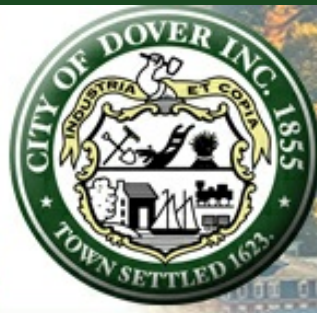


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 16, 2025



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**City Hall
hours:**

Monday-
Thursday:

8:30 a.m. to
5:30 p.m.

Friday:

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

**Recycling
Center hours:**

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



CELEBRATE WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

**PUBLIC
WORKS
WEEK**
MAY 18-24, 2025

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY, MAY 17
11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

Touch a Truck! Paint a Plow!
AND

Live demonstrations, ice cream and
activities for kids, tours of the Pudding Hill
Water Treatment facility, and much more!

Dover kicks off Public Works Week with Open House and proclamation

The City of Dover will kick off National Public Works Week with a Community Services Open House and Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its headquarters at 271 Mast Road.

This free, family-friendly event will give residents a hands-on

look at the equipment and services that support Dover's public infrastructure. Attendees can explore public works vehicles, enjoy free ice cream, participate in the popular Paint-A-Plow activity, and take guided tours of the city's state-of-the-art Pudding Hill Water Treatment Facility. Additional displays will include vehicles and equipment from the Dover Police and Fire departments, MB Tractor & Equipment, Moore's Crane Rental, and Rochester Motor Sports.

"There's a lot more to public works than just roads and plows," said City Engineer Ken Mavrogeorge. "Our department touches almost every aspect of daily life, from clean water to parks, to facilities and infrastructure maintenance. This event helps connect the public to the people who make that possible and shows how public works contributes to our quality of life."

Mayor Robert Carrier and the City Council also recognized Community Services and Public Works Week with a [proclamation](#) during their May 15 meeting. The proclamation highlights the essential role public works professionals play in building and maintaining resilient communities, and the importance of educating citizens, especially young people, about the field.

"These infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals," Mayor Carrier said, reading from the proclamation. "I urge all citizens to join in activities designed to pay tribute to these individuals and recognize the substantial contributions they make to our community."

Mavrogeorge further discussed the city's plans for Public Works Week and the open house on the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast. The episode is available at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/dover-download/>.

National Public Works Week, observed this year from May 18 through May 24, is sponsored by the American Public Works Association. It recognizes the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain public infrastructure, promoting awareness of the profession and celebrating those who work behind the scenes to keep communities safe, clean, and running smoothly.

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



Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, right, reads a proclamation recognizing Community Services and Public Works Week at the Wednesday, May 14, City Council meeting. Accepting the proclamation and holding a Public Works Week banner are, from left, City Engineer Ken Mavrogeorge, Community Services Director John Storer, and Wastewater Superintendent Ray Vermette.

City Council, School Board and athletic fields JBC hold joint workshop on DHS athletic field project May 21

The City Council, School Board and the Dover High Athletic Complex Joint Building Committee will hold a joint workshop on Wednesday, May 21, where JBC members will review the project and its report and recommendations.

Councilor Fergus Cullen, chair of the JBC, [discussed the workshop](#) during the City Council's Committee Reports at its May 14 meeting. He noted the [JBC](#) would seek funding authorization next month. If approved, the authorization would allow the preparation of construction bid documents over the summer to advertise the project for bidders in the fall. Work would begin in 2026, with the fields ready for play in the fall of 2026.

The workshop will be held in the Council Conference Room in Dover City Hall starting at 6 p.m. It will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com>, where it will be available on-demand.

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda, which includes the JBC's report.

Created jointly by the School Board and the City Council in January 2024, the JBC is charged with researching, investigating, and improving Dunaway Field, track, bleachers, lighting, outdoor storage improvements, and any related features. Find more information about the committee, including agenda, minutes and other documents at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/joint-building-committee-athletic-complex/>.

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

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures for the Spirit

of Recovery 5K run/walk event on Sunday, May 18, which starts at 9 a.m. The event, part of the Dover Race Series, begins and ends at the Triangle Club at 120 Broadway.

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.

All proceeds from the 15th annual Spirit of Recovery benefit The Triangle Club's 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. To register for the event, visit <https://www.doverraceseries.org/events/spirit-of-recovery-5k-2025.html>.

