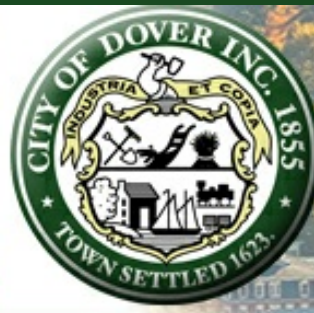


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



June 6, 2025



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**City Hall
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Monday-
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**Recycling
Center hours:**

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Council to hold public hearing on DHS athletic field proposal

**Presentation of FY24 audit, financial report
also on agenda**

The City Council will hold public hearings on the proposed Dover High School athletic field project at its Wednesday, June 11, regular meeting. The Council will also hold a public hearing on a pending resolution to manage parking in the waterfront development, as well as restricting parking on some streets during the winter months.

The high school field project has two public hearings. One is for appropriating money and authorizing bonding for the project, and the other is for amending the School Department's fiscal year 2026 budget to accommodate the first-year costs. Both votes would occur at the City Council's

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

June 25 meeting. [Click here](#) to review the Joint Building Committee's report and recommendation for the project.

The city's independent auditor will give a presentation on its FY2024 audit and annual comprehensive financial report during the City Manager's Report.

Also on the agenda:

- Renaming the Washington Street bridge to Captain Jack Casey Memorial Bridge
- Amending the city's merit, class and pay plans
- Purchasing specialized uniforms and clothing for the Fire Department
- Authorizing catch basin cleaning services and concrete purchasing

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

The 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 be available on-demand.



City encourages voluntary water conservation while major tank is offline for repairs

Dover relying on smaller tank until work finishes next month

The City of Dover is encouraging its water customers to voluntarily conserve water through mid-July, such as reducing or eliminating lawn irrigation, while its primary storage tank on Garrison Hill remains offline for rehabilitation.

Water conservation will ensure sufficient water reserves for personal and emergency needs.

The 4 million gallon water tank has been offline since March for the long-planned \$2.88

million rehabilitation project. It's the first time this critical infrastructure workhorse has been drained and inspected since it was built in 1968. While offline, the city is primarily relying on its smaller, 1 million gallon tank to meet water needs.

"Daily water use increases a million gallons a day during the summer, so we're asking the public to be mindful of their usage," said Community Services Director John Storer. "Cutting back on lawn irrigation and other water-intensive activities will go a long way to make sure we have enough water for everyone, including our firefighters when they need it most."

The work on the Garrison Hill tank began with a structural analysis. Crews then repaired the tank's walls, dome, and floor and are now applying specialized coatings and sealants. Moisture and condensation have delayed progress, pushing the completion date from June to mid-July. In addition to structural repairs, the city has replaced piping and will install a new mixing unit to improve water quality.

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.

Drought conditions lifted in May

Since the tank project began, groundwater levels have improved significantly. Dover and the southern half of the state were in a moderate drought in March. Those conditions improved to the abnormally dry designation in April. As of May 20, the U.S. Drought Monitor has removed all drought classifications in the state.

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

Inspection Services opens in new location Monday

Building next to public works complex on Mast Road

The City of Dover's Inspection Services Division is moving to its new office on Mast Road, opening to the public on Monday, June 9, 2025.

The new location is 269 Mast Road, located near the public works facility and recycling center. The public entrance is on Mast Road, with 14 parking spaces available in front of the building.

Inspection Services is moving from its offices at the Liberty North End Fire Station, 262 Sixth St., which have become too small for its operations. In 2023, through the Capital Improvements Program, the city embarked on a space needs study to help determine current and future operating needs and considered several options, including adding an

addition to the fire station. Relocating to Mast Road will provide much-needed customer service and document storage spaces, and allow for better collaboration and communication with engineering staff to improve the overall customer experience.

Inspection Services handles building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and fire/life safety plan review and permit issuance, and enforces building and fire/life safety codes and health regulations.

For more information, contact Inspection Services at 603-516-6038.



Dover High School Class President Xenia Dworjanyyn addresses the graduating class during the 2025 commencement ceremony, held on Thursday, June 5, at the Whittemore Center in Durham.

Graduation ceremony at Dover High School honors Class of 2025

Dover High School held its commencement ceremony for the Class of 2025 last night at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore Center Arena in Durham.

In addition to families and friends who were at Dunaway Field to honor the 301 graduates, the ceremony was broadcast live on DoverTV and streamed live online. The ceremony continues to air on DTV and can be viewed online here:

<https://bit.ly/DHS2025GRADUATION>.

