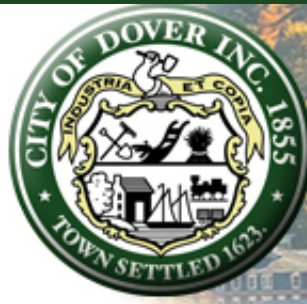


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 17-23, 2026

ROOTED IN
Service
POWERED BY
Community



May 15, 2026



**CITY OF
DOVER, NH**

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

**City Hall
hours:**

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

Community Services to host open house, Touch- a-Truck event Saturday

The City of Dover's Community Services Department will host its third annual Touch-a-Truck and Open House on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Services facility, 271 Mast Road.

The free, family-friendly event is being held in celebration of Public Works Week, May 17-23. The open house will give residents a chance to meet Community Services staff, learn more about the work they do throughout the year, and get an up-close look at the vehicles and equipment used to maintain Dover's roads, utilities, parks and public spaces.

The event will include a Touch-a-Truck display featuring vehicles and equipment from Community Services, Dover Police, Dover Fire and Rescue, Waste Management, Pine Tree Helicopters, Moore's Crane Rental, S.U.R. Construction, Northeast Earth Mechanics, Severino Trucking Co., and others. Children and families will be able to explore

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

**Recycling
Center
hours:**

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

trucks, construction equipment and emergency vehicles, with staff and operators available to answer questions.

Activities will also include live demonstrations, a “Paint a Plow” activity, free ice cream, food from Goodfellas Grub food truck, vendor displays, children’s activities and more. Several city departments and community partners are also expected to participate, including the Dover Public Library, Planning and Community Development, Dover High School and Dover Middle School FIRST Robotics, and the Dover Doers.



Other participants and vendors expected at the event include Wight-Pierce, Warrenstreet Architects, Martini Northern, Underwood Engineers, VHB, Kleinfelder, Apex, Lickee’s & Chewy’s Candies & Creamery, First Student, MB Tractor & Equipment, Select Excavation, Rochester Motorsports, Bob’s Automotive & Wrecker Service, Heritage Home Service, and more.

Parking for visitors will be available on site, with the main event entrance located near the front parking area. The event is open to the public.

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



CELEBRATE WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 17-23, 2026

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 16
11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Touch a Truck!
Paint a Plow!

AND

**LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS, ICE CREAM
AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, FOOD
TRUCK, VENDOR DISPLAYS, AND
MUCH MORE!**

SEE TRUCKS AND VEHICLES FROM:

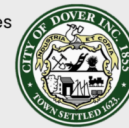
- Community Services
- Dover Police
- Dover Fire and Rescue
- Pine Tree Helicopter
- Moore's Crane Rental
- S.U.R. Construction
- Northeast Earth Mechanics
- Waste Management
- Severino
- And many, many more!

WHERE:

Community Services
271 Mast Road, Dover

CONTACT:

Community Services
(603) 516-6450



Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Sunday for Spirit of Recovery 5K

Dover Police Chief David A. Terlemezian announces the following road closures for the 16th annual [Spirit of Recovery 5K](#) run/walk event on Sunday, May 17. The Dover Race Series event begins and ends at the Triangle Club at 120 Broadway. The race begins at 9 a.m.

Between 9 and 10 a.m. Broadway will be closed to through traffic in both directions from Saint John Street to Oak Street. Parking will be restricted where posted along Portland Avenue and portions of Broadway.

Motorists should also expect brief but additional delays on:

- Oak Street, between Broadway and Portland Avenue
- Portland Avenue, between Oak and Chapel streets.

The course includes Hill, East Concord, Baker, Everett, Ham, Dover, Park, Pearl, and Florence streets, so residents in those areas may experience brief delays. Dover Police and event volunteers will help manage traffic flow at key intersections. Event parking will be available in the parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Oak Street. All roads will reopen to traffic by 10 a.m.

Proceeds from the Spirit of Recovery benefit The Triangle Club and its mission to promote the spiritual, physical and mental health of people in recovery from addiction to alcohol and other substances, and to provide a safe place for those who acknowledge that staying substance-free is of primary importance. The Triangle Club has hosted peer-driven

recovery support groups since 1984. They have meetings seven days a week, 365 days a year, providing support when needed – always free of charge.

