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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



May 23, 2025



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DOVER, NH**

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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.

DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

City Council begins funding process for DHS athletic project

**Vote to occur June 25 following public hearing,
School Board recommendations**

The City Council meets for its second regular meeting of the month on Wednesday, May 28, where two funding resolutions are expected to be introduced as part of the Dover High School Athletic Complex project. No action would be taken until at least June 25, following recommendations from the School Board and a public hearing.

Earlier this week on May 21, the City Council, School Board, and its Joint Building Committee met to receive the JBC's

Recycling Center hours:

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

report and recommendations for the field project at the high school, which the JBC has been investigating since the committee was created in January 2024. The JBC's report, which includes a history of the fields and why action is needed, provides two base options for the School Board and City Council to consider, with numerous options to increase or decrease the scope of work and cost of either base option.

Base Option A is estimated to cost \$11,614,000. This would replace Dunaway Field, track, grandstands, lights, and concession shacks.

Base Option B, recommended by the JBC, includes all of Base Option A, plus shifting Dunaway Field. This allows the rotation and expansion of the baseball field to create a second lighted multi-sport field. The JBC also recommends converting both fields to synthetic turf to accommodate current and future athletic demands. The JBC estimates this option to cost \$20,037,000.

[Click here](#) to watch the video recording of the meeting. The May 21 [meeting agenda materials](#) include the JBC's final report and recommendations.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., at the joint meeting, explained that the City Council would introduce a Capital Improvements Program debt-authorization resolution for the full cost of rehabilitating both fields for \$20,037,000 at its May 28 meeting, which can be reduced based on the School Board and City Council's final recommendations. But the amount can't be increased without restarting the debt authorization requirements. Joyal said authorizing debt requires three meetings: one meeting (May 28) to introduce the resolution, a second (June 11) for a public hearing, and a third (June 25) to vote on the debt authorization.

Joyal said this will provide ample time for the School Board to meet, deliberate, and make their recommendations to the City Council for the project. The JBC's goal is to have a final decision by June 25 to begin preparing final construction documents based on what the School Board and City Council decide. Construction would occur in calendar year 2026, being ready for play in the fall of 2026.

The City Council would also introduce an accompanying FY26 School Department budget amendment to accommodate the debt service for the project, as the fields are on school grounds and maintained by the school district.

Also on the agenda are public hearings and accompanying resolutions for:

- The dissolution of prior years' capital project funds into the General Fund
- FY25 General Fund unassigned fund balance transfer to special revenue and capital project funds to address fund deficits
- Acceptance of the FY26-30 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan and the FY26 action plan and expenditures for FY26 CDBG entitlement funds.

There are also resolutions to authorize:

- Replacing parking meters

- Amending welfare guidelines
- Downtown lighting improvements
- Beginning the process to regulate parking in the waterfront development site ahead of the building's opening to the public later this year

[Click here](#) for the complete agenda. Agenda materials may not be available until later this afternoon, May 23.

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 on-demand.

Memorial Day hours for city facilities

Trash pickup delayed by one day all week

City administrative offices, including **City Hall**, will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 27, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dover's public schools will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

The **Dover Public Library** at the McConnell Center will be closed from Saturday, May 24, through Monday, May 26. The Library will open for regular hours on Tuesday, May 27.

The **Dover Ice Arena** is closed Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26.

The **McConnell Center** will be closed on Monday, May 26. The **Dover Community Senior Center**, located at the McConnell Center, will also be closed on Monday.

The **Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool** will be open on Monday, May 26, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The **Indoor Pool** will be closed on Monday, May 26.

There is no **trash pickup and curbside recycling** on Monday, May 26, 2025. Trash and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day the week of May 26.

Memorial Day is also one of several parking holidays each year, during which time motorists are not required to pay for parking, except for the Orchard Street Parking Garage and Transportation Center parking lot, which are paid parking at all times.



Wayne Gower, Commander of American Legion Post 8 in Dover, speaks at last year's Memorial Day ceremony at Pine Hill cemetery. The American Legion will be making a special presentation at this year's ceremony.

Memorial Day ceremony to be held at Pine Hill Cemetery on Monday

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26, 2025, beginning at 11 a.m. at Pine Hill Cemetery and hosted by Dover's Woodman Museum.