The graduating Class of 2025 is as follows:

Adams, Olivia G.; Alsaad, Josh J.; Anderson, Emma; Anderson, Gabrielle; Anderson, Soren S.; Angers, William C.; Arredondo, Ryan; Ault, Brady James; Avery, Caitlyn M.; Bachrach, Rachel Sophia; Baker, Abigail Mae; Baker, Kraven; Ball, Steven; Barnes, Gileeya; Bartlett, Elizabeth Gail; Bastille, Lillian; Beatham, Caleb; Beck, Taralynn; Behan, Kyle Scott; Bell, Carter J.; Berlied, Jack; Berry, Lauren S.; Berry, Margaret Beatrice; Berry, Tanner; Bigelow, Nathan A.; Bissonnette, Dillon B.; Black, Julian; Blanchette, Anna; Bolobanic, Jordyn; Bondi III, Anthony Michael; Borish, Alexis; Bororing, Abel Avent Rael; Brehm, Trent Joshua; Brooks, Ella Elizabeth; Brooks, Ethan Michael; Brown, Landen F.; Brunson, Hallie R.; Burson, Chloe; Burton, Emma Mae; Bush, Evan A.; Cabral, Christopher Antone; Cain, Evan W.; Campano, Karolyi; Campbell, Kiley Shea; Caplette, Nevaeh Ann; Casey, Nettie Clarise; Castonguay, Sonja D.; Caswell, Abigail Rose; Cervantes, Jaeden

Sertimo; Chaffee, Molly E.; Champagne, Olivia M.; Chandler, Aria Irene; Chaparro Otero, William Anderson; Churchill, Leyden Parker; Clacherty, Timothy J.; Clark, Adelle R.; Clough, Alexis Grace; Connelly, Aubrianna Marie; Connors, Mackenzie Starr; Conrad, Carson Taylor Witte; Conroy, Colin Fredrick; Conroy, Greyson Sawyer; Conroy, Macaulay Dyson; Cook, Elizabeth Irene; Cooper, Mya Marie; Cordero, Branden C.; Cortes, Caleb R.; Cullamar, Emily; Cunningham, Kayleigh Anne; Daum, Kayden; Davis, Ahlanna Elise; Davis, Grant; Dearborn, Cal Knight; Delisle, Logan Kobe; DelloRusso, Adam Michael; DeRoy, Desmond Sol; Desroches, Tobey; DiChiara, Nicholas Gerard; Dickey, Zephany L.; Dickson, Olivia F.; Dion, Allison; Doherty, Neal Emmett; Donovan, Ryan P.; Doucette, Carolyn; Dowaliby, Tavien; Drake, Samuel P.; Dubreuil, Melanie R.; Duraković, Hannah; Dutton, Samuel R.; Dworjanyn, Xenia Anne; Earley, Treston D.; Elliott, Amanda R.; Encarnacion Hernandez, María De Los Ángeles; Enos, Janelle; Escoto, Kelsey; Everest, Kathleen Amie; Fendiana, Lincoln Louis; Fennessy, Carys Mae; Fiers, Aidan; Finstad, Truett Elias; Fitt, Jason Barry; Fitts, Noah; Fitzpatrick, Caleb C.; Forbis, Damion Sebastian; Frederick, Spence; French, Erin; Friend-Gray, Emeline; Fuller, Kaylin J.; Gagnon, Alex; Gagnon, Joshua Robert; Garcia, Bethany M.; Genthner, Rianna Mae; Gewehr Perry, Hazel R.; Gilbert, Abigail Kelli; Gilmore, Raegan Michelle; Gleason, Alexander Joseph; Goard, Maxine N.; Goldsmith, Avaiah Ann; Goodie, Hunter Danial; Gordon, Mya Anne; Greer, Remi G.; Grigas, Benjamin R.; Grigg, Zackary James; Grund, Camden R.; Guerrette, Ava Lillian; Gutierrez, Jaidyn; Hagman, Chase Michael; Hale, Bohdan R.; Ham, Logan Michael; Hamel, Jack Cedric; Hapgood, Serenity Annmollica; Hefel, Laith W.; Helander, Abigail Catherine; Hennes, Kevin; Henninger, Addison Aune; Higgins, Skylar M.; Hill, Keenan J.; Huber, Dan J.; Huffman, Robert Mark Martin; Hunt, Lily Kathleen; Jabour, Brodie E.; Janelle, Collin James; Jennings, Shannon C.; Johnson, Clayton; Jonak, Olivier; Jones, David M.; Jones, Evan Michael; Joniec, Adrianna; Jordan-Bartholomew, Bryce E.; Kamuzora, Jade Alexas Kokugonza; Keeney, Joshua; Kelley, Hailey Mae; Kelly, Brooke; Khalsa, Aram; Khan, Sana; Kimball, Nakota; Kimball, Oliver C.; Kirk, Zoe; Knapp, Troy; Koellmer, Griffin Andrew; Kozlowski, Cooper Michael; Kulsic, Ryan; Lamontagne, Kenny; Lanciano, Mialz; Laurent, Tucker R.; Laverdiere, Samantha; Lawrence, Dustin M.; Lawton, May; Leach, Elizabeth Kathryn; Legrand, Brandon J.; Lenzi, Noah; Levesque, Morgan Thomas; Lie, Jasson Andrew; Liem, Bailey; Lisbon, Liam Michael; Longey, Teagan A.; Lopez, Pablo; Lovering, Kaiden Maurice; Lowe, Noah H.; Lynch, Erin Marie; MacGregor, Nathaniel D.; Maidrand, Zachary C.; Main, Mason Douglas; Magri, Parker; Maldonado Pedraza, Yanitza Nicole; Marchesi, Olivia; Martel, Madison Leigh; Martin, Charles A.; Martin, Lucas; Maselli, Paris; McCann, Gavin William; McCurdy, Grace E.; McGough, Lily Nora; Medina Corniel, Emily Scarlett; Meehan, Gabriella A.; Mercier, Graciela Elba; Mercier III, Roger Romeo; Mercieri, Tyler David; Meserve, Chase Gage; Miller, Anthony Joseph; Mogot, Nadia; Moisan, Braxton; Monahan, Coen D.; Morin, Katharine Mairead; Mountain, Aidan Michael; Murdough, Gabe J.; Myassar, Safia; Myrick, Dashaun; Nedeau, Aidan; Nguyen, Ali Tu; Nguyen, Halle; Nguyen, Quy Trung; Nichols, Brandon; Norris, Breanna; Nossiff, Lillian; Nowe, Addison Nicole; Oliver, Dani Elizabeth; Otis, Eric Michael; Ouellette, Deakin; Ozuna Garabito, Katerin; Palace, Hayleigh Marie; Palmer, Jonas Charles; Pan, Lin; Paradise, Evan; Parent, Nolan; Patel, Param Deven; Patel, Samantha; Patterson, Dylan James; Peau, Caiden Vantha; Peck, Leah; Pelletier, Luisa Deborah; Perry, Tanner D.; Phanthachack, Kham Phet; Piedra, Elijah; Pizz, Adeline Hope; Plaisted, Allie Marie; Ponto, Naomi Ridnaiesha; Poulin, Anique; Provencher, Samantha; Prystas, Lily M.; Rangel, Samantha Schwartz; Rapoza, Ashley Winter; Ravichandran, Thulasi; Reardon, Nolan; Redfield, Jasmine True; Reyna, Cameron; Richardson, Alaynna; Rickman, Charles M.; Robbins, Kyle; Robins, Kaela M.; Runde, Elizabeth Marie-Jane; Rutland, Olivia; Sant'Anna, Guilherme; Sawyer, Sienna K.; Schintzius, Huxley Jane; Schlosser, Isabel Mae; Schmidt, Gracie M.; Schultz, Daniel James; Sepang, Kyle; Sharkey, Jacob; Sieks, Finnean; Sihombing, Ananda Kayla; Simonton, Eli T.; Singh, Sahilpreet; Skillings, Makayla M.; Slattey, Anastasia C.; Smallman, Savannah May; Sofyan, Zefanya; Sopacua, Feliz; Soucy, Thea Claire; Souza, Robert; Spencer, Isaac J.; Staples, Stasia; Tatro, Jaymison; Tellez, Lilyana Elizabeth; Tice, Brendan; Tokola-Viglione, Katya; Toupin, Callie E.; Toupin, Emma Catherine; Tower, Benjamin D.; Townsend, Oliver Mark; Tracey, Abigail; Tweedie, Jay Ashley; Twombly, Brady N.; Vasile-Knight, Kaylia Nichole; Vittorioso, Luke Robert; Wagoner, Jack Carter; Walsh, Bee; Ward, AJ M.; Washburn, Jeramayah; Wells, Luther Alexander; Whitty, Madison M.; Wihardja, Stefanny Christine; Williams, Ben H; Winkler, Spencer T.; Wood, Madalyn M; Woodman, Mia Brooklyn; Wright, Barbra Ann; Wright, Khadari; Wyman, Hayden M.; Zielfelder, Alexander James; Ziminsky, James R.C.

