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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



March 17, 2023



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

City Hall
hours:

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



Dover Fire Chief Michael McShane discusses the Fire Department's proposed budget during a City Council workshop on March 15.

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

Recycling
Center hours:

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

Council workshop focuses on Police, Fire and Planning budgets

Public hearing on city portion of budget is next week

The City Council held a budget workshop on Wednesday, March 15, where it reviewed the fiscal year 2024 budget proposals for the Fire, Police and Planning departments. The proposed budgets, budget presentations, and accompanying slides can be viewed on the [FY2024 Budget Revealed](#) webpage.

The next budget session is Wednesday, March 22, when a public hearing on the city portion of the budget will be held during the City Council's regular meeting that evening. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The complete line-item proposed budget is available on the [FY2024 Budget Revealed page](#). Videos of the budget workshops and the documents presented are also posted here, including the School Board's previous budget meetings and workshops.

City Council budget meetings and workshops

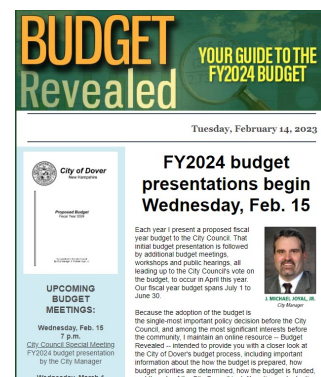
- **March 22:** Regular meeting, including a public hearing on the City portion of the proposed budget
- **March 29:** Budget workshop on the Community Services budget
- **April 5:** Budget workshop, followed by a special meeting for the adoption of the budget
- **April 12:** Regular meeting, which is also reserved as a fallback date for budget adoption, if necessary

All the above meetings and workshops will be held on Wednesdays in City Hall's Council Chambers.

Sign up for the Budget Revealed newsletter

The Budget Revealed newsletter is a weekly update on the City Council's budget process. It contains brief highlights of the week's budget presentations, the upcoming schedule and other budget tidbits. To sign up for these emails,

visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters> and add "Budget Revealed" to your current email subscription list.



ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Public hearings on budget, street sweeping grant on City Council agenda

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the City Manager's proposed fiscal year 2024 budget at its March 22 meeting. It includes all non-School Department proposed expenditures; the public hearing on the school portion of the budget was held on March 15.

To review the proposed budget and budget presentations, visit the [FY2024 Budget Revealed webpage](#).

The City Council will also hold public hearings on the following:

- The acceptance and expenditure of a \$150,000 New Hampshire Charitable Foundation grant. The grant will be used to establish a “comprehensive regional street sweeping program that will operate across municipal boundaries in the Great Bay watershed to significantly reduce nonpoint source pollution and measurably improve water quality.”
- The acceptance and expenditure of a \$75,000 New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services grant for “data mining and for the development of a water service line inventory which will meet the requirements of the revised lead and copper rule set by the federal standards.” The grant is contingent on approval by the Governor and Executive Council.

Also on the Council's agenda are two resolutions related to the construction of the Pudding Hill Water Treatment Plant. One is an amendment to the agreement with Underwood Engineers “for additional construction administration, project representative, and field-testing services in the amount of \$150,000.” The other is a resolution to add \$200,000 to the contingency fund with Penta Corporation, the contractor building the treatment plant.

[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 also be available for on-demand viewing.



Chestnut Street bridge on track for May reopening

The Chestnut Street bridge work remains on schedule to reopen to vehicular and pedestrian traffic by May 19, 2023. The project remains on budget.

The contractor has completed the needed repairs to the Chestnut Street bridge deck. Approximately 5% of the deck area was delaminated (failing) and needed restoration. The repairs required partial-depth repairs consisting of removing and replacing about half of the deck's concrete thickness. The installation of the membrane and pavement are weather-dependent activities; therefore, the project will not be completed until warmer temperatures become more consistent.

The west sidewalk has been completely reconstructed with the existing granite curb reset, new concrete, and resetting the existing bridge railing. Nine utility conduits within the west sidewalk posed a challenge during the demolition of the west sidewalk. The utilities were determined to be fragile and not feasible to relocate; therefore, the contractor altered their means and methods to reconstruct the west sidewalk, which has been more time-consuming. The added work did not alter the project schedule.