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. More information is available at <https://www.triangleclubdovernh.org>.

For questions about traffic, contact Dover Police Lt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.



Chestnut Street bridge work set for Wednesday, May 21

Parking restricted to maintain two-way traffic

City crews will repair a bridge joint on the Chestnut Street Bridge on Wednesday, May 21,

weather and other conditions permitting.

Parking along the Chestnut Street Bridge will be prohibited during working hours to allow for lane shifts. City staff anticipate maintaining two-way traffic during repairs; however, traffic may occasionally be reduced to one lane, with flaggers alternating flow to ensure safe working conditions.

Chestnut Street parking permits will be honored in the Transportation Center lot and on the top floor of the municipal parking garage on May 21.

This bridge joint was not included in the rehabilitation work completed on the Chestnut Street Bridge in 2023.

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

Broadway, Oak Street water main replacement to begin next month

A water main on Broadway and Oak Street will be replaced in a project that begins next month, which will improve infrastructure reliability.

The 12-inch water main dating to 1929 will be replaced with a 16-inch cast iron pipe on Broadway from the Florence Street intersection to Oak Street, and on Oak Street from Broadway to Highland Avenue. The project also involves connecting the water main from Highland Avenue to the Garrison Hill water storage tank. In total, 3,000 feet of new water piping will be installed in an area where numerous significant water main breaks have occurred in recent years.

The work is expected to begin in earnest on Monday, June 9, a day after the annual Soap Box Derby on Broadway. Work is anticipated to be completed in early November. There may be some tree clearing work in preparation for the project before June 9.

The City Council on April 9 authorized awarding the construction contract to S.U.R. Construction, Inc. of Rochester for \$1,457,625, following a competitive bid process.

The project will include at least two nights of overnight work at key locations to minimize water use and traffic disruption. Currently, night work is planned in the areas of Florence Street, Broadway, Pearl Street and Oak Street, though no specific date has been set yet. The overnight work will allow crews to install water valves to isolate work areas. Some of the properties on Oak Street will be connected to a temporary water system to facilitate the project.

Access to driveways and businesses will be maintained during construction. The contractor will notify property owners in advance if access will be temporarily blocked. The city will provide regular email updates to the public to help plan for any disruptions. To sign up for these updates, visit <https://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>, and add "Project update: Broadway and Oak water main replacement" to your current email subscription list.

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



City Council honors Dover celebrity Chef Evan Hennessey with proclamation

The City of Dover recognized one of its culinary stars Wednesday evening as Mayor Robert Carrier presented a formal proclamation to Chef Evan Hennessey during the May 14 City Council meeting.

Hennessey, joined for the presentation by his parents, Barry and Janis, and wife Michelle, was honored for his culinary contributions to Dover and his acclaimed restaurant, Stages.

"Stages has redefined what is possible for fine dining in small towns, proving that world-class cuisine and thoughtful hospitality can thrive beyond the borders of major metropolitan centers," Carrier said, reading from the proclamation.

The recognition highlights Hennessey's deep roots in Dover and his restaurant's impressive achievements, including being named a James Beard Award Semifinalist and earning a spot on the Opinionated About Dining Top 100 Restaurants of North America list for eight consecutive years.

"I'm just so proud to be doing what I do in this community that I grew up in, and to have the opportunity to continue to give back," Hennessey said.

The chef's commitment to Dover extends beyond Stages. Hennessey recently revealed plans for a new venture on the city's waterfront, currently under construction. Hennessey will open a new restaurant called "Topolino," meaning "little mouse" in Italian, at the site. Unlike Stages, Hennessey has described the new venture as "casual Mediterranean, very community-based."

The City Council's proclamation also acknowledged Hennessey's partnerships with local producers like Fox Point Oysters and New Hope Farm, as well as his dedication to mentoring young chefs and creating sustainable collaborations with community organizations.

The complete proclamation can be [viewed here](#).

Reduce Your Resident's Thermal Energy Losses: The average home can lose a significant amount of thermal energy, potentially up to 30% of its total heating and cooling energy, due to air leaks and inefficient windows and doors. A well-insulated and sealed home might experience heat loss ranging from 1% to 5% per hour.