NH Supreme Court rejects Dover's redistricting lawsuit appeal

The New Hampshire Supreme Court this week affirmed a Superior Court decision that dismissed the City of Dover and co-plaintiffs' lawsuit against the State of New Hampshire and its Secretary of State. The plaintiffs alleged the state's 2022 electoral redistricting law violated the New Hampshire Constitution; the Supreme Court disagreed.

The lawsuit centered around how state legislators drew the electoral district boundaries utilizing the 2020 Census data that was released in 2021. House Bill 50, signed into law on March 23, 2022, grouped Dover's Ward 4 residents into two districts combined with other towns. The complaint alleges that Dover's Ward 4, along with other municipalities, including Barrington, Hooksett, Lee, New Ipswich, Rochester, and Wilton, had combined representation with neighboring municipalities despite New Hampshire Constitutional requirements requiring a dedicated district for political wards and towns with sufficient population.

The City of Dover filed the lawsuit in Strafford County Superior Court on July 26, 2022. The City of Rochester and 10 voters from various municipalities, including Ward 4 Councilor Debra Hackett in her personal capacity and not as a city councilor, also joined Dover in the lawsuit. The plaintiffs' Superior Court complaint asked the court to either redraw or order the state to redraw the house representation maps for the affected towns and wards in compliance with the state constitution.

In late 2023, both parties filed for summary judgment, with Strafford Superior Court Judge Mark Howard holding a hearing on Feb. 7, 2024. In an April 8, 2024, ruling, Howard denied the city's motion for summary judgment and granted the state's. Dover and the other plaintiffs appealed the decision to the New Hampshire Supreme Court on May 6, 2024. Oral arguments were held on Jan. 14, 2025.