The event will include a flag presentation by the University of New Hampshire ROTC, the National Anthem, opening remarks by Woodman Museum Executive Director Jonathan Nichols, a Memorial Day address by Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, a wreath-laying ceremony, the playing of Taps, and a special presentation about a restored and recently installed veteran marker by the American Legion.

The ceremony will be held at Veterans Circle, which can be accessed from the East Watson Street entrance to New Pine Hill Cemetery.

The Woodman Museum will also lead a walk from the museum to Pine Hill Cemetery, beginning at 10:45 a.m. For those wishing to participate in the walk to the cemetery, please arrive at the museum beginning at 10:30 a.m. Museum staff will lead those participants back to the museum at the conclusion of the ceremony, at noon.

The Woodman Museum is a local history museum currently in its 109th season. To learn more about the museum, visit www.woodmanmuseum.org.

Pine Hill Cemetery guidelines for memorials

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.

Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Sunday for inaugural Captain Jack Casey Memorial 5K

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures for the inaugural Captain Jack Casey Memorial 5K on Sunday, May 25.

The race begins at 9 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 197 Dover Point Road; it ends at the same location. Event parking is available at the school.

Between 9 and 10 a.m., the following street closures will be in effect:

- Spur Road between New Bellamy Lane and Nute Road
- Royer Lane and Ayers Lane
- New Bellamy Lane westerly from Dover Point Road to Spur Road

Residents of Royer Lane, Ayers Lane, Bristol Lane, and Nute Road may experience delays during this time. Dover Police and event volunteers will be on hand to help manage the traffic flow. All roads should reopen to traffic by 10 a.m.

Marine Capt. Jack Casey, born and raised in Dover and a 2015 St. Thomas Aquinas graduate, was a CH-53E helicopter pilot who was killed with four other Marines while on active duty on Feb. 7, 2024. Proceeds from the 5K will help fund scholarships for local high school seniors and cadets at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, where Capt. Casey graduated in 2019.

More race information, including registration details, is available at <https://racerooster.com/events/2025/99857/captain-jack-casey-memorial-5k>.

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

Payne Street closed weekdays through June for waterfront work

Daytime closure needed for utility and road work

Payne Street (formerly River Street) will be closed between Henry Law Avenue and Washington Street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday — excluding holidays — through June 2025 to allow road and utility work related to the city's waterfront

construction project.

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

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

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



Members of the Dover Arts Commission were at Henry Law Park Monday to help celebrate the return of the Blue Crab. Pictured are, from left, Arts Commission Vice Chair Cliff Blake, Elise Morissette, and Chair Jane Hamor. In the photo below, Community Services workers lower the

crab onto its base.

Blue Crab returns to Henry Law Park after student-led restoration

A downtown fixture is back in place. The whimsical blue crab sculpture was returned to its perch at Henry Law Park, just outside the Children's Museum of New Hampshire, on Monday, May 19, thanks to the efforts of the city's Community Services crews and a partnership with local students and the Dover Arts Commission.

The large metal sculpture, originally created in 2010 by artist Nathan Walker from scrap metal, was hoisted and reinstalled after undergoing a full restoration led by students from Dover High School's Career and Technical Center (CTC). The project gave students in the Welding and Automotive Collision Technology programs hands-on experience, as they stripped the crab of paint, repaired and rewelded it, and applied a fresh coat of bright blue paint, pinstriping, and a clear protective finish.

The restoration was aided by a community fundraising effort. Chris Guerrette, owner of Lickee's & Chewy's Candy & Creamery, spearheaded a GoFundMe campaign that raised \$2,963, including \$500 from Dover Main Street, with \$2,700 going directly to the CTC for materials. The Dover Arts Commission, which coordinated the project, noted that remaining funds will go toward a commemorative plaque.

As the crab settles back into its familiar spot, residents are now invited to help choose its name. Voting is open through May 31 at the Children's Museum, the Dover Public Library Children's Room, and Lickee's & Chewy's. The winning name will be announced June 7 during the 2025 NH Maker Fest at the museum.



Dover Middle School teacher Jo Slavitz named 2025 National STEM Scholar

Dover Middle School teacher Jo Slavitz has

been named a 2025 National STEM Scholar, one of just 10 middle school science educators selected nationwide for the prestigious program.

