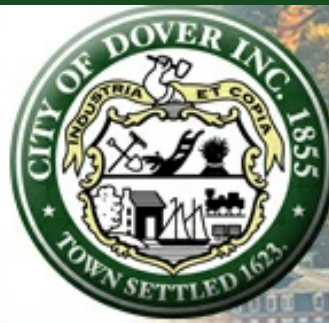


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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

## ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

### Council set to vote on CIP, public syringe disposal program

The City Council is set to discuss and possibly vote on three resolutions related to the proposed Capital Improvements Program for fiscal years 2024 to 2029 at its Oct. 26 meeting next week.

One resolution is to adopt the six-year CIP document, which outlines the projects the City of Dover plans to complete over the next six years. It's a document that can be modified and does not appropriate funding nor authorize bonding. This resolution requires a simple majority vote to pass.

The second resolution is to authorize non-debt financed projects for FY2024 only. This resolution would appropriate capital reserve funds to finance portions of the CIP, such as the police cruiser and heavy equipment replacement programs. The total amount of proposed non-debt finance projects for FY2024 is \$3,088,825. This resolution requires a two-thirds majority vote by the Council to pass.

The third resolution is to authorize bonding for debt-financed

8:30 a.m. to 3:30  
p.m.

projects slated to begin in FY2024, which totals \$22,220,000. These include reconstruction projects for Court and Union streets and Fifth and Grove streets. It also provides funding for rehabilitating the Chestnut Street bridge deck and the Portland Avenue retaining wall. This resolution also requires a two-thirds majority vote by the Council to pass.

The CIP was introduced to the City Council and Planning Board on Sept. 21, and each body held public hearings on it at subsequent meetings. The Planning Board, which reviews the CIP to ensure its projects are based upon priorities established in the Master Plan, recommended its adoption at its Oct. 11 meeting. [Click here](#) for the complete proposed CIP for FY2024-2029. For a video preview of the proposed CIP and many of the first-year projects, [click here](#).

## **Pilot public syringe disposal program**

The City Council will also consider approving an agreement to allow a pilot public syringe disposal program following a public hearing on the topic.

The program, which would be established and maintained at no cost to the city, is to address ongoing public concerns of improper disposal of syringes in Dover, according to the resolution and background materials.

The proposed pilot program is a partnership of the Strafford County Public Health Network, SOS Recovery Community Organization, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, and the New Hampshire Harm Reduction Coalition. Members of these organizations presented their proposal to the City Council at its Oct. 12 meeting. [Click here](#) to view the presentation.

Other agenda items include the acceptance of a grant for the Dover School District to improve building security and amending the membership and the length of membership for the Library Board of Trustees, both of which have public hearings, and the approval of a purchase and sale agreement between the Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority and APW Properties.

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

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers and will be televised on Channel 22 and online at <https://dovernh.viebit.com> where it will also be available for on-demand viewing.

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## After 'putting Dover first' for 35 years, Bill Boulanger retires

### Was instrumental in Dover's utility improvements

Bill Boulanger, deputy director of Community Services, who began his career as an entry-level laborer in the sewer division and worked his way up through the ranks to become an expert in drinking water and an innovator in public works, retired today after 35 years of service to the city.

"He always put the city first, sometimes to the detriment of his family," said Community Services Director John Storer, who has relied on Boulanger for his institutional knowledge of the city since Storer became director in 2017.

For years, whenever a water main breaks or a sewer fails, Boulanger was at the scene, regardless of the weather or time of day. "A lot of times I wasn't home for Christmas, wasn't home for birthdays," Boulanger said. "When they call, you had to go."

Water breaks are particularly common during long spells of frigid weather when the frost line deepens. Working in those temperatures are the events that stay with him and others working with him.

"I can remember one stretch – it was like every year we were working Christmas Day or Christmas Eve for water breaks or other issues," he said, crediting the support of his wife and children for his career and success. "I couldn't do what I do without her."

Boulanger came to the city for steady work and a career after working in construction at a time when it was common for workers to get laid off during the winter months. At \$2.85 an hour, Boulanger would spend a significant amount of time early in his career in the sewer mains, installing them or cleaning up debris and waste solids before the city acquired a vacuum truck. "It was my job, so I did it," he said, noting that with the help of others, he cleaned most of the sewer lines in the city. "It didn't bother me too much."

About four years into the job, the city upgraded and got its first vacuum truck, and he could clean the debris and solids from above ground. "I thought I was in glory land," he said of the upgrade.