The plaintiffs initially sought the Supreme Court to hear the case through an original jurisdiction petition to address the matter directly and obtain a ruling on the merits before the 2022 House of Representatives elections. The court denied the petition, and the plaintiffs filed the Superior Court complaint. The City Council directed the City Manager to pursue legal action regarding the constitutionality of the redistricting law at its April 27, 2022, meeting.

Find all filings related to the case at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/executive/city-attorney/current-litigation/>.

Road closures, parking restrictions in effect Sunday for Soap Box Derby, Garrison School Color Run

Soap Box Derby, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following street closings, parking restrictions, and traffic detour information for Sunday, June 8, 2025, for the 81st running of the New Hampshire Soap Box Derby.

- Broadway will be closed to all traffic between Oak Street and Hill Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traffic will be detoured via neighborhood streets, including Park and Hill streets. Oak Street will remain open.
- Parking will be prohibited on Broadway starting at 6 a.m. in posted areas between Oak and Hill Streets. Residents and business owners with driveways on this section of Broadway, or on Rose Street, will not be able to access their driveways by car during this time and must plan to park on nearby side streets or in the business parking lot at 121 Broadway.

The New Hampshire Soap Box Derby is an annual event for boys and girls ages seven to

20 involving gravity-powered cars racing in side-by-side competition. Dover is the site of the 81st annual New Hampshire local championship; top-seeded racers in each region are eligible to compete in the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. Find more information at <https://nh.soapboxderby.org/>.

Garrison School Color Run, 9-10 a.m.

The Garrison Elementary School's annual "Color Run" event will be held Sunday, June 8, at 9 a.m.. The event starts and finishes at the Garrison Elementary School, 150 Garrison Road.

Between 9 and 10 a.m., there will be brief closures of Garrison Road and Shaws Lane to accommodate the event. On-street parking will be restricted where posted along Shaws Lane and Garrison Road on Sunday morning until after the event concludes.

Motorists and residents should expect brief delays on neighborhood streets, including Birch Drive, Linda Avenue, Riverdale Avenue, Arbor Drive, Hemlock Circle, Morningside Drive and Meridian Drive. Dover police and event volunteers will be on hand to help manage the traffic flow.

All roads will reopen to traffic by 10 a.m. Parking for the event is available in the Shaws Lane ballfields parking areas.

The Color Run is a two-mile run/walk course through the surrounding neighborhood streets promoting wellness, community and school spirit. Participants are encouraged to wear white or light colored shirts, and will be doused with "color" at certain points along the course.

Questions about traffic implications may be directed to Lt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.



City releases educational video on smart lawn care and clean water

The City of Dover released a new educational video this week, "Smart Lawns, Clean Water Tips for Fertilizing and Seeding Responsibly," to help residents care for their lawns while protecting local waterways. The video, part of the city's ongoing MS4 stormwater outreach efforts, is now airing on DoverTV and available for online viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=IscML7dChVWPURPt>.

Featuring insights from City Engineer Ken Mavrogeorge and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's Margaret Hagen, the video highlights best practices for lawn fertilization and seed selection. Viewers will learn how to read fertilizer labels, understand nutrient needs, conduct soil tests, and apply fertilizer at the right times to minimize runoff into Dover's rivers and streams. The video also explores the benefits of selecting the right grass seed for local conditions, which can reduce water and fertilizer use.

For more resources and information on lawn care and stormwater protection, visit the City of Dover's [website](#).

Consumer alert: Authorities warn about rising real estate deed fraud

Property owners encouraged to sign up for free property fraud alerts

The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, FBI Boston Division and the Strafford County Registry of Deeds are alerting property owners about rising real estate fraud, where scammers can strip landowners of their property without their knowledge.

In the scam, fraudsters forge legal documents, often quit claim deeds, to falsely transfer ownership of real estate. Once recorded at the county registry of deeds, these forged deeds can allow criminals to sell, mortgage, or rent out the property before the rightful owner even knows, forcing them to take court action to reclaim their property. A quit claim deed transfers property interests without guaranteeing the seller's ownership, often used when transferring property between family members. Because quit claim deeds require minimal verification and offer no protection to the buyer, they are frequently exploited in fraud schemes. Scammers use them to quickly and quietly change ownership on public records.

From 2019 to 2023, more than 239 victims in New Hampshire reported losses totaling over \$4.1 million due to real estate fraud, according to the FBI. Nationally, losses reached \$1.3 billion.

Deed fraud can affect anyone, but scammers tend to target vacant lots, property without liens, and property owned by people living out of state. Scammers use fake identification and take advantage of remote closings, where parties to a real estate transaction never physically meet in person.