For questions about traffic, contact Dover Police Lt. Alex Mitrushi at 603-742-4646.

Public informational meeting on upcoming Central Avenue reconstruction is Tuesday

Section from Stark Avenue to Silver Street to be upgraded

City staff will hold a public informational meeting on the plans to reconstruct Central Avenue from Stark Avenue to Silver Street on Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Staff anticipates soliciting construction bids this fall, with work to begin in spring of 2027.

Roadway reconstruction include upgrades to underground utilities, drainage systems, roadways surfaces, sidewalks and other related infrastructure. The project will also improve the Central Avenue intersection at Stark Avenue, East Watson Street and Jenness Street. The project is being designed to be safe and accessible for all users regardless of age, physical ability or mode of transport.

The city has contracted with Sebago Technics, Inc. to assist with designing the project. Staff from Sebago Technics will also be at the informational meeting to discuss the design of the project.

This project has qualified for \$4,500,000 million in Congressional Directed Spending, which requires a \$1,125,000 match from the city.

As the project progresses, the public can sign up to receive regular updates via email. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select "Lower Central Avenue Project Updates."

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



Central Avenue sidewalk reconstruction underway

As part of this year's sidewalk improvements, the city will reconstruct the Central Avenue sidewalk from Glenwood Avenue to Merry Street. The reconstruction will ensure the sidewalk is compliant with accessibility standards.

Motorists should anticipate intermittent, temporary closure will temporarily close an outbound lane from the Shaw's parking lot across from Glenwood Avenue. The work will require a rolling lane closure of northbound Central Avenue where work occurs. A flagger will be on hand to assist with traffic flow. Two-way traffic will be maintained throughout the project.

The project contractor is John Lyman & Sons, Inc. Other sidewalk reconstruction slated for this year is Ash Street, from Horne to Grove, and Towle Avenue, from Silver to Clifford.

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



Supervisors of the Checklist annual voter checklist verification rescheduled to June 2

The Supervisors of the Checklist's annual verification of the voter checklist [has been rescheduled](#) to Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. It was originally scheduled for May 14.

During the session, the supervisors will identify registered voters who have not cast a ballot in five years. These voters will be mailed a letter informing them of their removal from the checklist and that they will need to reregister before voting. Voters can re-register at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voters may also register at the polls on election day. The next election is the state primary on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026.

Any voter who has voted at least once in the last five years, or who has registered to vote since the 2024 general election will remain on the checklist and do not need to take any action.

Beginning this year, voter checklists are to be verified annually following a change in state law. Verification was previously required every 10 years. Dover's elected Supervisors of the Checklist last verified the list in 2021.

Active voters can review their voter registration information through the state's secretary of state's voter information lookup portal, app.sos.nh.gov.

For information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018. The City Clerk's webpage has information about registering to vote

Deadline to change party affiliation is June 2

State Primary Election is Sept. 8

The last day a registered voter can change their political party affiliation before the 2026 State Primary Election is Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Per state law, voters may not change their party affiliation 90 days before a primary.

The Supervisors of the Checklist [will meet](#) on June 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave. The supervisors will register new voters, record changes of address, name and party affiliation, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist.

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, with the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3. At the election, voters will cast ballots for county, state and federal offices.

Voters domiciled in Dover may change their party affiliation at the City Clerk's Office, or any scheduled meeting of the supervisors of the checklist except between the first day of the filing period for the primary election and the date of the primary election itself.

Registered voters may check their political party affiliation through the Secretary of State's [Voter Information Lookup](#). The voter must enter their last name, town/city, and date of birth, and complete the security entry.

Candidate filing period June 3-12

The filing period for candidates seeking county, state or federal offices is from June 3 to 12. Find information about running for office on the Secretary of State's [Running for Office page](#).

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 603-516-6018.

Dover Chamber and Dover Mental Health Alliance to present Resilience in the Workplace forum

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and Dover Mental Health Alliance will present Resilience in the Workplace: Creating a Psychologically Safe Culture, a forum intended to bring together thought leaders and practitioners to explore the critical connections between mental health, wellness, and recovery in today's professional environments. The forum, which takes place during Mental Health Awareness Month, is underwritten by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital and sponsored by Kennebunk Savings.