Ways to reduce energy loss:

- Borrow the thermal camera from the Dover Library to check your home for leaks.
- Get a home energy audit done through NH Saves.
- Information from these actions will help you find the most cost-effective measures.
- Look for professionals by searching “Seacoast NH energy efficiency companies” online.

Council recognizes Jewish American Heritage Month



City Councilor Robbie Warach, left, reads a proclamation recognizing May 2025 as National Jewish American Heritage Month during the May 14 City Council meeting at City Hall. Warach was joined at the podium by Mayor Robert Carrier as the Council honored the many contributions of Jewish Americans to the city, the state, and the nation. The [proclamation](#) highlighted the role of Jewish Americans in advancing medicine, science, education, law, business, government, and social justice, and called on all residents to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities. It also affirmed the City's commitment to combating hate and anti-Semitism, and to promoting a culture of respect, inclusion, and understanding.

Upcoming Meetings:

Transportation Advisory Commission, May 19, 6 p.m.

The Transportation Advisory Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Police Department, 46 Chestnut Street, Community Room.

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

Parking Commission, May 22, 8:30 a.m.

The Parking Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2025, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Energy Commission, May 21, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council, May 21, 6 p.m.

The City Council will hold a joint workshop with the School Board and Joint Building Committee DHS Athletic Complex on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Technical Review Committee, May 22, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

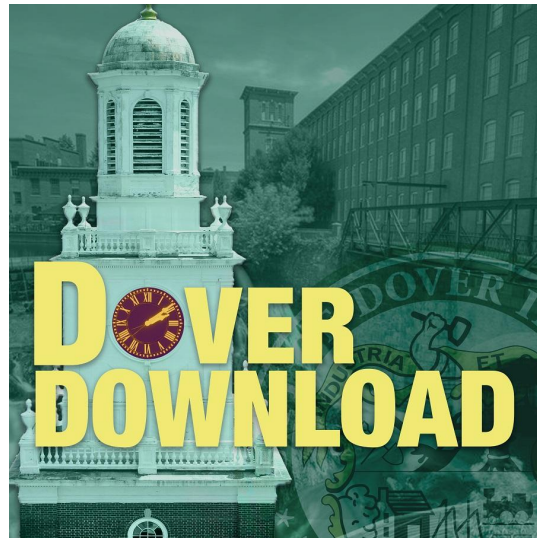
Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [PFAS Fire Department Uniforms and Clothing](#)
- [Consulting Services Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Project](#)
- [Medical Supplies As Needed](#)
- [Sale of City-Owned Surplus Vehicles](#)
- [Catch Basin Cleaning](#)
- [Bituminous Concrete \(Asphalt\) Picked Up](#)

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.



Dover's Past, Present and Future: A Conversation with Former Planning Director Steve Stancel

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with former Planning Director Steve Stancel about his career with the city from 1986 to 2007, followed by a conversation with City Engineer Ken Mavrogeorge about Public Works Week activities. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3ESmjVZ>.

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

Municipal Records Committee, May 22, 1 p.m.

The Municipal Records Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

City Council, Committee to Address Community Housing Needs, May 22, 5 p.m.

The City Council's Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing Needs will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

Need to contact your elected representative?

The City of Dover makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors, state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, [Find My Representative](#), for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out [more information about the City Council here](#).



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.

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

Zoning Board, Utilities Commission have immediate vacancies to fill

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

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

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

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

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the [City of Dover's interactive ward map](#). The map also includes polling locations.

A list of School Board members and contact information [can be found here](#).

City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-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.

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:

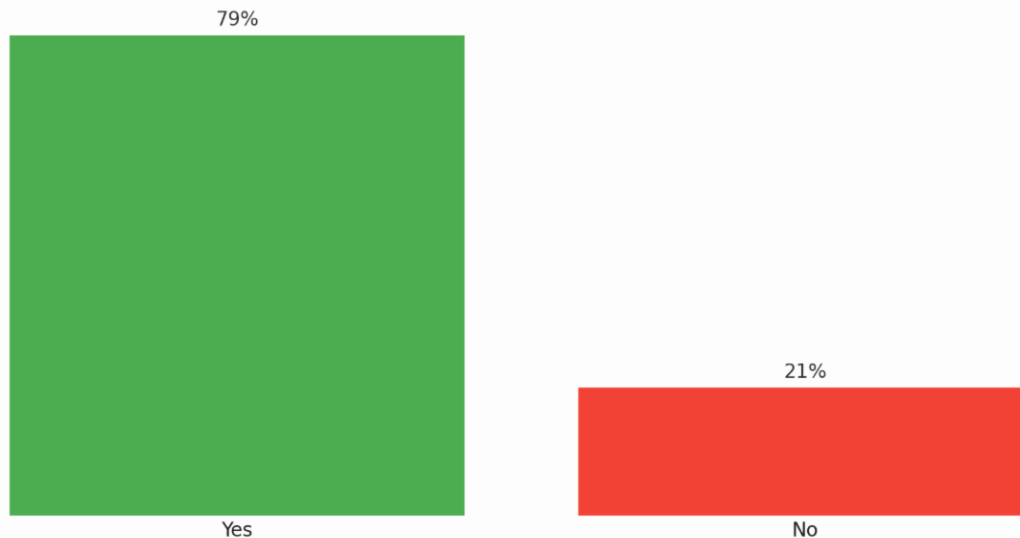
"Have you ever been on a guided historical tour of Dover?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/m5qvuy>

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

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you attended a Dover Main Street event?"**

Have you attended a Dover Main Street event?



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 21, 1814 — During the War of 1812, British warships were frequently spotted off the New Hampshire coast, raising fears of an attack on the important port city of Portsmouth. In response to these repeated alerts, Gov. John Taylor Gilman called up the state militia to help defend the region. Dover's militia company, led by Capt. Andrew Peirce and consisting of 66 enlisted men, was mobilized on May 21, 1814. The unit remained on active duty until July 3. Although there were no major battles in New Hampshire during this time, one notable skirmish was reported in the Dover Sun on June 4, 1814. According to the account, a British barge from a nearby frigate, carrying between 40 and 50 sailors, pursued an American coastal vessel into Rye Harbor. Unbeknownst to the British, a small group of 15 local militiamen lay hidden behind a stone wall, their muskets loaded with both bullets and buckshot. As the British barge approached, the militia opened fire at close range, reportedly delivering a devastating volley that forced the enemy vessel to retreat quickly to its ship. The militiamen continued firing as the barge withdrew, their aim described as "sportsmanlike." Later, a Mr. Haley, who had been aboard the British frigate, claimed that an officer told him the barge had lost 16 men in the encounter.

May 18, 1825 — A public meeting was held at Ela's Tavern to discuss the possibility of building a canal or railroad linking Lake Winnepesaukee to the tidal waters of the Piscataqua River. This idea had gained traction after the New Hampshire Legislature approved a charter for such a project during its fall 1824 session. The meeting drew a large and diverse crowd, including business and civic leaders from Portsmouth, Dover, and numerous towns around the lake. Attendees saw the potential for greatly improved transportation and commerce by creating a navigable route between the lake region and the seacoast. The group appointed several committees to begin surveying possible routes and to draft plans for raising the necessary funds by selling stock in the proposed company. Preliminary estimates placed the cost of constructing a canal—deep enough to accommodate boat traffic and connecting the lake's outflow to the Cochecho River in Dover—at approximately \$700,000, a massive sum at the time. In the end, the ambitious project never came to full fruition.

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."

May 23, 1999 — During a retirement party for outgoing Superintendent of Schools Gerald Daley, then City Councilor Bob Berry read a resolution that named the access road to the new Middle School as Daley Drive. The new middle school was also given an address of #16, representing the superintendent's year of service. Daley retired from the school district in August of that year.



This Week at the Library

Monday, May 19, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Preschool STEM Storytime
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join us for a new Spring session of STEM storytimes for kids aged 3-5. We will explore the science of mud and wind, and discover some of the furry spring animals who share this Earth with us. *Registration required.*

Monday, May 19, 3 to 4 p.m.
Monday Afternoon Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Afternoon Book Group to discuss *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

Monday, May 19, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.
Big Kids Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306
Join us for a fun storytime for kids in grades K-2. We'll read more in-depth books, and follow our stories with an accompanying craft. Children attend this event independently, without a caregiver. *Registration required.*

Monday, May 19, 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, May 20, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Baby Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306
For babies 0-24 months with caregiver. A joyful, half-hour lap sit story time with books, songs, movement, and rhyme.

Wednesday, May 21, 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.