While it is not possible to prevent every case of deed fraud, real estate owners should consider taking the following actions to minimize their risk:

- Signing up for fraud alerts. The Strafford County Registry of Deeds offers a free property fraud alert service that provides monitoring of the property owner's name, and alerts them by text, call or email when a document is recorded with their name match within Strafford County. Visit <https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/NHStrafford> or call 800-728-3858 for more information. Most other counties offer a similar service.
- Set up a Google alert for your property address, so you can see when someone posts something on the internet about your property (<https://www.google.com/alerts>).
- Regularly monitor real estate marketplace websites like Zillow, Redfin, and Realtor.com to see if your property is listed for sale.
- Search for your property address on social media platforms such as Facebook to see if there are any posts about the property.
- Periodically visit your property or ask trusted neighbors to report any unusual activity on or around your property.
- Contact your title insurance professional to discuss whether insurance is available to cover losses associated with deed fraud.
- Taking note if you stop receiving water or tax bills on the property, which may

School Board, June 9, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Planning Board, June 10, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

City Council, June 11, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Technical Review Committee, June 12, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., 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/>.

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

work related to the city's waterfront construction project.

Payne Street will reopen each day after work is complete. When the road is closed, the contractor will post road closure signs on Central Avenue at Hanson Street, Main Street at Washington Street, and Henry Law Avenue at Hanson Street to help inform motorists.

The closure allows workers to safely complete the installation of the stormwater treatment area, street curbing, and sidewalks, along with other related road work.

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

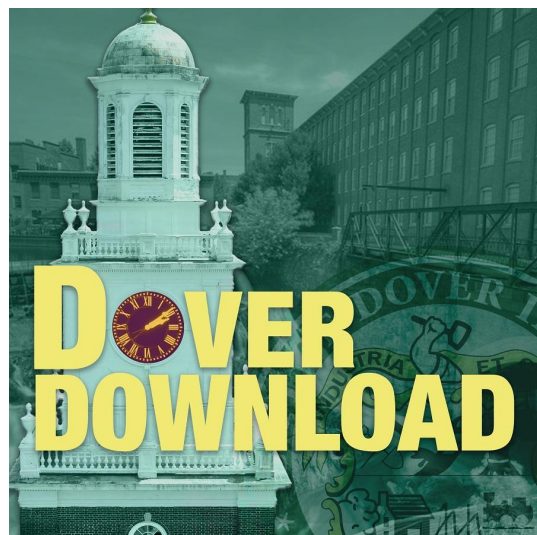
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Programmable Logic Controller \(PLC\) Replacement for Sewer and Water Facilities](#)
- [2025 Sidewalk Improvements](#)
- [Replacement of AC units at City Hall](#)

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.



Building Dover's Future: A Look at Upcoming Construction and Infrastructure Projects

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:

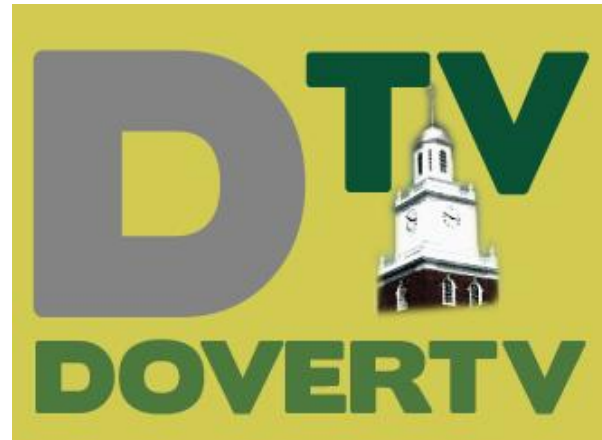
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier at j.bizier@dover.nh.gov. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

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

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Community Service Director John Storer about major construction projects underway and planned for Dover. The episode also features updates on City Council and Planning Board activities from May. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4dKgjeR>.



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 to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

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

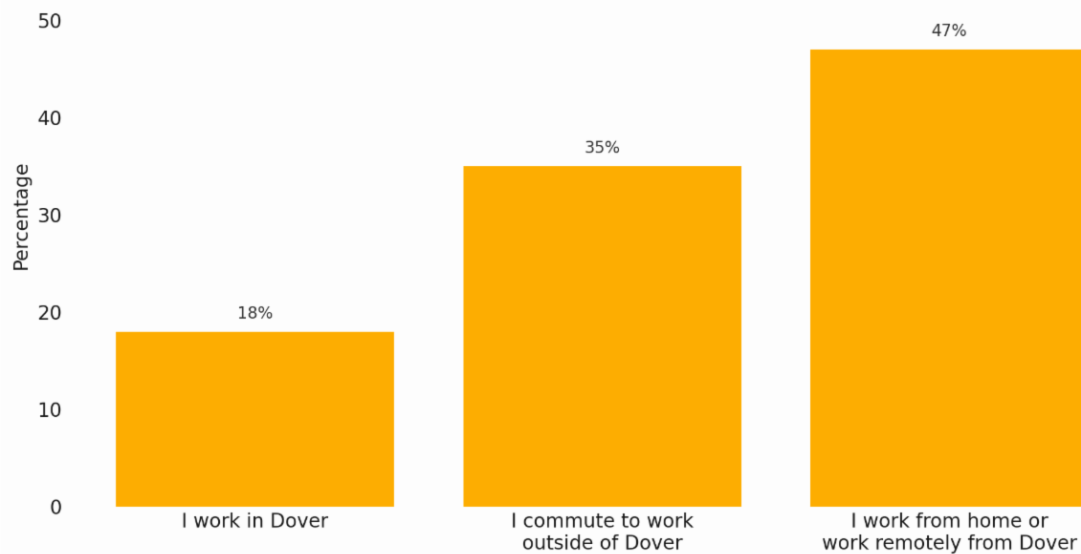
This week's question:

"Have you ever attended a Dover Planning Board meeting?"