The event takes place on Tuesday, May 19, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at 121 Broadway in Dover. Immediately following the program, Suzanne Weete of Dover Mental Health Alliance and Community Partners will conduct a free 60-minute A.I.D. (Awareness, Interaction, Direction) training session for anyone who is interested.

"Human resource professionals, supervisors, and managers play a pivotal role in shaping workplace culture," says Weete. "This training is designed specifically for those leaders—offering tools to recognize early signs of distress, respond effectively, and embed psychological safety into everyday practices."

Presenters include Randy Stevens, executive director of Hope for NH Recovery; Senior Director Sam Lewandowski, Recovery Friendly Workplace; State Opioid Response Director Jennifer Sabin, N.H. Department of Health and Human Services; and Kati Pittendreigh, general manager of the Galley Hatch Restaurant. Stevens' presentation will focus on workplace psychological safety, followed by a panel discussion focusing on lived experiences, supporting staff members with mental health and substance use disorder challenges, and resources available for employers.

Registration is \$15 for chamber members and \$20 for not yet members and includes coffee and breakfast. To register, visit dovernh.org/resilience.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For details on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit www.dovernh.org.

The Dover Mental Health Alliance's mission is to build a resilient community that is educated, responsive and conscious of the impact of mental illness. For more information visit dovermentalhealthalliance.org.



RESILIENCE IN THE WORKPLACE:

Creating a Psychologically Safe Culture

Tuesday May 19, 2026

8 - 10:30 a.m.

121 Broadway, Dover NH 03820

A resilient workplace doesn't happen by accident—it's built through intentional leadership, open dialogue, and a commitment to employee well-being. This forum on resilience in the workplace brings together thought leaders and practitioners to explore the critical connections between mental health, wellness, and recovery in today's professional environments.

Join this conversation to strengthen your leadership approach, support your teams more effectively, and help build a workplace culture where people—and organizations—can truly flourish.

Cost: \$15 for Seacoast chamber members; \$20 for not-yet-members. Includes coffee and breakfast.

Optional Free AID Training Opportunity!

Following the program, Suzanne Weete of Dover Mental Health Alliance and Community Partners will conduct a free 60-minute A.I.D. (Awareness, Interaction, Direction) training for anyone who is interested.

Visit dovernh.org/resilience for more information and to register.

Keynote Speaker

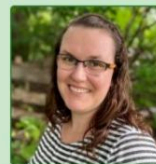


Randy Stevens, MSW
Executive Director
Hope for NH Recovery

Panelists



Sam Lewandowski, MS
Senior Director
Recovery Friendly Workplace



Jennifer Sabin, MSW
State Opioid Response Director
NH Dept. of Health & Human Services



Kati Pittendreigh
General Manager
Gally Hatch Restaurant

Underwriter:



Breakfast sponsored by:



Next office hours session with Mayor Shanahan is Thursday, May 28

Each month, Mayor Dennis Shanahan holds office hours at City Hall, offering the public an opportunity to stop by and speak directly with the mayor.

The next office-hours session is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, at 5:30 p.m.

June's office hours are Tuesday, June 9, at 9 a.m., and Thursday, June 25, at 5:30 p.m.

Office hours are held in the Council Conference Room on the second floor of City Hall and last approximately 90 minutes. Residents are welcome to attend during the scheduled time. City Hall is located at 288 Central Ave.

For more information, contact Mayor Shanahan at 603-534-3750 or d.shanahan@dover.nh.gov.



Upcoming Meetings:

Transportation Advisory Commission, May 18, 6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Police Department, 46 Chestnut St., Community Room.

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

School Board, May 18, 7 p.m.

The School Board will hold a special session on Monday, May 18, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

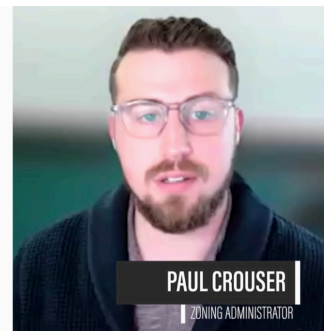
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee, May 19, 5 p.m.

The Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a workshop on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Job Trailer at Seaport Way.

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

Energy Commission, May 20, 5:30 p.m.