The east sidewalk remains under construction, with the existing granite curb reset and reinforcing steel installed. There are also utility conduits within this sidewalk, which the utility companies have upgraded during the construction. The east sidewalk reconstruction is anticipated to be completed in the next few weeks.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation's "[Recommended Investment Strategy](#)" contains recommended schedules for routine maintenance activities of various bridge structure types. Routine maintenance activities are timely investments made at prescribed intervals to maximize service life while minimizing the life-cycle costs of the bridges. For girder-type bridges, like the Chestnut Street Bridge, NHDOT recommends the following to occur every 20 years: patching the concrete deck and substructure, replacing membrane and expansion joints, and repaving. At 60 years, the NHDOT recommends a complete deck replacement. Until the current work, the Chestnut Street Bridge, constructed in 1973, has only the roadway expansion joints at each end of the deck replaced, which occurred in 2016.

The current project incorporates the recommendations from the December 2018 evaluation completed by the city's engineering design consultant, which consists of replacing the membrane and pavement, concrete deck repairs, and reconstruction of both sidewalks.

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

Parking and traffic restrictions in effect Saturday for Dover Main Street's Run Before You Crawl 5K

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following street closures and parking restrictions for the ninth annual Run Before You Crawl 5K event, presented by Dover Main Street. A Downtown Dover Restaurant and Pub Crawl will follow the race between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. More information is available at

<https://dovermainstreet.org/race/index.php>.

On Saturday, March 18, 2023, between 9 and 10:30 a.m., Chestnut Street will be closed to all southbound traffic between Sixth and Third streets. Additional closures will be in effect during brief periods to accommodate the race flow on Fourth, Washington, Whittier and Sixth streets.



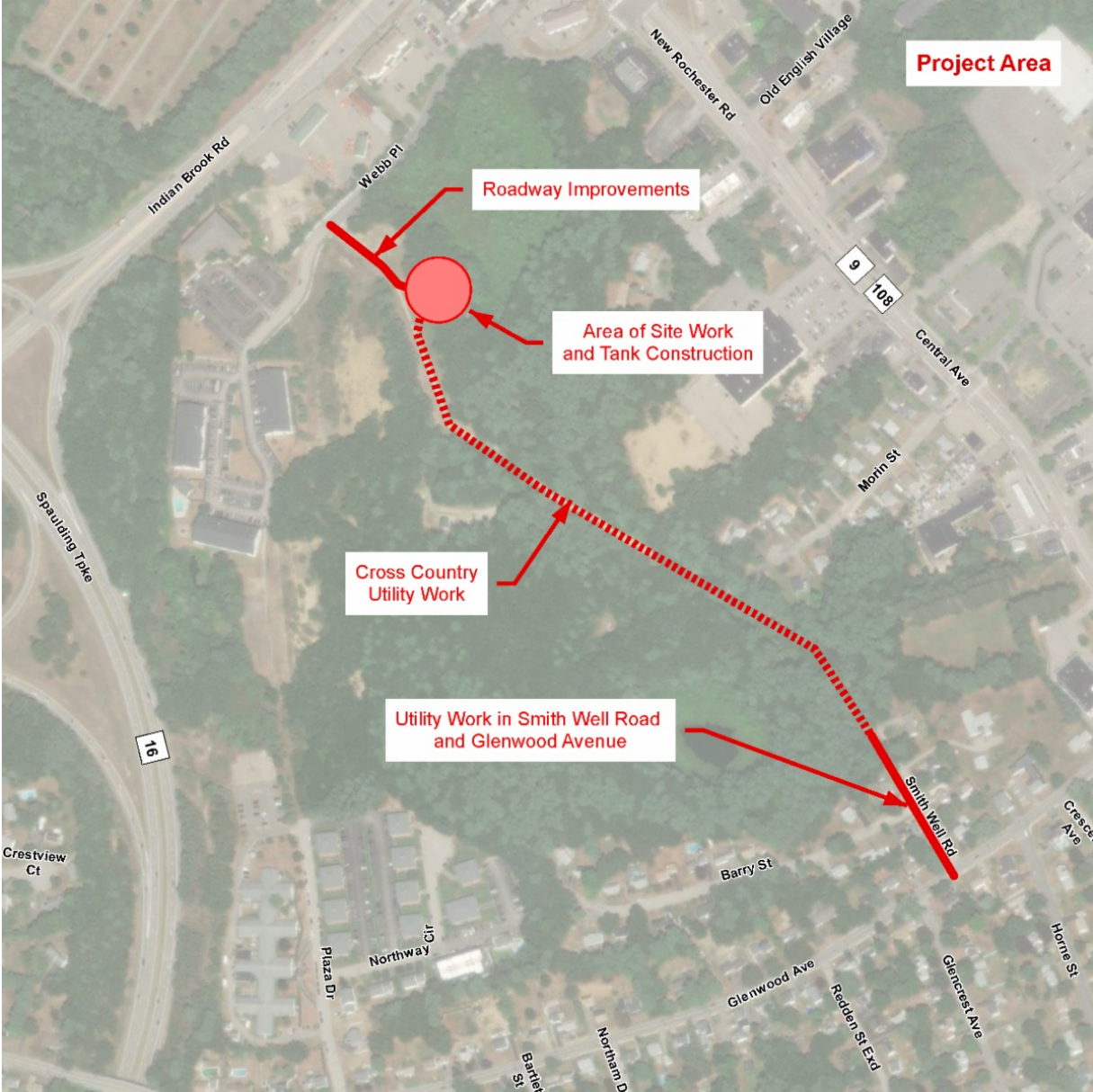
The event starts and ends at the Dover Transportation Center, 33 Chestnut St. The course is modified this year due to the ongoing Chestnut Street bridge reconstruction project. The course will follow a clockwise loop of Fourth, Washington, Whittier, Sixth and Chestnut Streets. ([Click here](#) for race map.) Dover police personnel and event volunteers will be on hand to help manage the traffic flow along the race route.