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

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, **"Do you work in Dover, or do you commute elsewhere?"**



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](#).

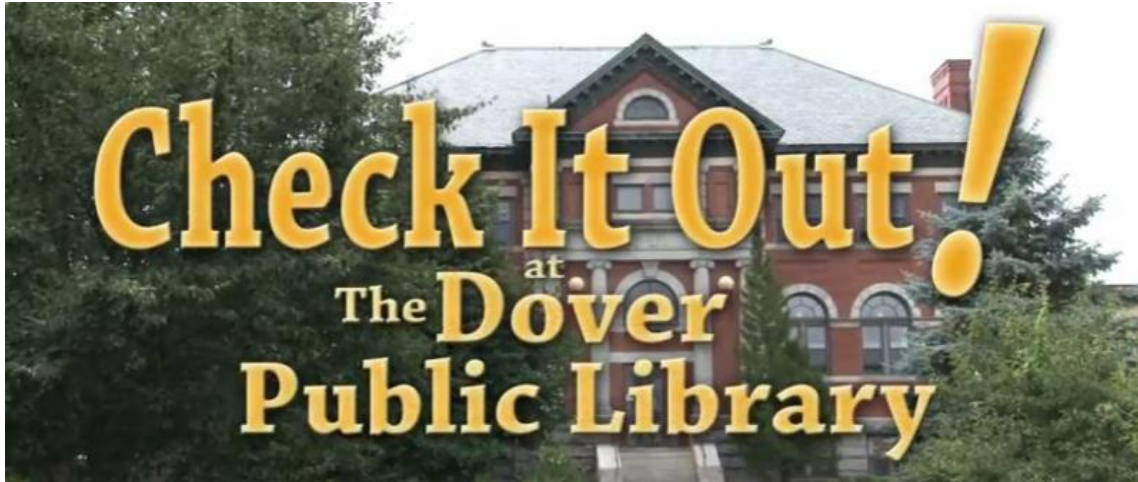
June 8, 1816 – A snow squall struck the area, an unusual and alarming event for early June. Just two days later, on June 10, a frost settled in, followed by an even heavier frost on June 11, which devastated local agriculture. Entire cornfields were destroyed, some completely wiped out, and it was estimated that five-sixths of the region's apple crop had been killed. Remarkably, on June 22, ice was still visible on in some areas, a clear sign of the prolonged and unnatural cold. These events took place during the “Year Without a Summer,” when a global climate disruption caused by the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia led to widespread agricultural failures across the Northern Hemisphere. The volcanic ash in the atmosphere caused unseasonably cold weather, including snow and frost in New England during the summer months. In communities like Dover, the cold destroyed crops, caused food shortages, and added tremendous strain to rural life already marked by hardship.

June 9, 1826 – Nicholas St. John Durell, the 21-year-old eldest son of the Hon. Daniel Meserve Durell, died on this day. A promising young man, Nicholas was nearing graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he was expected to graduate with high honors. Nicholas Durell was part of a distinguished Dover family. His father, Daniel, was a well-known jurist and political figure, having served as a U.S. Representative and later as a judge in New Hampshire. His untimely death cut short what was anticipated to be a notable military career during a period when West Point graduates often went on to serve as key figures in the growing U.S. Army. Dover's Durell Street is named after Daniel Durell.

June 11, 1937 – Four inmates escaped from the Strafford County Jail in Dover after executing a bold plan to overpower the warden. The escapees—Jesse Johnson, 42, and Manuel Silva, 32, both of Somersworth, along with brothers Howard Call, 22, and Frank Call, 21—lured jailer Joseph Roux into their cell under the pretense that another prisoner wished to speak with him. Once inside, Johnson threw a blanket over Roux's head while the others overpowered him, stole his keys, and tied him up in another cell. Using the

stolen keys, the men unlocked the jail doors and fled down a hill into nearby woods. While other inmates refrained from escaping, they promptly alerted authorities. A manhunt quickly followed, with Dover police, state officers, and rail yard lookouts working to prevent further escape. Silva, armed with a knife, was serving time for assault on a Rollinsford police officer. Johnson was in jail for drunkenness, and the Call brothers faced charges related to automobile theft.

June 12, 2003 – The Book Mart opened its doors at 898 Central Ave. in Dover, taking over the former home of Stroudwater Books. A national discount chain based in Tennessee, The Book Mart offered bestsellers, children's books, and more at 30 to 80 percent off retail prices. Its short-term lease hinted at a trial run, with hopes of success during the summer season. However, the Book Mart proved short-lived. The space soon underwent another transformation, this time into a Planet Fitness, which remains at the location today.



Stay safe outdoors with tick prevention tips

Nothing spoils a summer nature walk like discovering a bloodsucking tick.