After about 10 years into his career, the city merged the water and sewer divisions under one



unit. The supervising foreman left, and Boulanger was offered the job. "Back then, I didn't have a clue about the water," he said, praising his mentors who guided his journey, like Richard "Dicky" Gadbois, who retired in 2001. "From there, I grew, grew and grew."

He became superintendent of utilities, then superintendent of public works and utilities, and then became deputy director.

Boulanger isn't one for reading novels or non-fiction books. Instead, he prefers trade journals, manuals and other technical writing, where he picked up on new trends in the industry, such as the directional flushing of the water pipes, which cleans the system by scouring the lines that remove sediments and stale water from the system.

He read up on it, saw some training and then brought it to Dover. "That's something I'm proud I implemented and that we still do to this day," he said.

With the help of others in Community Services and Information Technology, Boulanger conducted an assessment of utilities within the city and transferred his institutional knowledge of the unground utilities into a digital GIS asset management program, which has received two awards for its innovative work.

"I've done an assessment of all the water mains in Dover, so I know where they are and what condition they are in," he said. "We have a classification on them so we know which ones are the worst ones and which ones should be replaced now, instead of just shooting dark and word of mouth."

Now the city has a database for future crews to work from. "That was a nice achievement," he said. "I was glad to have that done."

Even with crew utilizing digital maps in the field, Boulanger's knowledge of the system is unsurpassed.

"We can have a water main break, and people are looking at digital maps [for gate valve locations], and Bill can call in on the radio and say, 'You have to go under Ms. Jones' rose garden, with the red roses, not the white roses, because that's the valve you have to shut off,'" Storer said. "It's amazing the knowledge that he has."



### **Infrastructure calamities**

Water main breaks can be stressful, especially when the location of the break is unknown.

"The one that got me the worse was the one million gallon a day leak in the city that we finally

found in the Pacific Mills," Boulanger recalled.

They knew they had a significant leak, but its location remained a mystery for more than a year. In addition to city crews, the city brought in professional leak hunters but still could not find it. They got a lucky break when renovation work at the mills required the water to be shut off.

"When we shut the water main down, you could hear the leak going through the gate really bad. So we knew it was in there, so it was all hands on deck," Boulanger said. After jackhammering the floor, the water main was capped, and the leak finally stopped. "I was glad we found it. We were checking the city all over to find that leak."

Another mystery million-gallon leak occurred on a rainy Christmas Day in 2020. Boulanger utilized the water system itself to isolate the area of the leak by shutting off sectors of the city at the time. Thankfully, the leak was located that night.

Boulanger's knowledge of the system and his experience working in the field has helped engineers design projects that are easier to maintain with an eye to the future.

"Not just your future, but the guy coming after you," he'd tell his colleagues. "Try to think about that."



### **Awards and recognition**

Boulanger received numerous awards over the years.

For his work on improving the Berry Brook watershed, including his design work on what became known as the "Boulangenator," a catch basin that treats stormwater runoff efficiently, Boulanger received the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 1 Environmental Merit Award in 2016. He also received an award from the New England Stormwater Collaborative for his work at Berry Brook.

He received the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Salt Shaker Award for helping to reduce the city's salt use by improving efficiencies.



In 2001, Boulanger was named Employee of the Year for the City of Dover.

He also served a term as president of the New Hampshire Water Works Association.

Boulanger, who turns 65 in December, was one of 15 kids and grew up working on the Boulanger Dairy Farm, now New Hampshire Fish and Game land, at the end of Rabbit Road on Old Garrison Road. His farm work would begin before school and continue afterward until his family sold the farm and moved to Somersworth when he was mid-way through high school.

He returned to Dover, but ended up moving back to Somersworth after beginning his career in Dover so he could serve on Somersworth's Planning and other public boards. Boulanger was also appointed to the Somersworth City Council to fill vacancies on occasion.