The National STEM Scholar Program, created by the National Stem Cell Foundation in partnership with The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science at Western Kentucky University, recognizes middle school teachers who bring innovation and inspiration to science, technology, engineering and math education. Scholars are chosen based on a proposed “big idea” classroom project designed to have a lasting impact on student engagement and learning.



Slavitz, a Hampton Falls resident, will travel to Bowling Green, Kentucky, later this month for a week of advanced training and collaboration with fellow scholars on WKU’s campus. Scholars will receive funding and support to implement their challenge projects in their classrooms and are expected to share what they learn with colleagues in their schools and districts.

“Our current world problems are going to be solved by multiple types of thinkers, creatives and innovators working together,” Slavitz said. “The ability to maximize the creative energy between unique students across varied disciplines is where magic happens.”

Now in its 10th year, the National STEM Scholar Program has impacted more than 190,000 middle school students. The program aims to inspire STEM learning at a critical time, as nearly half of U.S. eighth graders lose interest in STEM subjects — discouraging future participation in the high-demand fields of science and technology.



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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, May 24, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the Dover Community Trail trailhead at the Transportation Center Lot, 33 Chestnut St. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

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

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

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://bit.ly/45j8xGA>.

Touch-A-Truck rolls inside without a hitch



Despite the rain, the second annual City of Dover's Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, May 17, went on without a hitch. The exhibit moved inside the public works garage, giving the public an in-depth view of how the vital department operates. The event kicked off the annual National Public Works Week, which concludes on May 24. The week 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. This year's Touch-A-Truck attendees explored a variety of public works, police and fire department vehicles, as well as many other vehicles from area organizations, such as MB Tractor & Equipment, Moore's Crane Rental, and Rochester Motor Sports. They also got ice cream, painted snow plows, and took guided tours of the city's state-of-the-art Pudding Hill Water Treatment Facility.

Upcoming Meetings:

Dover Housing Authority, May 27, 12 p.m.

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m. at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

School Board, May 27,

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Consulting Services Inflow & Infiltration Reduction Project](#)
- [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

6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a joint meeting of the Dover and Barrington school boards on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Dover High School Library, 25 Alumni Drive, Dover.

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

Planning Board, May 27, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

City Council, May 28, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 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

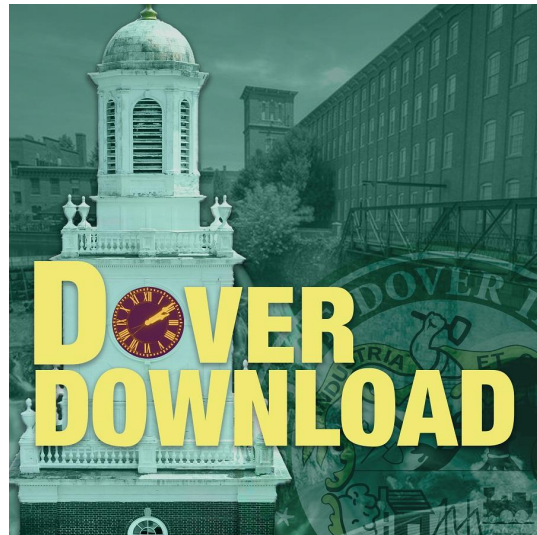
The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

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

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion

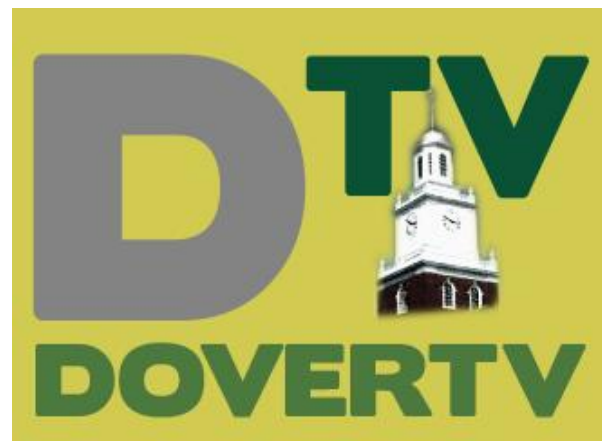
site.

For more information, contact the Finance and Purchasing Office at 603-516-6030.