But there's no need to avoid the outdoors this season. Instead, learn how to stay safe by attending Dover Public Library's informational lecture, "Stay Safe Outdoors: Tick Awareness & Prevention," on Wednesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held in Room 306 of the McConnell Center.

Perfect for hikers, gardeners, pet owners and anyone who enjoys spending time outside, the lecture will cover everything you need to know about tick safety. The presentation includes an overview of ticks, their role in the environment, and practical strategies to reduce the risk of tick bites. Attendees will also learn about tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease, prevention techniques, and details about the University of New Hampshire's new tick testing service.

The program will be led by Shyloh Favreau, diagnostic program manager for the Food & Agriculture team at the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. Favreau manages the university's soil testing and insect identification services and recently took over its tick education program.

He is also pursuing a master's degree through UNH's Agroecology Lab and the UNH Collection of Insects and Other Arthropods. His research focuses on melittology—the study of wild bees—with a special interest in *Andrena*, a large genus of ground-nesting mining bees.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050.

Please note: The Dover Public Library is temporarily located in the McConnell Center during renovations. The Children's Room is in Room 305, while Adult and Teen Services

are located in the cafeteria on the ground floor.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and closed Sunday.

Create a tech-healthy family

Are screens taking over your household? Wondering how to help your kids thrive in a digital world?

Join Dover Public Library virtually on Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. for “Creating a Tech-Healthy Family,” a presentation by Andrea Davis of Better Screen Time.

Davis will provide caregivers with tools and confidence to navigate technology through her Tech-Healthy Family Formula. This five-step approach helps reduce screen time, restore family time and bring peace of mind. Attendees will learn how to create a family tech plan with their children, take a slow-tech approach to introducing devices, and teach kids about digital distractions and dangers.

The program is presented in partnership with the Groton Public Library. Registration is available on the Dover Public Library’s website. All registrants will receive a link to the live stream, and a recording will be emailed within 48 hours to those who cannot attend live.

Davis is a former secondary education teacher and founder of Better Screen Time, an organization aligned with the Anxious Generation movement. As a mother of five, she shares family-tested strategies from personal experience. Davis is also the author of *Creating a Tech-Healthy Family* and is certified by the Digital Wellness Institute. She and her husband, Tyler, live in Hood River, Oregon, and enjoy spending time outdoors as a family.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050.

This Week at the Library

Monday, June 9, 6 to 8 p.m.
Teen Dungeons & Dragons
McConnell Center, Room 306

Do you love the idea of exploring fantastical worlds? Do you have a love of collaborative gameplay and an active imagination? Then Dungeons and Dragons is for you! Join Dungeon Master Michael for this beginner series, where you will create your own character, play in a story campaign, and learn the basics of D&D 5th Edition. This program is for teens entering grades 6-12 only, and all supplies will be provided.
Registration required.

Tuesday, June 10, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Friends of the Dover Public Library
McConnell Center, Room 306

As a member of this group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group which supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$20 per year. This

Wednesday, June 11, 2 to 3 p.m.
Matter of Fact: Non-Fiction Book Club
McConnell Center, Room 306

This book group is dedicated to non-fiction, exploring history, science, essays, and biography. This month’s book is *Palaces for the People* by Eric Klineberg. Pick up a copy at the circulation desk.

Wednesday, June 11, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Crusading Against Vice: American Anti-Profanity Leagues and Their Legacy
McConnell Center, Room 306

In the early 1900s, a group of reformers launched a surprising crusade: to stamp out swearing and “vulgar” language across the United States. This talk explores the history of the Anti-Profanity League, a national movement that reflected deep concerns about morality, civility, and public behavior.

organization funds all the museum passes the library offers, a large portion of our summer reading activities, as well as cultural events for the community.

Wednesday, June 11, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Club: Art for All
Great Bay Services

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.

Thursday, June 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Reading Rainbow Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join Reading Rainbow, Dover Public Library's Queer book group as we discuss *Honey Girl* by Morgan Rogers. 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.



NH Maker Fest is Saturday

The 13th annual NH Maker Fest, organized and hosted by the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in downtown Dover, will be held on Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. From engineers to artists, to scientists, to chefs, the NH Maker Fest is a day for these "Makers" to show hobbies, experiments, projects, and for all to discover something new! It's a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness.

The Fest takes place inside the Children's Museum of NH and outside in the park and even on the stage. Due to the need to make room for all the Makers, some of the museum exhibits will not be accessible. The Fest is family friendly, and admission is a suggested \$5/person donation. You can reserve tickets [online](https://www.childrens-museum.org/), or make a donation at the door upon arrival.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, open since 1983, is an award-winning museum featuring two floors of hands-on exhibits for kids ages birth to age 12. The museum's mission is to engage families in hands-on discovery actively. Learn more about the Children's Museum of New Hampshire and the NH Maker Fest online at www.childrens-museum.org.