Parking restrictions will be posted and in effect on Saturday morning along Sixth Street (Hillside Drive to Chestnut Street) and in sections of the Transportation Center parking lot.

COAST bus service and connections at the Transportation Center will be suspended between 8:30 and 11 a.m. COAST riders can access the bus nearby at Waldron Towers on Green Street, near the Post Office. UNH Wildcat Transit is not in service this weekend.

Saturday morning Amtrak Downeaster passenger train service will not be interrupted, but train passengers who intend to park at the Transportation Center may need to plan ahead for alternate parking arrangements.

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



Site clearing for new water storage tank begins next week

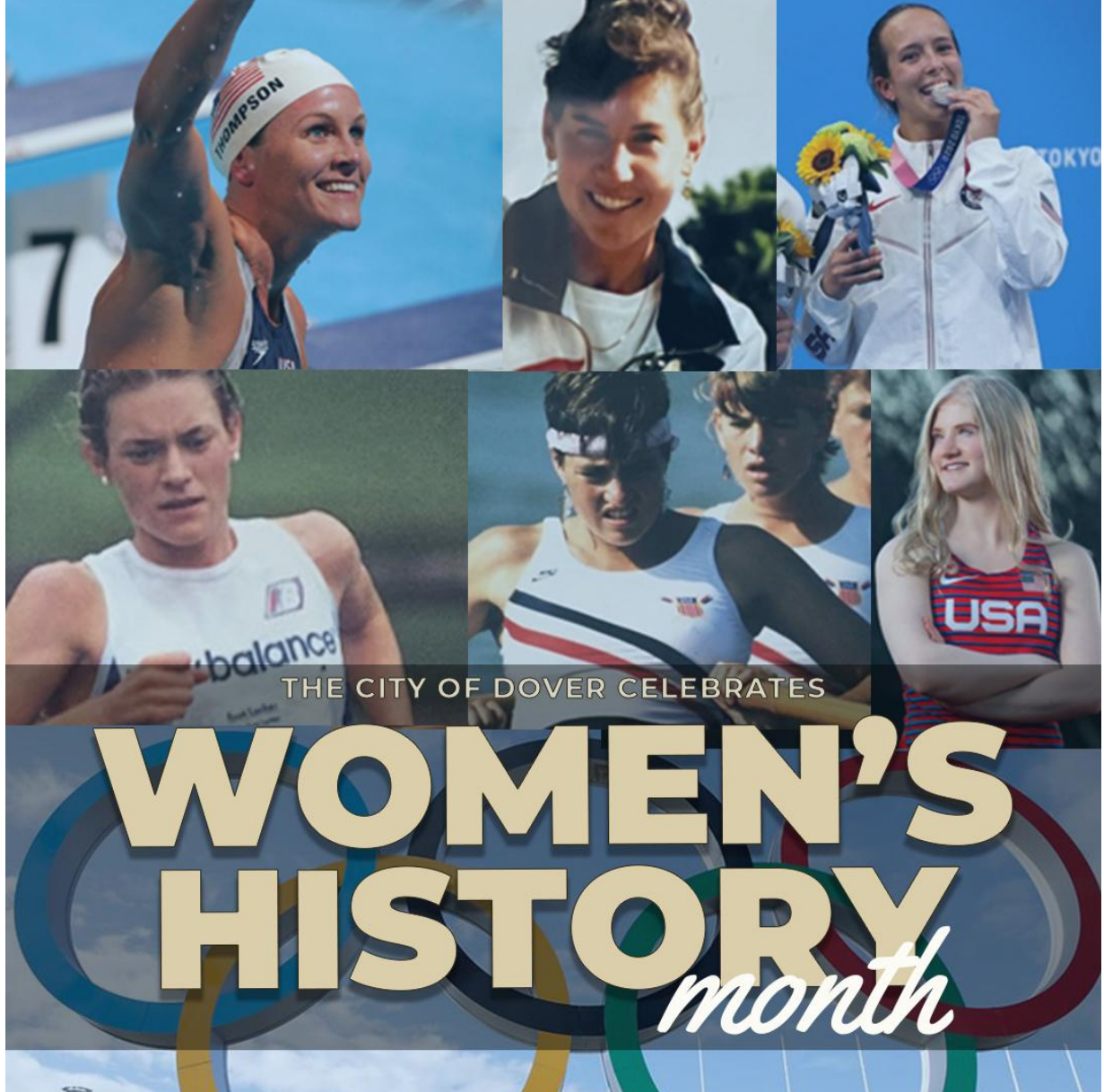
The contractor building the new water storage tank on Smith Well Road will begin site work next week. Crews mobilized to the site this week. Site work includes the clearing of trees and preparing the site for construction.