On the Move: COAST Bus Connects the Seacoast

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with COAST Bus Executive Director Rad Nichols and Operations Director Michael Williams. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/4dJWyEp>.



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

- Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

convenience.

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

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica 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:

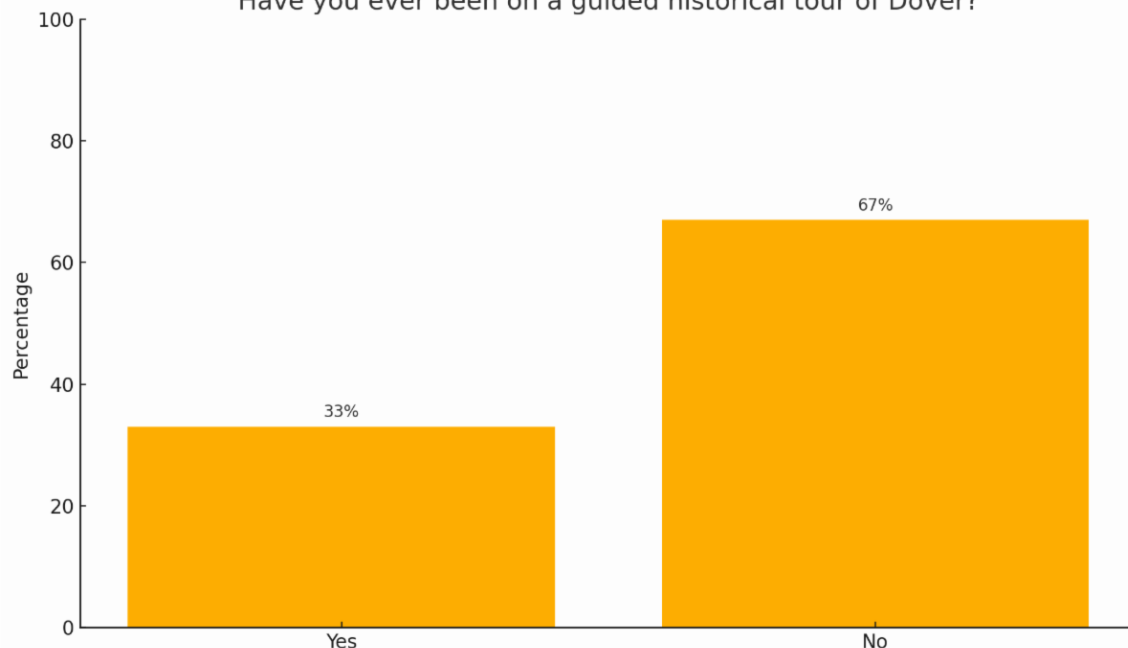
"What do like most about living in Dover?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/f4qbfu>

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 ever been on a guided historical tour of Dover?"**

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



The following events are from various historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

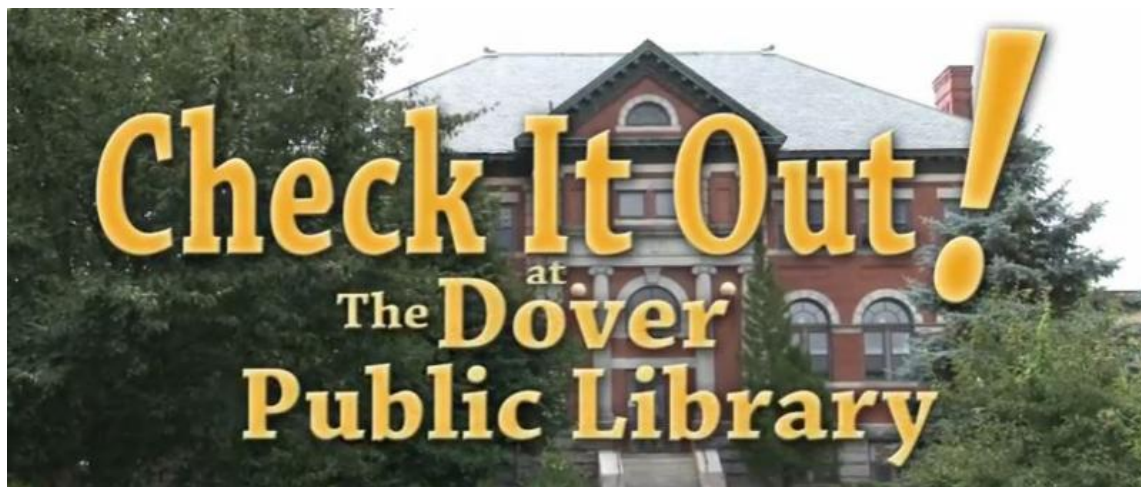
For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information [located here](#).

