnepesaukee, to Dover. The provincial treasurer was instructed to supply the men with food and ammunition for the journey, which would have involved traversing rugged, undeveloped wilderness. Officials also issued a directive to ensure that no wages earned from the expedition would be collected by underage sons or servants unless their parents or masters gave permission, a reflection of the strict social and labor hierarchies of colonial New England.

**July 3, 1813** — Ezra Green, librarian of the Dover Library, published a notice listing books that had gone missing from the collection. The titles suggest that early 19th-century readers in Dover weren't drawn to light or sensational fiction. Among the missing were Adams's View of Religion," Chauncey on Universal Salvation, Fordyce's Sermons to Young Women, and Hoadley's Forms of Prayer. The most "entertaining" titles on the list were Lady Montague's Letters and a biography of satirist Jonathan Swift—offering a glimpse into the serious and moralistic reading habits of the era.

**June 30, 1842** — A train from the Boston & Maine Railroad crossed the Cochecho River for the first time and arrived at Dover's newly built station on Franklin Square at 10 a.m. This marked the official opening of both the railroad bridge spanning the river and the new depot, which had been completed just days earlier. The arrival of the railroad in Dover was a transformative moment in the city's history. Before this, travel and trade relied heavily on stagecoaches, riverboats, and coastal shipping. With the completion of the Boston & Maine Railroad's extension into Dover, the city was now connected directly to Boston and beyond, accelerating economic growth, making travel more efficient, and helping local industries, like textiles and manufacturing, expand their reach. Franklin Square, already a central part of downtown Dover, became an even more vital hub of activity. The depot's construction and the river crossing represented not just an engineering feat, but a symbol of progress for a growing industrial city.

**June 29, 1859** — This day was recorded as the hottest day Dover had seen in three years, with temperatures soaring to 98 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. But just two days later, by the morning of Friday, July 1, the temperature plummeted to 45 degrees, and frost was reported in many areas around the city.

**June 28, 2004** — On this day in 2004, the Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee toured Dover's city-owned riverfront land, launching early discussions about transforming the underused parcel. Ideas included a public park, boat launch, and parking garage. Eighteen years later, in 2022, the committee reaffirmed support for a mixed-use development plan. By 2023, construction began on public infrastructure and private buildings. As of this month, June 2025, new roads are in place, buildings are rising, and a public park and pavilion are set to follow, bringing Dover's long-envisioned waterfront revitalization closer to reality after more than two decades of planning.

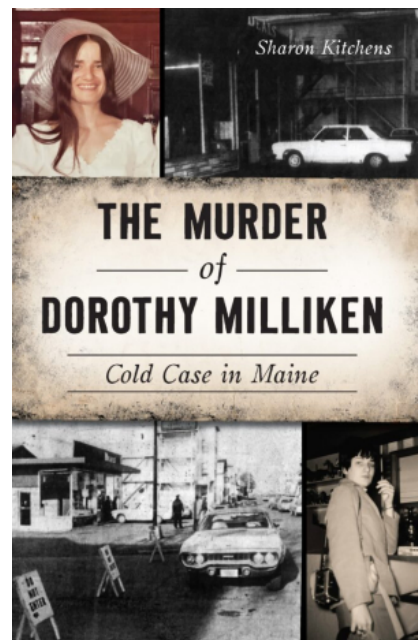




# Investigating the Maine cold case of Dorothy Milliken

On Nov. 5, 1976, 27-year-old Dorothy Milliken left her rural home in Sabattus, Maine, to go to an all-night laundromat in Lewiston. The following morning, her body was found slumped against the outside wall. She had been bludgeoned to death. Despite various leads, there were no arrests for her murder.

Join Dover Public Library virtually on Wednesday, July 2 at 7 p.m. for “The Murder of Dorothy Milliken: Cold Case in Maine” with Author Sharon Kitchens, brought to you in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.



Nearly 50 years after her death, Kitchens brings Milliken’s brutal murder to the forefront in this talk about her book of the same name. She interviewed more than forty people, including Milliken’s family, friends, former neighbors, law enforcement, and forensic specialists in hopes of Milliken becoming more than a name typed on an index card filed at state police headquarters.