On the Agenda: Zoning Board, 5/21/2026

In this video, Zoning Administrator Paul Crouser reviews what's on the agenda at the next Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <https://dovern.viebit.com/watch?hash=u0XXiBS0lbyz8pMI>

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on DNTV and streamed live online.

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit bit.ly/doverdownload and select Dover Planning Review.

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, May 21, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Zoning Board, May 21, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

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

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

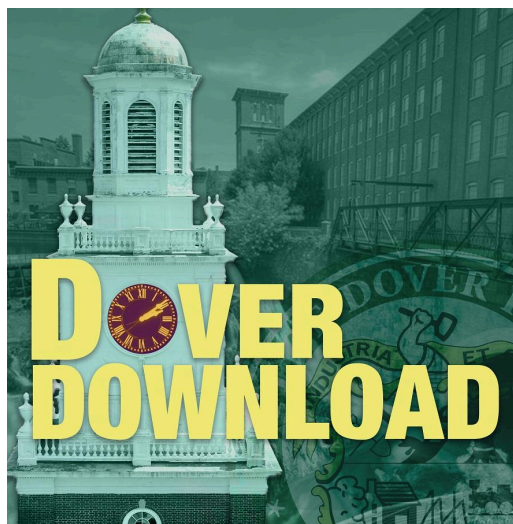
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee

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

- [Landscaping for Dover Public Library](#)
- [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services](#)
- [Bulk Oil and Lubricant Products](#)
- [Sale of City Owned Surplus Vehicles](#)

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.



Inside Dover's Housing Strategy: Creative Solutions for a Built-Out City

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Planning and Community Development Director Donna Benton and Housing Planner Abby Muirhead about Dover's ongoing housing efforts following their recent City Council presentation. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3RoONME>

- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board

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

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

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



Stay connected with DoverTV

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

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

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

Missed a meeting or want to watch it again? DoverTV makes it easy to catch up online. Visit dovernh.viebit.com to watch meetings on demand, anytime. Archived meetings are conveniently organized by agenda item, so you can jump straight to the topics that matter most to you.

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

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.

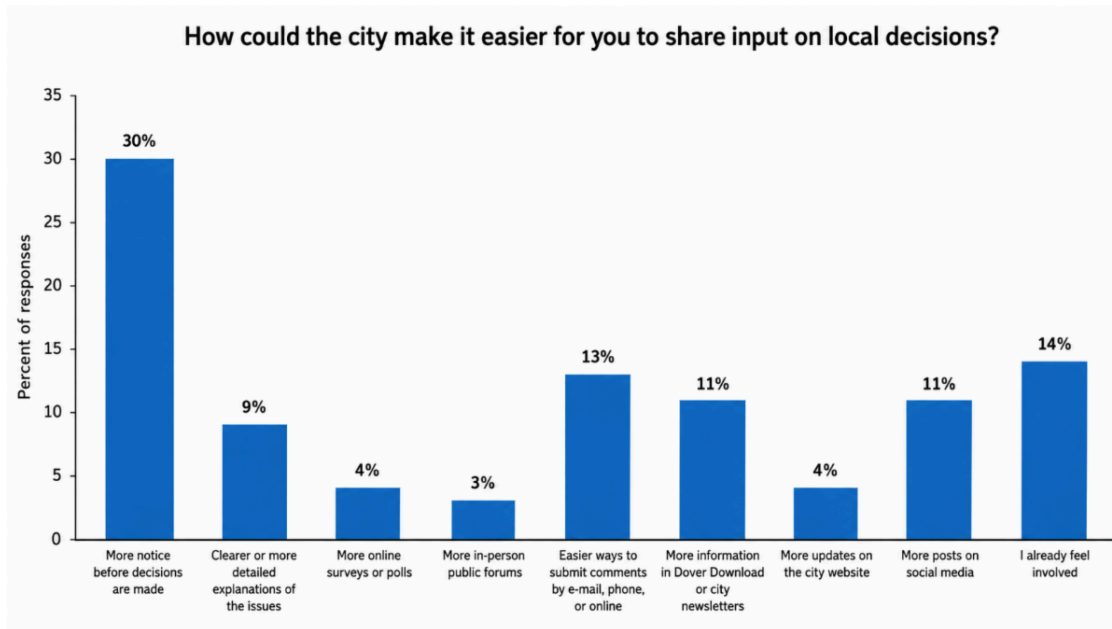
This week's question:

"How would you rate access to arts and cultural opportunities in Dover?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mfv3br>

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, "How could the city make it easier for you to share input on local decisions?"