Wednesday, May 21, 10:30 to 11:45 am
Caregiver Cafe

McConnell Center, Room 323
Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation. Loved ones are welcome.

Wednesday, May 21, 11 am to 12 pm
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.

Wednesday, May 21, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Drop-In Art Lab for Kids
McConnell Center, Room 306

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

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Travel Tips and Tricks for the National Parks

McConnell Center, Room 306
Join retired UNH professor and world traveler, John Bunker, for an informative presentation on his tips and tricks from

Monday, May 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

Monday, May 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
An Evening of Poetry
Library Front Lawn

All poets who participated in the library's 23rd Annual Poetry Contest are invited to read their poetry at this event. The general public is encouraged to come and enjoy the readings. Please bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit on as the library will be unable to provide chairs for this year's event due to the ongoing renovation.

Tuesday, May 20, 9:30 to 11:30 am
Adult Knitting Group
McConnell Center, Room 323

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

many trips to the National Parks out west. He talks about what to see and shares funny stories of his own travels. John will share tried and true information about planning your trip west to ensure you make the most of your time there. He provides a handout of his Top 10 things to know when planning a trip to the parks.

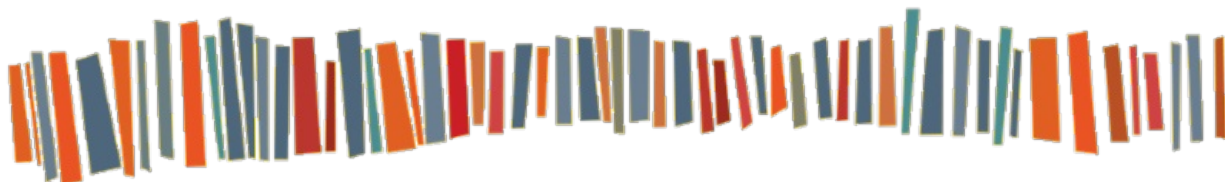
Thursday, May 22, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Arts and Crafts Storytime
McConnell Center, Room 306

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. 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, May 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Cocheco River Writers
McConnell Center, Room 306

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!

Saturday, May 24 to Monday, May 26
Library Closed for Memorial Day



Gather seeks community support to help combat hunger across the Seacoast

Gather, a Seacoast-based nonprofit working to address hunger and food insecurity, is asking for year-round support from individuals, businesses and organizations across the region to help meet a growing need for food assistance.

While food drives are traditionally popular during the holidays, Gather emphasizes that food insecurity persists throughout the year. With limited resources to purchase staple items, the organization relies on community food drives and private donations to meet emerging needs.

Gather, which has served the Seacoast since 1816, operates a pantry in Portsmouth and a robust Mobile Market program that delivers food directly to communities, including Dover, Somersworth, Rochester, Portsmouth, Hampton, Seabrook, Hampton Falls and Farmington.

Local businesses are encouraged to participate by sponsoring food drives, collecting monetary donations, sharing information about Gather's programs, or adopting a target month outside the traditional holiday season.

Curbside weed control spraying begins first week of June

Deadline to opt out is May 28

The city's contracted and licensed weed control applicator is expected to begin operations the first week of June, at targeted locations throughout Dover.

The city will utilize organic weed treatments in most locations but will target specific streets with a one-time application of Esplanade, a non-glyphosate pre-emergent weed control.

Property owners who do not want the Esplanade treatment area may opt out of its application by contacting Community Services at 603-516-6450 by Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 4 p.m.

[Click here](#) to view a map of the planned curbside weed control areas.

The City of Dover is utilizing the following weed control strategies for 2025:

- Esplanade: a non-glyphosate pre-emergent weed control that will be applied once in specific areas;
- Finalsan: an organic post-emergent weed control that will be applied multiple times as needed in specific areas;
- Curbside sweeping: Crews will utilize a street sweeper attachment designed specifically for weed removal.

The city continues to seek the most cost-effective, environmentally-friendly pre-emergent herbicides, as weed removal is much more expensive than preventing them from growing. Weed control continues to be monitored and evaluated for how well it works, cost-effectiveness, and adverse environmental impacts.

The city's curbside weed control vendor is Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc., of Newington.

Strafford County Master Gardeners Association annual plant sale is Sunday

The Strafford County Master Gardeners Association will host its annual plant sale on Sunday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Durham Town Hall.