Initial work will occur via the Webb Place entrance to the project. As the project develops in the coming weeks, work will also happen on Smith Well Road. Part of the project will be the reconstruction of Smith Well Road, including replacing the water main, sewer and drainage lines. Residents will receive advanced notice when work on Smith Well Road begins.

The new water storage tank adds redundancy to the water system. It will also allow for the needed rehabilitation of the Garrison Hill water tank in the next couple of years.

Sign-up for email updates

As the project develops, the City of Dover plans regular email updates to help residents and business plans for the construction disruption. To sign-up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project update: Smith Well water tank and utility work" to your current email subscription list.



Women with Dover ties made Olympic history

As we continue to celebrate Women's History Month, the City of Dover is proud to acknowledge the exceptional accomplishments of several women Olympic athletes with ties to our community. These women have dedicated countless hours of training and hard work to reach the pinnacle of their athletic careers, representing not only themselves but also their country and their hometown. Their inspiring achievements serve as a testament to the incredible potential and resilience of women, and their success is a source of pride and inspiration for all of us in Dover.

Among these talented athletes is Jenny Thompson, a former swimmer who won 12 Olympic medals, including eight gold medals. Thompson competed in four different Olympic games, setting numerous records during her illustrious career. Thompson began swimming for Seacoast Swimming Association at age 12 under coaches Amy and Mike Parratto, and moved to Dover at age 13. However, her accomplishments don't end with Olympic gold medals - Thompson also pursued higher education, receiving a medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2006.

Another Dover Olympian is Jessica Parratto, a diver who competed in the 2016 and 2020 Olympic games. Parratto won a silver medal in the 10-meter synchronized platform diving event in the 2020 games. Parratto, a Dover native, comes from a family of aquatic sports legends. Her parents, Mike and Amy Parratto, are members of the Dover Sports Hall of Fame.

Cathy Schiro O'Brien is a former long-distance runner who competed in the 1988 and 1992

Olympic games. She won the Los Angeles Marathon in 1991. In 1984, while still a student at Dover High School, she qualified for the Olympic Trials Marathon in her first marathon. In the trials, held in Olympia, Washington, when she was only 16 years old, she ran 2:34:24. She finished in 9th place after being a legitimate contender for third place on the team. Her time there still stands as the national high school women's record in the marathon, and it was a junior record that lasted for 36 years.

Liza Corso, a Paralympic middle-distance runner from nearby Newmarket, represented the United States at the 2020 Summer Paralympics, where she won a silver medal in the women's 1500-meter T13 event. Corso attended Portsmouth Christian Academy in Dover, where she became a star athlete, winning the 2021 New Hampshire Meet of Champions in the girls' 1,600-meter run and placing fourth in the 800.

Barbara "Barb" Marois is a former field hockey player who represented the United States at the 1988 and 1996 Olympic games. She was a member of the US women's team that finished fifth at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. Marois also won three medals at the Pan American Games, including two silver medals in 1987 and 1995 and a bronze medal in 1991.