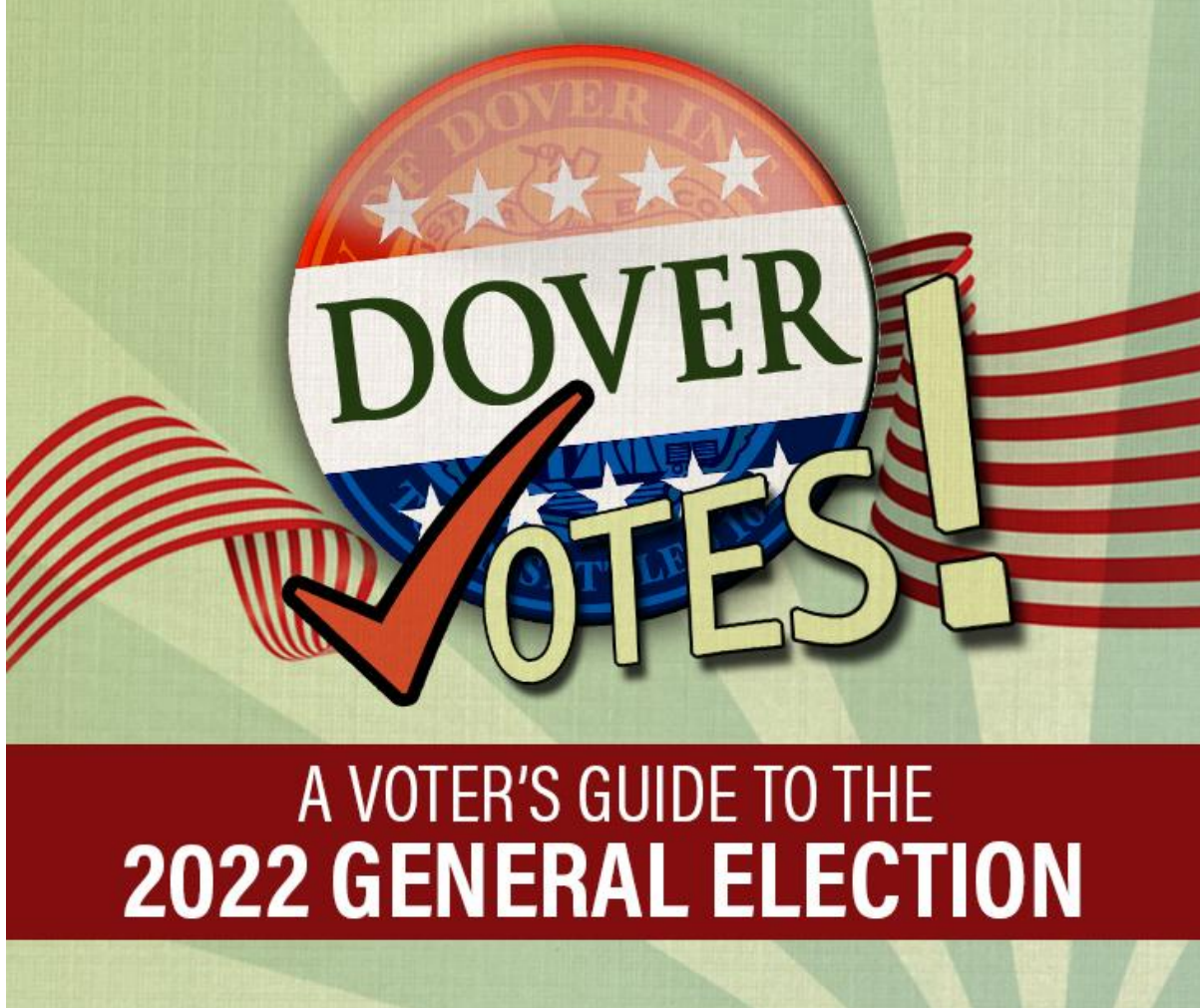
### **Retirement?**

Boulanger and his wife will soon journey across the country to visit family and friends before returning to Somersworth. He isn't too sure what the future will hold for him. He suspects he will return and work for the city part-time on a contract basis to help the engineering team review upcoming projects.

Boulanger will be missed by his colleagues, who enjoy his laughter, sense of humor, and dedication to the job.

"It's hard to envision a day without having him around," Storer said. "Whenever an emergency pops up, everyone says, 'What would Bill do?'"

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## State General Election is Nov. 8

The state general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, and polls in Dover will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Absentee ballots are available to voters who cannot make it to the polls that day.

The election ballot includes races for federal, state and county offices, including Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representative, Sheriff, County Attorney, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate and County Commissioners. The ballot also includes two constitutional questions.