The sale will feature locally grown native and pollinator plants, herbs, vegetables, ground covers, sun and shade perennials, and houseplants. There is an Ask a Master Gardener Table where individuals can find answers to gardening questions, obtain soil testing information, and learn about upcoming UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener classes. There will also be representatives from Plant A Row and Pollinator Pathways NH.

Rain or shine, the sale will take place at 8 Newmarket Road in Durham. Cash and checks will be accepted.

Proceeds from the plant sale 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..

Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. The Strafford County group promotes environmentally sustainable gardening practices.



COMMUNITY SURVEY MAY 5-17

**Do you live,
work, or play
in COAST's
service area?**

**We want to hear from
you - whether or not you
currently ride the bus!**



**COMPLETE THE SURVEY
ONLINE BY MAY 17**

[https://www.publicinput.com/
coastsurvey2025](https://www.publicinput.com/coastsurvey2025)



Please only complete one survey per person.

To request the survey in an alternate format, please contact:
info@coastbus.org or call/text 603-743-5777



Breezeline sponsors 'Fare Free Saturday' on COAST on May 24

Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation, more commonly known as COAST, is partnering with Breezeline on Saturday, May 24, to offer a "Fare Free Saturday" on both its fixed and demand response services.

"COAST's 'Fare Free Saturday' sponsorship program is an opportunity for businesses to make an investment in public transportation in the region that has an immediate impact," said Rad Nichols, Executive Director. "When people can get to work, shopping, or social activities—reliably and affordably—it helps drive the economy. COAST is a transportation resource for everyone."

"At Breezeline, we believe in connecting communities and empowering individuals through reliable access," said Brittany Skura, Community Engagement Manager of Breezeline. "We understand the vital role transportation plays in enabling those connections. We are proud to sponsor 'Fare Free Saturday' with COAST, reinforcing our commitment to accessibility and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to reach their destinations with ease."

Additional "Fare Free Saturdays" will be announced as sponsors are secured. Businesses interested in being part of this initiative can learn more at <https://coastbus.org/opportunities/fare-free-saturdays>.

City of Dover reminds residents of Pine Hill Cemetery guidelines

As the Memorial Day holiday approaches, the City of Dover would like to remind residents and visitors of the guidelines in place at Pine Hill Cemetery to preserve its beauty, serenity, and safety. By following these guidelines, the community can ensure that the cemetery remains a respectful and peaceful space for all who come to remember and honor their loved ones.

The City of Dover asks residents to adhere to the following guidelines for floral displays and personal items at Pine Hill Cemetery:

- Flowers may be placed on lots starting seven days before May 26 and must be removed no later than seven days after May 26.
- Planting flowers directly into the ground is not permitted.
- To ensure safety, the use of glass or breakable containers on lots is prohibited.
- Flat, ground-level foot markers should be kept free of any items.
- Lots featuring monuments with extended bases on the sides are allowed to hold flowers longer than seven days after May 26.
- Items not in accordance with these guidelines (e.g., solar lights, remembrance lights, wooden signs, shepherd hooks, personal items, etc.) will be removed and disposed of by the Cemetery Department.

The City of Dover appreciates the community's understanding and cooperation in adhering to these guidelines. If residents have any questions or concerns, please contact Facilities and Grounds Superintendent Mark Colonna at 603-516-6480.

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City of Dover employment opportunities

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

- **Police Officer**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **City Attorney**
- **Water Treatment Operator**
- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Meters & Backflow**

- **Truck Driver - Street**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Arena Maintenance Specialist**
- **Firefighter / AEMT**
- **Building Inspector**
- **Maintenance Specialist-Recycling**
- **Wastewater Pump Station Operator**

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:

- **Elementary Special Education Administrative Assistant**
- **Social Studies Teacher**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Parking Lot Supervisor**
- **Color and Winter Guard Coach**
- **Elementary School Classroom Teacher**
- **Substitute Teachers**
- **5th Grade Teacher**
- **Cleaner (2nd Shift) for C&W Services**
- **Grounds Crew for C&W Services**
- **Maintenance Technician**
- **Third Grade Teacher**
- **EMT Instructor**
- **Title I ESOL Interventionist**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Girls JV Field Hockey Coach**
- **JV Girls Lacrosse Coach**
- **Mathematics Teacher**
- **Noon Supervisor**
- **DHS Ski Team**

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