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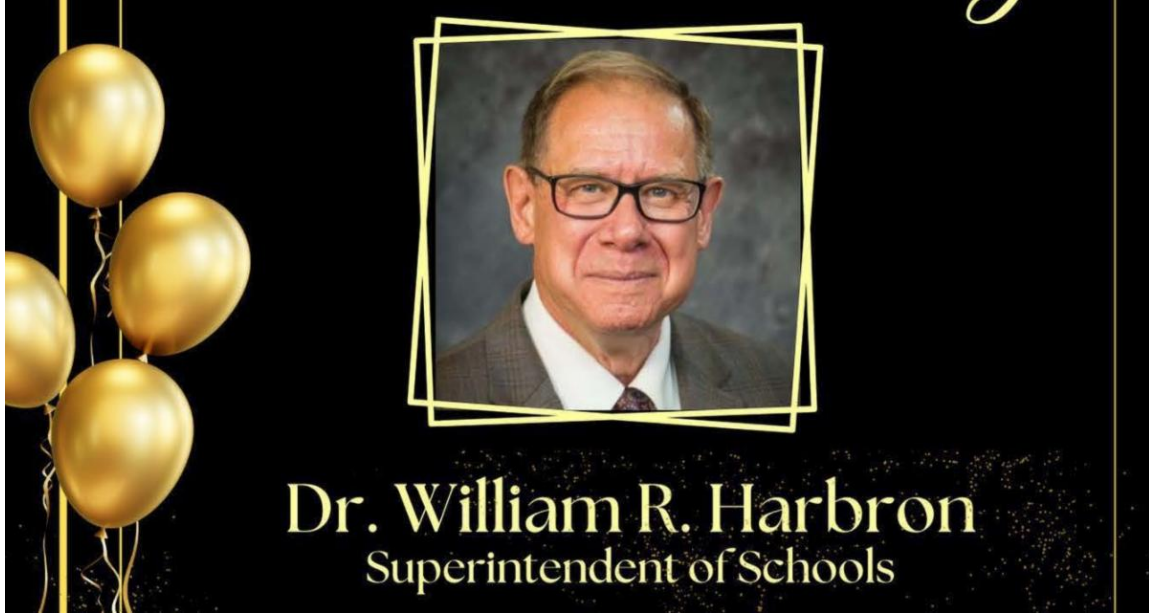
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School District invites community to retirement celebration for Superintendent William Harbron on June 16

The Dover School District will honor Superintendent Dr. William R. Harbron with a retirement celebration on Monday, June 16, recognizing his 51-year career in education.

The event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. at Dover High School, 25 Alumni Drive. All members of the Dover community are invited to attend and celebrate Harbron's many years of dedicated service to students, educators, and families.

Harbron, who has served as superintendent since 2016, will officially retire on June 30. Throughout his career, he has been known for his commitment to educational excellence and fostering a culture of support and achievement across the district.

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP by filling out the online form available [here](#).

For more information, contact the Superintendent's Office at 603-516-6800.



Merry Mac Regatta sets sail Saturday, June 14

Join the Great Bay Yacht Club for the annual Ned McIntosh Merry Mac Regatta on Saturday, June 14, with a rain date of Sunday, June 15. Merry Macs, Oyster River Cats, Handy Cats, Nutshell Prams, small sailing boats, and dinghies are all welcome.

The race is open to entrants of all ages. Registration begins at 10 a.m. at Hilton Park. Learn more and register at: <https://bit.ly/4dPZY8j>

Founded in 1958, GBYC has been a cornerstone of the local boating community for decades. The club is founded on the principles of fostering the spirit of sailing in the community around the Great Bay area. For more information, visit <https://www.greatbayyachtclub.org>.

Adapting Together:

PROJECT BUILDER

APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 1, 2025

A brand-new program
designed to help
communities in the Great
Bay Watershed turn their
climate resilience ideas
into strong, fundable
proposals.



The Project Builder Support Team is made up of partners from the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), New Hampshire Sea Grant, UNH Extension, and the New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup.

Project Builder is a program designed to help shape a vision for addressing flooding or extreme heat in the Great Bay Watershed into a strong grant proposal. Whether you're starting with a clear plan or just a rough idea, this program offers mentorship, strategy support, and connection to potential collaborators, including pathways to future funding through Adapting Together's Climate Impact Grants.

To learn more and apply, visit <https://bit.ly/4kqo8sx>. Deadline: July 1, 2025

The program is part of the NH Charitable Foundation's Great Bay 2030 initiative. It is led by partners from the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), NH Sea Grant, and NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup, which will provide direct assistance.

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
- Water Treatment Operator
- Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time
- Truck Driver - Street
- Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater
- Firefighter / AEMT
- Building Inspector
- Wastewater Pump Station Operator
- Seasonal Adopt-A-Spot Worker
- Municipal Construction Project Administrator
- Account Clerk II - City Clerk Tax Collection

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:

- 6th Grade Teacher
- Accounting Specialist
- Cleaner (2nd Shift) for C&W Services
- Dean of Bellamy Academy
- District Student Support Counselors
- Elementary Special Education Administrative Assistant
- EMT Instructor
- Freshman Boys Soccer Coach
- Grounds Crew for C&W Services
- Maintenance Technician
- Noon Aide
- Paraprofessionals
- Social Studies Teachers
- Special Education Teacher - Oasis
- Special Education Teacher/Case Manager
- Substitute Teachers
- Summer Programming Paraprofessionals
- Summer School Proctor

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

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