Jennie Marshall, a competitive rower, competed in the women's quadruple sculls event at the 1988 Summer Olympics. She earned silver medals at the 1982 World Championship in the eight, the 1986 Goodwill Games in the quad sculls, and the 1987 Pan American Games in double sculls.

With a diverse range of talents and accomplishments, these Dover Olympians have made their city proud and serve as excellent examples of what dedication and hard work can achieve. These five women are also honored on a [Faces of Dover marker](#) on display at Henry Law Park.

Upcoming Meetings:

Utilities Commission, March 20, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

Pool Advisory Committee, March 20, 7 p.m.

The Pool Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Dover Indoor Pool Meeting Room, 6 Henry Law Ave., Dover.

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

Arena Commission, March 21, 7 p.m.

The Arena Commission will hold a regular meeting on



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

Dover Download podcast: Your guide to what's happening this week

In addition to each week's email edition of Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a weekly podcast.

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room at the Dover Arena.

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

City Council, March 22, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Open Lands Committee, March 23, 5:30 p.m.

The Open Lands Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

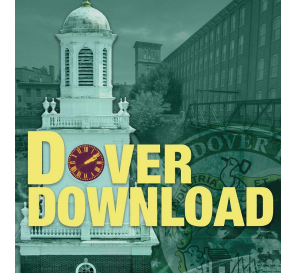
Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee, March 23, 7 p.m.

The Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023, beginning at 7 p.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/>.

The podcast is hosted by Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker, who chats each week about the city's programs, services, public bodies and projects. Each episode also takes a brief detour to the past with a look back at the week in Dover's history.



The podcast is available wherever you get your podcasts, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts, and at <https://anchor.fm/cityofdovernh>.



Deadline for Dover Chamber awards nominations is today

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for their Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, David K. Bamford Educator of the Year, Business of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, and Community Arts Champion awards. Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Gala On May 4, 2023, at Rivermill at Dover Landing.

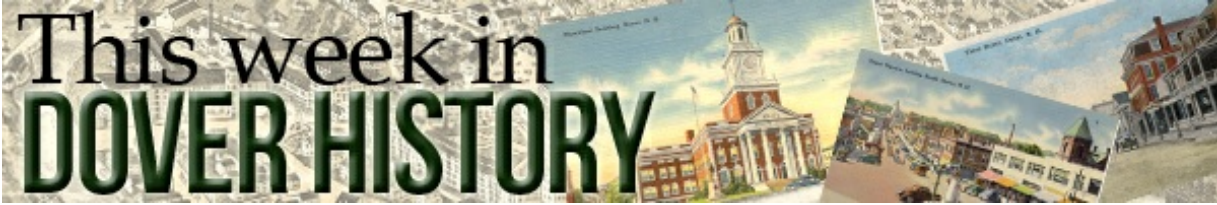
The deadline for nominations is today, Friday, March 17, 2023, at 5 p.m.

The Chamber is also accepting applications for a [student scholarship](#).

To nominate a business, organization, or person, or for more information, visit <https://www.dovernh.org/awards>.

For more information, visit [dovernh.org](https://www.dovernh.org).

This week in DOVER HISTORY



The following events are from a variety of 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](#).

March 23, 1903 — It was revealed on this day by a trustee of the Wentworth Home for the Aged (now the Wentworth Home), that the last will and testament of Arioch Wentworth of Boston left \$100,000 for the endowment of a hospital in Dover. Wentworth's previous gifts to the Wentworth Home had already reached \$100,000. The hospital would be founded the next year, on March 15, 1904, and planned as a 30-bed hospital to be called "The Wentworth." The hospital opened in August 1906, and today, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital is now licensed for 178 beds.

March 17, 1912 — Dover's coal dealers announce an increase in the cost of coal of 75 cents per ton, pushing the cost to \$8 a ton. It was the second increase in four months, prompted by a supply shortage.

March 22, 1947 — Dover High School announced on this day seven varsity meets were scheduled for the school's fishing team. The fishing team was believed to be the only one of its kind in the country at that time. The fishing team, which had formed the year before, would practice by fishing at nearby brooks, streams, and lakes, as well as at salt-water locations along the coast of New Hampshire and Maine. Without other schools to compete against up to that point, team members received awards of merit from their coach, Bernard Smith. For the upcoming spring program that year, the schedule would bring them to Gilmanton and Wolfeboro for smelt fishing, Brookfield and New Durham for brook trout, the Isles of Shoals for cod and haddock, York Harbor for flounder, and Willey Camp at Crawford Notch for brook trout. Coach Smith said he expected the brook trout meets to be the toughest. You can hear more about the Dover High School fishing team next week in the March 21 episode of the [Dover Download podcast](#).