The lecture explores who the mother of three was, why her killer has never been found, and whether she knew her murderer or if her death was due to a random, frenzied attack. Kitchens has lived in Maine for over two decades. Her debut book, “Stephen King’s Maine: A History & Guide”, was published in 2024. She’s a familiar face at her neighborhood café, often buried in a stack of library books with a lavender latte at her elbow. Her fondness for Patti Smith’s poetry is matched only by her love of Taylor Swift’s lyrics. She’s a cat and dog person, and a scribbler over at [deliciousmusings.substack.com](https://deliciousmusings.substack.com).

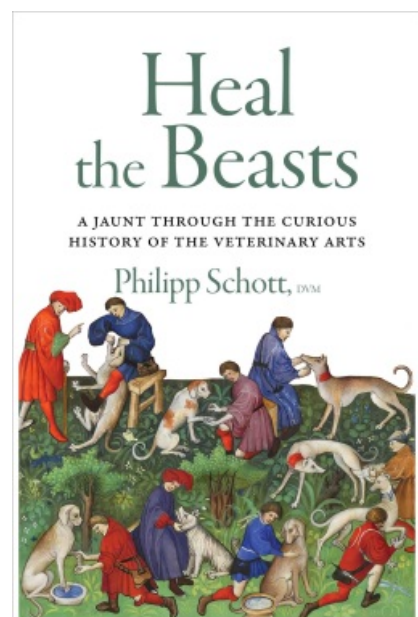
This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to sign up, visit the library’s [website](#) or call (603) 516-6050.

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## Explore the history of veterinary medicine

Many are familiar with James Herriot, the famous British veterinary surgeon, who won over legions of fans with his tales of the veterinary life in his “All Creatures Great and Small” series of books. But do you know Palakapya, who treated fighting elephants in India almost 3,000 years ago? Or Dr. Louis Camuti, the celebrity cat doctor, who had the first feline house call practice?

Join Dover Public Library virtually on Monday, July 7 at 7 p.m. for a jaunt through the curious history of the veterinary arts. Author and Veterinarian Philipp Schott will share stories from his book “Heal the Beasts,” chronicling human efforts to treat animal illnesses from 14,000 BCE to today. This program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.



Through stories of 22 different animal healers and veterinarians from across eras and continents, Schott will share the fascinating, often unexpected, and sometimes hilarious

veterinary methods use throughout history.

Whether you have a passion for animals, the history of medical sciences, or just quirky history, this light-hearted exploration of the empathetic relationship between man and beast will entertain and delight.

Dr. Schott was born in Germany, but his family emigrated to Canada a year later. He studied biology at the University of Saskatchewan before switching to veterinary medicine. After graduation he moved to Winnipeg with his classmate (and future wife) Lorraine, where he has been at the same small animal practice since 1990. His writing career began with blogging about travel and veterinary medicine. His first book, "The Accidental Veterinarian", was published in 2019.

Schott and Lorraine live in a creaky old house on the river with two young adult children and a young cat. He's a fan of long-distance walking, having completed the West Highland Way, Hadrian's Wall, the Laugevegurinn, and the Inca Trail, among others.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to sign up, visit the library's [website](#) or call (603) 516-6050.

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## This Week at the Library

**Monday, June 30, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Summer Family Storytime**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join us this summer to celebrate story-telling and family, tied together in a whirl of color and art. Through stories, songs, games and activities, children will explore their art-filled world.

**Monday, June 30, 2 to 3 p.m.**  
**Teen Yoga**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join fellow teens for a fun, accessible beginner yoga flow set to a cool playlist, followed by some relaxing meditative journaling. It's the perfect way to de-stress and reconnect with yourself in a laid-back environment. All levels and bodies are welcome – no prior experience necessary, just come as you are! This class is open to teens entering grades 6-12.

**Tuesday, July 1, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Adult Knitting Group**  
**McConnell Center, Room 323**

Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. All levels welcome.

**Tuesday, July 1, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Music Makers and Shakers**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Music Makers and Shakers is a celebratory kids program that combines music, instruments, dancing, clapping and stomping to children's songs. Keeping 'in time' with our Summer Reading Program, explore music that brings color to life this

**Wednesday, July 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids**  
**McConnell Center, Room 306**

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

**Wednesday, July 2, 7 to 8 p.m.**  
**The Murder of Dorothy Milliken: A Cold Case in Maine**

**Virtual: Sign up to receive link:**  
<https://ow.ly/b2Hk50WfPlw>

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**Thursday, July 3, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Crafternoon for Kids: Thumbprint Art Pop Up Event at Hancock Street Park**  
Kids of all ages are welcome to join us to make thumbprint art at Hancock Street Park.