Information about the election, including sample ballots, can be found on the City of Dover's [2022 General Election page](#) or the New Hampshire Secretary of State's [elections page](#). In addition, City Clerk Susan Mistretta appeared on this week's Dover Download podcast to discuss the upcoming election, and what voters should know. The [podcast can be heard here](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

## Supervisors of the Checklist in session on Nov. 1

The Supervisors of the Checklist for Dover will be in session on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to register new voters and make corrections that may be necessary to the checklist, such as changes of address and name changes. The session will be held in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

This is the last time to register to vote before the election. Voters may register to vote at their polling location on Election Day. To vote, you must be a City of Dover resident 18 years of age or older on the day of the election and a United States citizen. There is no minimum time required to have lived in Dover before registering. Those registering to vote must show photo identification or sign an affidavit that they are eligible to vote where they say they are. Any voter

who signs an affidavit also has their picture taken.

## Polling locations

Dover has the following six polling places:

Ward 1 - [Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School \(formerly Horne Street Elementary School\), 78 Horne St.](#)

Ward 2 - [Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.](#)

Ward 3 - [Woodman Park Elementary School, 11 Towle Ave.](#)

Ward 4 - [Garrison School, 50 Garrison Road](#)

Ward 5 - [Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive](#)

Ward 6 - [Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road](#)

Voters may only vote in the ward where they live. Please note: On Feb. 9, 2022, the City Council [adopted](#) new ward boundaries through an ordinance change to ensure near-equal representation in Dover's six political wards based on 2020 Census Data. This ward redistricting affected about 1,500 voting households in Dover, informed by mail from City Clerk Susan Mistretta earlier this year.

Voters whose wards have changed will vote in different polling locations than their previous ward. Residents may check which ward they live in utilizing the [interactive ward map](#).

## Absentee ballots are available at City Clerk's Office

Absentee ballots for the Nov. 8, 2022 election are now available at the City Clerk's Office. Per state law, voters may cast an absentee ballot if they will be absent on election day, cannot appear in public on any election day because of their observance of a religious commitment, or is unable to vote in person because of a physical disability. Voters who cannot get to their polling place during polling hours because of an employment obligation or caring for others may also vote via absentee ballot.

## How to receive an absentee ballot

To receive an absentee ballot, complete the [2022 Absentee Ballot Application](#), located in the link below, and deliver it to the City Clerk's Office by mail, fax or hand delivery. The office is located in the Customer Service Center on City Hall's ground floor. The mailing address is 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

## Track Absentee Ballot status

Voters may track the status of their absentee ballot via the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballots/absentee-ballot-status>.

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

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# Design engineers seek additional input, clarification for Fifth and Grove reconstruction project

## Follow-up survey includes questions on tree selection, travel preferences

City of Dover engineers seeks additional feedback from the public through an [online follow-up survey](#) on the Fifth and Grove Reconstruction Project currently under design.



The objective of the follow-up survey is to clarify resident preferences related to the proposed roadway improvements within the project area based on feedback from the initial survey in August. Respondents to the previous survey indicated the importance of tree selection, and many requested the city consider more native tree options, which are included in the follow-up survey. There are also clarifying questions regarding travel preferences and on-street parking.

The survey is available at <https://polco.us/sfrddd>. Completing the survey requires an email address and zip code. The deadline to complete the survey has been extended to 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022.

Fifth Street and a section of Grove Street are targeted for a reconstruction project to create a consistent roadway layout, provide sidewalks on both sides of the street, and define parking areas. It also includes reconstructing Fifth Street, restoring Grove Street, and replacing the water main and storm drainage. [Click here](#) for the project webpage, where you can find more information about the project, view the neighborhood meeting presentation slides, and sign up for project email updates.

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

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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Oct. 22, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the main entrance of Garrison Elementary School. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to 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://fb.me/e/69lbTRFwd>.

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## COAST Bus to resume afternoon services on bus routes 1 and 33

The region's public transit system will resume nearly all weekday afternoon services on bus Routes 1 and 33 beginning on Monday, Oct. 24. COAST has run reduced afternoon services on these routes since late-May because of a shortage of bus operators.

"At this point we have added enough bus operators to be able to add a new driver shift and resume these runs, starting next Monday," said Rad Nichols, COAST Executive Director. "Unexpected departures of staff can of course affect these plans," he added.

Specific bus runs that are resuming, by route, are as follows:

- **Route 1** – 2:30 p.m. northbound, 2:55 p.m. southbound, 4:30 p.m. northbound, 4:55 p.m. southbound, 6:30 p.m. northbound, and 6:55 p.m. southbound
- **Route 33** – 1:30 p.m. outbound, 1:59 p.m. inbound, 3:30 p.m. outbound, 3:59 p.m. inbound, 5:30 p.m. outbound, 5:59 p.m. inbound, 7:30 p.m. outbound, and 7:44 p.m. inbound. The 4:30 p.m. outbound and 4:59 p.m. inbound runs will be suspended for now.