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](#).

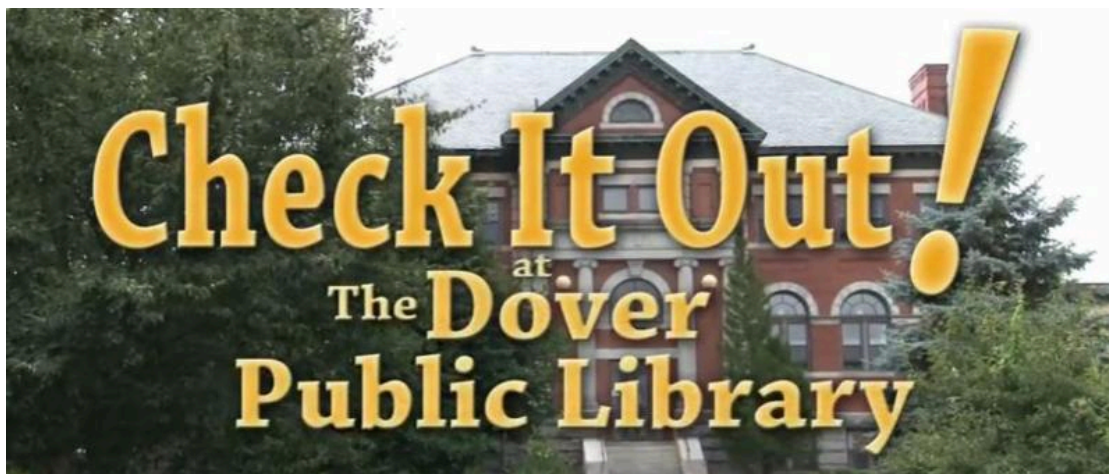
May 17, 1714 — By 1714, Dover's town meetings were still held at the meeting house on Dover Neck, long the town's main center of population, worship and government. But other parts of Dover were growing, especially Cochecho, and residents there were becoming strong enough to ask for a greater share of town privileges. After town officers were chosen that year, voters agreed that the Rev. Mr. Sever would preach the following Sunday at Cochecho and then every other Sunday through the summer, "until a final settlement be directed." In other words, religious services would alternate between the old meeting house at Dover Neck and the newer meeting house at Cochecho. The arrangement did not fully settle the dispute. The matter was taken to the Council, which advised the town to appoint a committee to meet with the Cochecho residents who had paid to build the new meeting house. Until a final agreement could be reached, services were to continue alternating: one Sabbath at Dover Neck, the next at Cochecho. The dispute reflected a larger change in Dover's early history. The town had begun at Dover Point and Dover Neck, where the first meeting houses served both religious and civic purposes. But as settlement moved northward toward Cochecho, the balance of population and influence began to move with it. A third meetinghouse was built near Pine Hill around 1710, and by 1720 church services had shifted there permanently, marking the

gradual rise of what would become Dover's downtown center. The records from 1714 also show the everyday challenges of early town government. That fall, Dover had trouble finding men willing to serve as constables for the Cochecho section of town. Several men refused the office, forcing the town to choose replacements at public meetings in September and October. Constables were important local officers, responsible for keeping order, carrying out town decisions and collecting taxes, but the job could be demanding and unpopular. One other note from that year shows Dover's connection to the wider Piscataqua region: the frame for a meeting house built in Kittery, Maine was cut and prepared in Dover, then floated down the river to be assembled. In a town built along waterways, the river was not only a route for trade and travel, but also a practical highway for moving large pieces of timber and building material.