March 20, 1996 — The Planning Board considers a proposal by Liberty Mutual, which had just announced its plans to build a 250,000-square-foot complex on land it owned off Sixth Street, to donate eight vacant homes it had purchased to the city. The homes were purchased to make way for its new facility. The homes would be moved to a new location as part of a project that provided low- to moderate-income housing for first-time home buyers. The plan required the Planning Board to approve the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to move the homes. "If we don't do it, these houses will be lost," said Rick Jones, then Dover's Community Development Coordinator. "The project keeps the houses on the tax rolls and allows people to acquire houses they otherwise could not buy." Those homes, located on Wilbrod Avenue and Alder Meadows, continue to contribute to Dover's tax base today. You can hear more about this story, as well as the history of Liberty Mutual in Dover and the land it purchased off Sixth Street, in the Feb. 21 segment of "This Week in Dover History" on the [Dover Download podcast](#).

March 23, 1998 — Organizers of a 375th-anniversary celebration for Dover announced on this day some of the events planned for the celebration later that year. Events included a parade slated for that July, with the theme, "Celebrating Dover's Rich History and Proud Future." Over the July 4 holiday weekend, other events were planned, too, including a special presentation to kick off the Cochecho Arts Festival, a cultural fair at Henry Law Park, and a fireworks display. The chair of the 375th Anniversary Committee, Sam Allen, is now vice president of the Dover 400th anniversary committee, which is organizing events throughout the year this year as part of Dover's 400th anniversary as the first, permanent European settlement in New Hampshire, and the seventh oldest in the country.



Friends of the Dover Public Library meet March 21, seek new president

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will next meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Trustees Room.

The group is looking for someone to fill the role of president. This essential role needs to be filled so the group can move forward with its continued support of the Public Library, including the funding of museum passes, the summer reading program, as well as many cultural events for the community. Joining the Friends of the Dover Public Library is a great way to be involved with the library and the community.

As a member of the group, as an active participant, or as a leader you can support this group, which in turn supports our library. Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$15 per year.

The Friends meet the second Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room. You may attend either in person or online. If you would like to attend remotely, please email Denise LaFrance at d.lafrance@dover.nh.gov.

Please consider joining the Friends of the Dover Public Library and see how you can make the Dover Public Library an even better place.

Gear repair and maintenance with NEMO Equipment at the Dover Public Library

With spring starting and warm weather on the way, are you ready to put on your hiking boots, grab your tent, pack your sleeping bag, and head out for some adventures? Check your gear first and make sure you have all the supplies you need to keep your gear in the best shape for your adventures.

Join the Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on April 3 at the Dover Public Library for a program with Dover's own NEMO Equipment on gear repair and maintenance. NEMO started from the idea that outdoor gear could be thoughtfully crafted to improve enjoyment while adventuring in the outdoors. NEMO designs gear ranging from backpacking chairs to tents, sleeping pads, and more.

Keeping your gear lasting longer can help reduce the need to produce more materials which in turn reduces material waste. Reducing material waste and improving sustainability is also an effort NEMO works toward, including recently becoming Climate Neutral Certified. With so many environments to play in, including the White Mountains, Lakes region, and Seacoast, sustainability is very important here in New Hampshire.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit the library's website at library.dover.nh.gov or call (603) 516-6050.

This Week at the Library

21st Annual Poetry Contest

March 15 - April 19

Contest open to seacoast area residents ages 5 and up. Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and adults ages 18 & older. Poems judged on originality, style, and creativity. Deadline for entry is April 19th. Information about the contest available at the Dover Public Library or [online](#).

Monday, March 20-Sunday, April 2 Peeps Show Contest

Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard-size shoe box. Create your diorama based on a scene from a book. The first eight entries will receive a free plush Peep chick! Contest is open to Dover residents, students and library cardholders.

Monday, March 20, 3 to 4 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *The Paper Palace* by Miranda Cowley Heller.

Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. *Register if you would like to attend remotely.*

Monday, March 20, 6 to 8 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons: Adults

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every other Monday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play.