May 30, 1679 — The colonial Court issued an order to the County Court scheduled to convene in Dover. The directive was clear: the Court must ensure the collection of unpaid taxes, referred to as "public rates," from residents across the region, including those living on the Isles of Shoals. This order came in the wake of recent military conflicts, likely referring to King Philip's War (1675–1678), a brutal and costly conflict between Native American tribes and English colonists throughout New England. The war had strained local resources, and many residents had either served in the militia or contributed supplies at great personal expense. The Court emphasized that these individuals were owed payment for their service and sacrifices. The taxes collected were intended to repay those who had defended the colony or supported the war effort financially, what the Court described as a matter of equity and obligation.

May 31, 1775 — The town of Madbury was officially incorporated, marking its full and final separation from Dover. At the time of its incorporation, Madbury had a population of 677 residents. This milestone was the result of a process that had been unfolding for several years. Back on May 27, 1768, the New Hampshire General Assembly passed an act granting Madbury — then still a parish within Dover — full town powers and privileges. This legislation represented the formal and legal separation of Madbury from its parent community, allowing the parish to govern itself independently. However, while the 1768 act gave Madbury self-governing authority, it wasn't until 1775 that it was formally "set off" and incorporated as its own town. Madbury's journey to independence was part of a broader pattern across colonial New England, where outlying parishes and settlements gradually gained enough population and resources to sustain independent town governments. These separations often followed years of shared history, and in Madbury's case, deep agricultural and religious ties to Dover.

May 28, 1863 — Dr. Noah Martin, a respected physician and former Governor of New Hampshire, died suddenly at the age of 62. At the time of his death, he had been in his usual good health, passing away unexpectedly from apoplexy, what we now understand as a stroke. Dr. Martin had a distinguished career in both medicine and public service. As a physician, he was highly regarded for his skill and dedication, building a large and successful medical practice in Dover. His professional success allowed him to accumulate considerable wealth, and he was well known in the community not only for his medical work but also for his leadership. In politics, Martin was a loyal and principled member of his party. He earned the trust of his peers and was honored with its highest office, serving as Governor of New Hampshire in 1852 and 1853. Throughout his career, he held various other positions in state government. Martin is buried at Pine Hill Cemetery in Dover.

May 27, 1913 — Newspapers report that City of Dover Tax Collector Harry A. Morrison received a check from the United States Treasury Department for 35 cents, a settlement in the city's claim against the federal government for removing three brown-tail moth nests from a tree on the Post Office lot in March. The claim was settled after it had been referred to the U.S. Treasury Department by the Dover postmaster, who had no authority to pay the bill. The settlement was reported to be the smallest claim made upon the federal government by a municipality at that time.



This Week at the Library

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

Tuesday, May 27, 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.

Tuesday, May 27, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Meditation for Teens

McConnell Center, Room 306

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to a free beginner-friendly meditation class led by instructor Jess Lenzi!

Wednesday, May 28, 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,

Thursday, May 29, 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 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Supporting People at Risk of Suicide
Virtual: Register at

<https://ow.ly/uu1550VVXQI>

Join Emmalie Langan, Training Coordinator for Samaritans of Merrimack Valley, for a presentation on suicide prevention. With over 135 suicide deaths per day in the US, it is important to be able to recognize when a friend or family member may be struggling with thoughts

fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Wednesday, May 28, 11 am to 12 pm

All Abilities Music Club

Great Bay Services, Dover

Join us for a lively sing-along to your favorite tunes.

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Get Lit! Book Club

Otto Pizza (431 Central Ave., Dover)

Join the Library's adult book group to discuss *Zorrie* by Laird Hunt. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!

of suicide. Knowing when to ask, "Are you thinking about taking your life?" is an important first step in helping someone.