May 21, 1814 — On this day, during the War of 1812, Dover's militia was ordered to help defend Portsmouth amid repeated alarms that British warships off the New Hampshire coast might attack the harbor. Gov. John Taylor Gilman called out militia units from Dover and other communities to reinforce the coastal defenses. Dover's company was commanded by Capt. Andrew Peirce and included 66 men. The unit served from May 24 to July 3. Although New Hampshire saw no major battles during the war, the threat felt real along the Seacoast. British ships had been patrolling and blockading parts of the New England coast, and Portsmouth, with its harbor, shipbuilding, privateering activity and nearby forts, was an obvious point of concern. Fortifications around Portsmouth Harbor, including those at New Castle, were strengthened during this period as residents feared a possible British landing or raid. The one reported clash connected to the Dover company's service appeared in the Dover Sun on June 4, 1814. The newspaper described rumors of a "Skirmish at Rye," in which a British barge from one of the frigates chased a coastal vessel toward shore. According to the report, about 15 militia members hid behind a stone wall and fired on the approaching barge with muskets loaded with ball and buckshot. The account said the British boat quickly withdrew, and an American later claimed that a British officer reported 16 men lost in the encounter. The newspaper itself cautioned that it did not know how much of the story was true, but added that, if accurate, it would teach the British "a due respect for stone walls and Yankee marksmen." For Dover, the episode shows how the War of 1812 reached beyond distant battlefields. Even without a major battle in New Hampshire, communities such as Dover were drawn into coastal defense, sending local militia to guard Portsmouth and the Piscataqua region during a tense period when the possibility of British attack seemed close at hand.

May 19, 1915 — In her will, read on this day, Sarah C. Woodman, left \$10,000 to First Parish Congregational Church for the care of the poor in the parish. She also left \$5,000 to the Dover Public Library for the purchase of books.

May 21, 1925 — From the Boston Globe: "Daredevil Smith, a professional "human fly," who in the presence of a large crowd scaled the side of the Kennedy Building on Franklin Square last evening, going from the sidewalk to the roof, was fairly outclassed, in the opinion of witnesses, by Albert Dionne, a 12-year-old Dover boy, who climbed the roof over the same route in about half the time taken by Smith. The lad's clever act brought applause from the crowd."



Reduced Library hours, locations changes in effect

The Dover Public Library has reduced its hours and available book and media collection as staff prepare to open the newly renovated building on Friday, June 5.

The library is currently open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only books purchased within the last six months will be available for browsing and borrowing. Adult, teen, and children's collections will be in Room 306 of the McConnell Center, along with limited computing and related services. Room 306 is on the third floor of the McConnell Center. Use Door 3 for stairs and elevator access.

Programming is also limited, with many events, such as book clubs, held off-site. Check the [library calendar](#) for a list of events and locations.

Online collections available for borrowing, research

Patrons may access the [online collections](#), including NH Overdrive, Kanopy, and Hoopla, to stream and download eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and films. There are also [online research databases](#) available; some require library cards.

For more information, contact the Library at 603-516-6050 or [visit the Library's renovation page](#).

This Week at the Library

Monday, May 18, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

May Preschool Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 305

Children aged 3-5 are invited to join for books, songs, rhymes, and a craft activity independent of their caregivers.

Registration required.

Monday, May 18, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 305

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

Monday, May 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 305

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

Wednesday, May 20, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Weds., May 20, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Caregiver Cafe

**An Evening of Poetry
City Hall Auditorium**

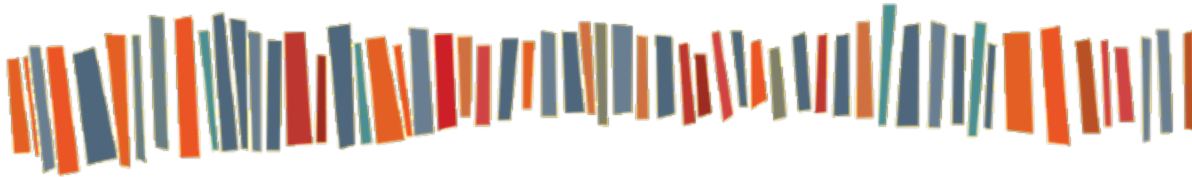
All poets who participated in the library's 24th Annual Poetry Contest are invited to read their poetry at this event. The general public is encouraged to come and enjoy the readings.

Dover Chamber of Commerce

Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation. Loved ones are welcome.

**Wednesday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
All Abilities Club: Legos
Great Bay Services**

Join us in building with Legos. Use your imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.