Monday, March 20, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Cookbook Club Soup Swap

Attend this potluck-style soup exchange using Soup Swap by Kathy Gunst for your soup recipes. Please register below with your pick of recipe, then come to the swap with your choice of soup to share. Please bring your own containers to bring soup home with you! *Registration required.*

Monday, March 20, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group

Join in-person or virtually to discuss *The*

other fans to talk about these popular books. You will also make a craft related to the series. *Registration required.*

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Wednesday, March 22, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program that includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Quaking Dover: The History of Quakers in Dover

Join "Quaking Dover" author Jnana Hodson for a lively look at early Dover from the members of its second-oldest congregation. Discover why a third of the population joined the radical Quaker faith in the early 1660s despite persecution by the Puritan authorities. *Register if you would like to attend remotely.*

Thursday, March 23, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Arts and Crafts Storytime

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-6. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

Thursday, March 23, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Crafternoon for Kids: No Sew Emoji Pillow

Paper Palace by Miranda Cowley Heller.
Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library. *Register if you would like to attend remotely.*

Tuesday, March 21, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Mother Goose on the Loose

For babies through 2 years and parent/caregiver, *Mother Goose on the Loose* is a 30 minute program with nursery rhymes, songs, puppets, other props and short stories. A joyful and fun gathering that promotes early literacy skills.

Tuesday, March 21, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Medicare for You

Take the mystery out of Medicare and get all your questions answered. This informative class will help you understand the basics of Medicare in relatable, easy-to-understand language and provide you with the tools you will need to determine the best plan for you.

Tuesday, March 21, 3 to 4 p.m.
Mindful Stitching Workshop for Teens
Mindful stitching is a way of creating with your hands while focusing not on the end product, but the process of stitching itself. Learn what mindful stitching is and create a mindful stitching project to take home with you. All supplies will be provided but you're also welcome to bring scraps of fabric and other art elements with you.

Tuesday, March 21, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
Series of the Month Book Club
2nd and 3rd Graders
Are you a fan of the *Dragon Masters* series by Tracey West? If you are in 2nd or 3rd grade and have read one or more books in the *Dragon Masters* series come meet with

Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to drop in to make and take a No Sew Emoji Pillow in the storytime room.

Thursday, March 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Cocheco River Writers

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

Friday, March 24, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Shake Your Rattle and Roll, Baby!

This program is for babies and toddlers-2 years. Dance to silly songs, sing rhymes, count to 5 with puppets and rock out with drums and instruments. Featuring a different genre or musical artist each week.

Friday, March 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Sensory Storytime
This storytime is for children, ages 3-6, with autism, sensory challenges, developmental delays, and their caregivers. This fun, interactive program will engage the senses through books, flannel boards, puppets, songs, rhymes and movements, as well as tactile and sensory activities.
Registration required.

Saturday, March 25, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Lego Club
Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build their own creations. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library.
CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.



Dover Police Department

Breaking Barriers:

Strengthening Police-Community Relationships

A monthly series fostering transparency, community, and connection.



SATURDAY,
MARCH 25

Dover Police Department
46 Chestnut Street
10:00am - 12:00pm

March Topic:

"Youth Engagement"

Speakers:

KAITLIN JONES *Dover Police Social Worker*

VICKI HARRIS *Police Prevention Coordinator*

STEVE PAPPAJOHN *Dover Teen Center*

LUIS BERDECIA *School Resource Officer*

To register:

<https://tinyurl.com/5fztx6st>
a.mitrushi@dover.nh.gov
603-516-6122

SEED announces annual fundraiser

Seacoast Endowment for Education in Dover ("SEED"), a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting academic excellence in Dover schools, has announced dates for its annual fundraiser. The online auction is set to go live on Monday, April 3, and will close on Friday, April 14, 2023, with a spring mixer at the Cochecho Country Club in Dover, New Hampshire. All proceeds will be used to underwrite innovative learning opportunities in Dover public schools.

For the first time in three years, the non-profit has planned an in-person social to complement the auction. The festive live event starts at 6:30 pm and will include plenty of food, music, and raffle opportunities.

"The in-person component is an important element of our fundraiser," said Mindy Marcouillier, Chair SEED Event Committee. "It's about coming together as a community, meeting people, and networking while fundraising for education in Dover."

Tickets for the social are \$75 per person and [can be purchased here](#).

The online auction will run for only twelve days and will include hundreds of quality items including Items include local gift cards, a paddle board, boat cruise, local art, electronics, sports memorabilia, and plenty of experiences.