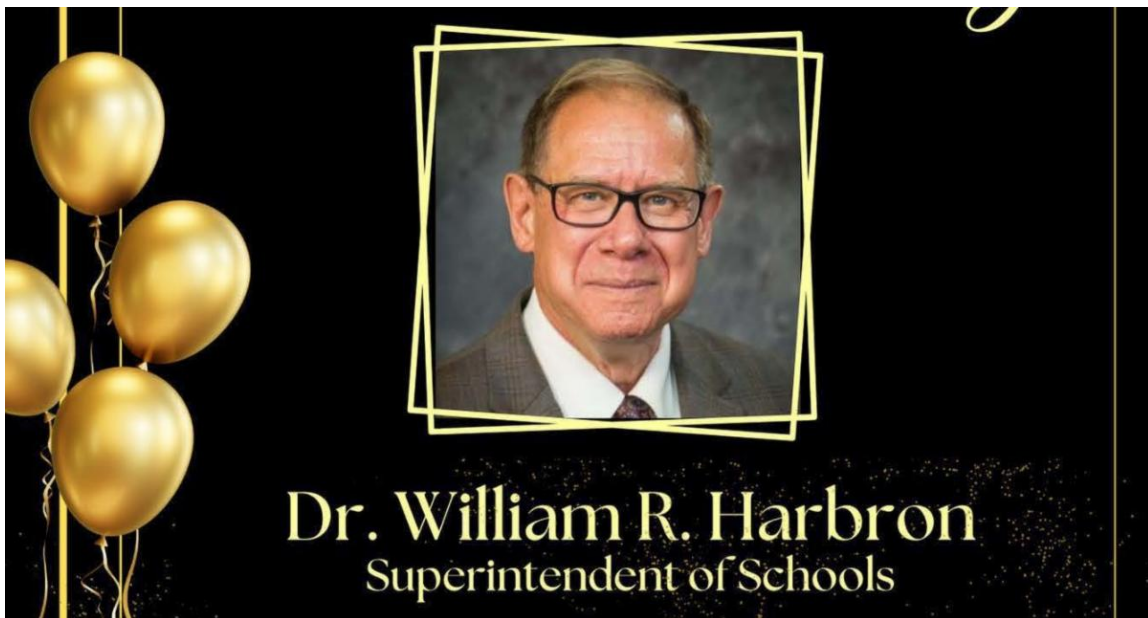
This presentation will help provide participants with the information necessary to possibly save a life.

Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lego Club

McConnell Center, Room 306

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.



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

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

The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. at Dover High School, 25 Alumni Drive. All members of the Dover community are invited to attend and celebrate Harbron's many years of dedicated service to students, educators, and families.

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

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

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

COAST offers 'Fare Free Saturday'

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>.

Learn about fish ladders and native species

Join Dover's Conservation Commission and Open Lands Committee on Sunday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at Fish Ladder Park for a fun and educational event.

Representatives from Fish and Game will be on hand to teach residents about the importance of fish ladders and the native fish species that call our local waterways home.

This is a great opportunity for all ages to connect with nature and learn how we can help protect our aquatic ecosystems.



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. Tree-clearing work in preparation for the project may begin before June 9. There will be trees cut in the utility easement on Garrison Hill for water main installation.

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.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH!



Calling All Businesses, Organizations & Homes to “Light it up Green”

Show your support for mental health awareness month and display a green light in your storefront or window for the month of May.

To join in, scan this QR code



Or go <https://tinyurl.com/LightItUpGreen>



Fri 5/16/2025 -National DAY of Mental Health Awareness
Wear GREEN all day long at home, school or work!

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Want to learn about the Dover Mental Health Alliances?
Go to:

www.dovermentalhealthalliance.org

Or contact Suzanne Weete at
suzanneete@communitypartnersnh.org

Curbside weed control spraying begins first week of June

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.

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**

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Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Interventionist**
- **Paraprofessional**
- **Summer Programming Paraprofessionals**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Special Education Teacher Case Manager**
- **Dean of Bellamy Academy**
- **Title 1 School Coordinator**
- **Social Studies Teacher**
- **Elementary Special Education Administrative Assistant**
- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**

- Elementary School Classroom Teacher
- Substitute Teachers
- Cleaner (2nd Shift) for C&W Services
- Grounds Crew for C&W Services
- Maintenance Technician
- EMT Instructor
- Girls JV Field Hockey Coach
- JV Girls Lacrosse Coach
- Mathematics Teacher

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