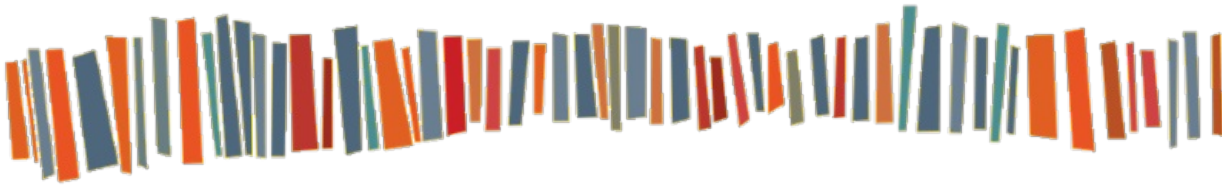
**Friday, July 4, through Saturday, July 5**  
**Library closed for holiday**

summer.

**Tuesday, July 1, 2 to 4:45 p.m.**  
**Teen Movie Matinee: The Ballad of**  
**Songbirds & Snakes**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a showing of The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (rated PG-13)! Snacks and drinks will be provided.



## 5 TIPS FOR PACKING YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLE BIN

- 01 If you have a lid for your bin, use it!
- 02 If you don't have a lid, place lightweight items on the bottom.
- 03 If you don't have a lid, place heavier items on top.
- 04 Do not overfill.
- 05 If you have multiple bins, consider nesting them into each other.

*Brought to you by  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee*

How you pack your recycle bin matters! The Solid Waste Advisory Committee offers these tips that will help keep your curbside recyclable items in the bin and not all over the street.

## Tri-Chambers announce State of the State forum with Governor Ayotte

The Tri-Chambers of Commerce (Dover, Rochester, Somersworth) will hold their annual State of the State forum with Governor Kelly Ayotte on Monday, July 14, from 8 to 10 a.m.



at the Frisbie Memorial Hospital Community Education & Conference Center, 11 Whitehall Rd. in Rochester. Underwritten by Eversource, the State of the State forum will feature a keynote address by Governor Ayotte, who will offer insights and updates on the economic landscape and business climate in the region. Governor Ayotte will also answer questions from attendees.

“We look forward to hosting Governor Ayotte in person to address our member businesses,” says Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce President Laura Ring. “The annual State of the State forum presents a great opportunity for Tri-Chamber members and members of the general public to connect with the Governor and learn more about the issues that are important to them.”

The State of the State forum, which includes a full breakfast, costs \$30 per person to attend, and pre-registration is required. To register, visit [rochesternh.org/stateofthestate](http://rochesternh.org/stateofthestate) or call the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce at 603-332-5080. As space is limited, [pre-registration](#) is required. Breakfast and networking start at 8 a.m.; the program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

The Tri-Chambers of Commerce is a collaborative partnership of the Greater Dover, Greater Rochester and Somersworth Community chambers of commerce with the goal of bringing networking and informational opportunities to their members in the Tri-City region.

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MONDAY, JULY 14  
8:00 –10:00 am

**HELD AT:**

**Frisbie Memorial Hospital  
Community Education & Conference Center**  
11 Whitehall Rd., Rochester

*Join the Greater Dover, Greater Rochester, and Somersworth Community  
Chambers of Commerce for the 2025 Tri-Chamber State of the State  
breakfast forum, featuring Governor Kelly Ayotte*

**\$30 pp**

**(includes a full hot breakfast)**

**REGISTER:**

**[rochesternh.org/stateofthestate](http://rochesternh.org/stateofthestate)**

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## COAST announces changes to services

Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation, more commonly known as COAST, has announced its tentative plans to adjust several aspects of its services and procedures at the start of its next fiscal year. The changes are being driven by a shifting funding landscape at the federal level that is resulting in lower reimbursement rates for the transportation services COAST provides across the Greater Seacoast.

Beginning Oct. 5, 2025, COAST is proposing to discontinue Routes 42 and 100 on its fixed route system, and adjusting Routes 40, 43 and 44 to continue to serve Great Bay Community College and Kittery, respectively. Service hours will be shortened on Routes 12, 13, 14, 40, 41, 43, and 44. Route 33 Saturday service will be adjusted to mimic the weekday service routing. In addition, COAST will be adding functional assessments for ADA paratransit applicants and providing increased travel training opportunities for those riders who can potentially use the fixed route bus system.