SEED has secured several initial event sponsors including Jewelry Creations, Great Island Realty, Cinco de Mayo, RW Health and Employee Benefits, Scrubbed Clean, and Luminate Home Loans.

"We are so grateful for our early sponsors," said Toby Arkwell, Chair, SEED Board of Directors. "Business support is critical to the success of our fundraiser."

The annual fundraiser is a key factor in SEED's ability to fund grant requests twice annually. The organization recently awarded more than \$25,000 in curriculum, professional development, and technology improvements for teachers and students during its fall grant cycle. This was the second-largest grant cycle in SEED History.

"We anticipate similar numbers for the spring cycle, coming up in May," Arkwell said.

Since its inception, SEED has contributed more than \$300,000 to Dover public school teachers and administrators. To participate in the auction, please visit SEED Auction Website. To learn more about available sponsorships, please visit www.DoverSEED.org.

Dover schools seek community input

The Dover School District is reviewing and developing a strategic plan and wants to know how the community perceives the district's current performance in a variety of areas and what they think the district should prioritize moving forward. Responses to the survey will help the Dover School District better understand the community's needs.

This survey link is for community members only. When accessing the survey, select "community member" from the list of options. Separate links have been provided to parents.

This study is for research purposes only. All information provided will be maintained confidentially by Hanover Research and no personal information will be shared with the Dover School District. Candid responses are sought.

The link will close on Friday, March 24. The Dover School District appreciates the community's participation.

The survey can be accessed here: https://hanover-research.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0PtGj4TGQNrbt6C

DHS Drama Club to perform 'Sponge Bob Square Pants - The Musical' this weekend

The Dover High School Drama Club will present "Sponge Bob Square Pants - The Musical" on Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18, at 7 p.m. each night in the Dover High School Auditorium.

Admission is \$8 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.

For more information, contact Dover High School at 603-516-6900.

DOVER 400 DAY AT THE WOODMAN MUSEUM

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Come join us at the Woodman Museum for an Open House and community event! Guests and activities include:

- Meet and Greet with Woody the Woodman Polar Bear
- Red's Good Vibe Food Truck
- UNH 4-H "Plant A Seed" Program
- Fire and Smoke Education Trailer provided by the Dover Fire Department
- Twenty-One Senses Calm Room/ Play area
- Renew Your Library Pass with Dover Public Library
- And More...



When: April 22nd
10am-4pm

Where: Woodman Museum, 182
Central Ave. Dover, NH



**Open to All. Free Admission with proof of
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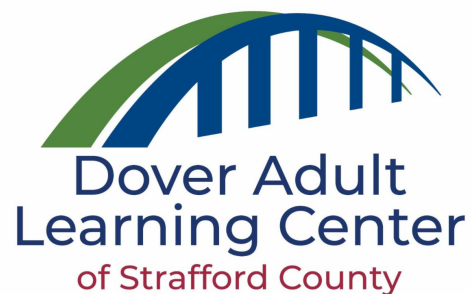


Coming up at Dover Adult Learning Center

Dover Adult Learning Center is offering two opportunities to learn about Reiki. Take a one-class workshop to learn the basics on Saturday, March 25 NY registering here: <https://tinyurl.com/mutbpb4b>, or join a two-day workshop on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, and graduate with a Level 1 certification by registering here: <https://tinyurl.com/4yhm8eyb>

Are you looking to simplify? Join our downsizing workshop on March 27, from 6-8 p.m. here: <https://tinyurl.com/2yp8jy5b>

We're offering a wide variety of dance and movement classes. Join us for Popular Latin Dance or Dance for Social events, yoga, Pilates, or Qi Gong. Browse offerings, dates, and times here: <https://tinyurl.com/ypwrs9nr>



Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

- Energy Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission

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

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

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

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **City Planner**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**
- **Summer Camp Supervisor**
- **Summer Camp Counselor**
- **Police Systems IT Technician**
- **Utility Systems IT Administrator**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Automotive Technician**

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:

- **Long Term Elementary Teacher Substitute**
- **Auditorium House Manager and Technician**
- **K-4 Principal**
- **Special Education Paraprofessionals**
- **Behavior Specialist**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional - Autism Support – Dover Middle School**
- **DALC - Adult Education Program Manager**
- **DALC Adult High School Biology Teacher**
- **Girls JV Softball Coach**
- **DALC Counselor Aide**
- **Special Education Paraprofessional**
- **Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher**
- **Custodian for C&W Services**
- **DALC Teacher-Spanish Literacy and HiSET Prep in correction facility**

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