**BIKE TO
WORK DAY**



**FRIDAY, MAY 15
4 - 5:30 P.M.**

DOVER TRANSPORTATION CENTER

JOIN US ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM WORK FOR SNACKS AND
A CELEBRATION OF BIKE TO WORK DAY!

WHETHER YOU RIDE YOUR BIKE, TAKE THE BUS, OR HOP ON THE TRAIN, WE'LL BE
CELEBRATING ALL THE WAYS PEOPLE CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION!

Bike to Work Day is today

Celebrate with others starting at 4 p.m. at the Transportation Center

The City of Dover and Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders (SABR) invite the public to celebrate national Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 15 in Dover. There will be a celebration from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Dover Transportation Center with snacks for commuters and other riders.

Come learn about biking, multi-modal transportation at the COAST Bus and Amtrak hub, Community Smart Seacoast, and learn about the ongoing efforts to update the City of Dover's Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan.



25th Annual
Strafford County
Master Gardener Plant Sale



Sunday, May 17, 2026
9 AM - 1 PM
Durham NH Town Hall
8 Newmarket Rd



Scan QR code
for website.

Rain or Shine - Cash or Check

Locally grown native and pollinator plants, herbs,
vegetables, ground covers, sun and shade
perennials, houseplants,
Ask A Master Gardener, Plant A Row, and
Pollinator Pathways NH.

*Sale proceeds support School Gardening Grants, Library Book
Grants, and Community Gardening Projects including Bedrock
Gardens, Great Bay Services, Hyder Family Hospice House, Joe
B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens, Milne Nature Sanctuary,
Outside the Lines, Wagon Hill Community Garden, and
Woodman Museum Gardens.*

Buy Plants — Support Your Community



Rotary



DOVER ROTARY WILLAND POND CLEANUP

Saturday May 23, 2026
9:00 am to 10:30 am

Please join us in the Willand Pond
Lot behind the Somersworth Liquor Store
481 High St - Somersworth
We will be cleaning up trash off the trails and
glass on the shoreline.
Bring Gloves and a wagon if you have one.
Bags will be provided.
Questions? Kimfaustino2227@gmail.com
Or 603.781.7525





Registration open for Community Trail ChalkFest

Get ready to let your creativity shine at the second annual Dover Community Trail ChalkFest, a fun-filled event for all ages hosted on Sunday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, June 14.

Coordinated by the Dover Community Trail Advisory Committee, and in partnership with the Dover Arts Commission, this growing community event invites you to transform the trail into a gallery. Whether you're a seasoned artist, a casual doodler, or simply looking for a fun way to spend time outdoors, come make your mark.

Each participant will receive a 5-foot by 5-foot square along the trail between the Fisher Street Trailhead and Central Avenue to create their own chalk art masterpiece. Chalk will be provided, though you're welcome to bring your favorite colors.

A suggested donation of \$5 per entry will help cover event costs, with any additional funds supporting the Community Trail.

Prizes will be awarded across multiple age categories and new this year is a family category. Snacks and water will be available for participants. [Registration is encouraged](#) for planning purposes.

Any event updates will be sent to registrants before the event date. Send questions through the registration form [or email](#) City Planner Erin Bassegio.

Critical need for blood donors

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



**American
Red Cross**

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

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

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Friday, May 15, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Dover Point Road
- Tuesday, May 26, 12 to 5 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.

City of Dover employment opportunities

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

- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver-Utilities**
- **Utility Systems IT Technician**
- **Municipal Construction Project Administrator**
- **Engineering Intern**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Streets**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer - Full-Time or Part-Time**
- **Water Treatment Plant Supervisor**

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:

- **Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Teacher**
- **Mathematics Teacher**
- **Science Teacher**
- **Business Teacher**
- **Culinary Teacher**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Substitute Nurses**
- **Nurse's Administrative Assistant**
- **Special Education/Case Managers**
- **Noon Supervisor**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Chief Financial and Operations Officer**
- **Operations and Accounting Manager**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Long Term Substitute Preschool Teacher**
- **School Psychologist Charter, Private & Out-of-District Evaluations**
- **District School Psychologists**

- **Anticipated - Elementary School Classroom Teacher**
- **Anticipated - Individual RN**

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

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