“Over the past several years, COAST has been working to diversify our funding base to account for the shifting federal funding landscape. The communities we serve have increased their contributions, as has the State of New Hampshire,” said Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director. “We are also working to expand our base of support among local businesses, individuals and foundations. However, this transition is taking time and these strategic service adjustments will ensure that we continue to meet our number one goal—to serve as many people as we can with the resources we have been entrusted with, while also ensuring our continued fiscal health.”

The service adjustments were identified after reviewing ridership data across all COAST’s routes. The fixed routes and runs being impacted carry less than 5% of COAST’s estimated 400,000 annual ridership but cost \$491,400 annually.

Three public listening sessions related to the proposed changes will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 12:00-1:30 p.m. at Dover Community Action Partnership of Strafford County; Wednesday, July 9, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Rochester Public Library; and Thursday, July 10, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at Portsmouth Public Library.

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

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## City urges water conservation while work on



# Garrison Hill tank continues

The City of Dover urges its citizens to limit outdoor water use to ensure sufficient water reserves for residents, businesses and emergency needs.

With the city's 4-million-gallon Garrison Hill water tank temporarily offline for scheduled maintenance, Dover is relying on its smaller 1-million-gallon Smith Well tank until repairs are completed next month.

"Automatic lawn irrigation often wastes a lot of water," said Community Services Director John Storer, who oversees the public water system. "Hand watering and avoiding watering during the heat of the day will go a long way to ensure enough water for everyone, including our firefighters."

Many lawn irrigation systems run on daily automatic timers. City water system operators urge those with automatic irrigation systems to reduce or temporarily stop their watering frequency to conserve water — especially on days of high heat. If irrigation is necessary, consider doing it between dusk and dawn, when overall demand is lower.

The goal of city water operators is to keep the water system running smoothly; it's the least stressful on the system. When there are plenty of reserves, production facilities can take turns drawing water from wells to replenish the tank. However, when reserves are limited and demand spikes, especially during hot weather, production facilities must start and stop frequently. This adds significant stress to the system and increases the risk of water main breaks.

"Our goal is to buffer the extreme usage peaks that drain the smaller tank," Storer said.

The \$2.88 million water tank rehabilitation project began in March. The original timeline had the Garrison Hill tank back online in time to meet summer demand. However, higher-than-normal precipitation this spring — while helpful in restoring groundwater aquifers — created additional moisture and condensation within the tank. This has delayed the application of the cementitious impervious membrane, a specialty product used to waterproof and protect the interior of the concrete tank from environmental degradation. Weather permitting, the application will be finished next week, followed by a two-week cure time. Once cured, the tank will be disinfected, getting it ready to be refilled and tested. The tank may remain offline until July 25, though staff is hopeful it can be brought back online sooner if conditions allow.

## Track water use, get leak alerts with 'Eye On Water'

Water customers can monitor their water usage with the Eye On Water online portal and mobile app. The system helps track daily, monthly, and yearly consumption; users can also sign up to receive alerts for potential leaks. Access the portal at <https://eyeonwater.com/signup>. Customers will need their account number from their water bill. For assistance, contact the Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.

## Ways to conserve

Residents and customers can conserve water by adopting the following best practices:

- Limit outdoor watering. According to the EPA, irrigation accounts for 30% of residential water use nationally — about 9 billion gallons per day. Avoid irrigating during the hottest parts of the day when evaporation is highest.
- Utilize commercial car washes. They are more efficient with water and don't dump dirty water into the storm drains.
- Fixing leaky plumbing conserves water and saves money. Leaking faucets and toilets can waste thousands of gallons a year, leading to increased water bills.
- Be mindful of indoor water use. Take shorter showers, turn off the water when brushing teeth, and run dishwashers and washing machines only when full.

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

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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**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **City Attorney**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Firefighter / AEMT**
- **Building Inspector**
- **Wastewater Pump Station Operator**
- **Municipal Construction Project Administrator**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**
- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer**

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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:

- **Ski Coach**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 4**
- **Second Grade Long Term Substitute (half year)**
- **Paraprofessionals- Special Education**
- **Long Term Substitute 7th Grade Math Teacher**
- **Dover High School Data Coordinator**
- **Interventionist**
- **EMT Instructor**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Title I Interventionist**
- **Boys JV Soccer Coach**
- **District Student Support Counselor**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Accounting Specialist**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Freshman Boys Soccer Coach**
- **Summer Programming Paraprofessionals**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Managers**

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