An adjustment will also be made to the Route 34 schedule because of the resumed services on Routes 1 and 33. The 7:57 p.m. Route 34 outbound run will resume once again.

COAST, like many public transit systems across the country, has struggled to hire enough staff to maintain their full bus schedules.

When the COAST board of directors approved the FY23 operating budget, increases in operator pay and other potential enhancements to retain current and attract new staff were considered. "One of our primary goals was to address the issues we are having with attracting new bus operators to our staff," stated Michael Williams, Director of Operations. Williams continued, "in mid-November we will be able to announce exciting improvements in both pay and the costs of benefits that will take effect in January 2023."

For information on COAST career opportunities, please visit [www.coastbus.org/careers](http://www.coastbus.org/careers). COAST currently has up to five full time CDL operator openings and four part time opportunities for CDL operators.



The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. COAST is a public, non-profit transit system that relies primarily on federal and local government support to operate. COAST is governed by a board of directors representing the communities served, two regional planning commissions, and many local and state agencies.

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Graffiti Management Committee, October 24, 6 p.m.

The Graffiti Management Committee will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 24, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### Housing Authority, October 25, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier Street, Dover.

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

### Planning Board, October 25, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

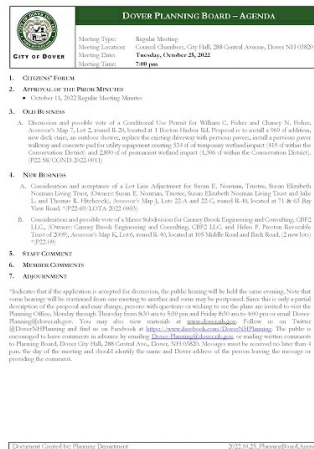
To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

### Energy Commission, October 26, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### Waterfront



## On the Agenda: Planning Board, 10/25/2022

In a video released this week, Planning Director Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2022. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=FMFQQo9ng3aD>.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 22 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](http://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select Dover Planning Review.



**Missed the meeting?  
Catch it again online**

**Development Advisory  
Committee, Park  
Subcommittee,  
October 26, 6 p.m.**

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee's park subcommittee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m., in Room 323 at the McConnell Center.

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

**City Council,  
October 26, 7 p.m.**

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

**Planning Board  
Technical Review  
Committee,  
October 27, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

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

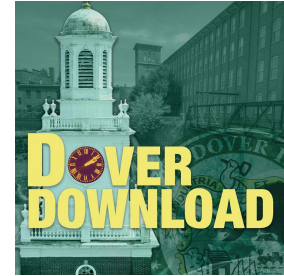
Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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

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



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

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## **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](#).

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](#).





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

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

**Oct. 26, 1786** — At a town meeting, Dover citizens were asked to vote on a plan to create and distribute paper currency, as had been recently ordered by the General Court. Of those citizens in attendance, 17 voted to accept the plan as sent out, two voted against any paper currency, and one voted to commit 100,000 pounds to redeem public securities at 20 shillings on the pound, and that the money could be used for all payments.

**Oct. 25, 1838** — A meeting was held this day to secure the construction of the Boston & Maine Railroad line from Exeter to Dover, instead of Exeter to Portsmouth.

**Oct. 22, 1840** — A warehouse near Young's Tannery on the Landing burned down, and a large quantity of merchandise was destroyed.

**Oct. 25, 1951** — At Strafford County Superior Court in Dover on this day, a judge dismissed a case in which the City of Rochester and Town of Farmington had sued the Boston and Maine Railroad to recoup the costs of fighting a massive fire that the two communities maintained was started by sparks from a B&M freight engine in October of 1947. The fire had burned for eight days, consuming 7,500 acres and 35 homes. The case was dismissed by the judge after a jury could not reach a verdict after 27 hours.

**Oct. 22, 2001** — Four mayoral candidates squared off on this day in the first debate leading up to the 2001 Municipal Election. The candidates -- Victor Bourre, Kathi Derby, Alex Nossiff, and Peter Schmidt -- were asked questions by Malcolm McNeill, moderator of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce event. Nossiff would be elected mayor in November of that year.

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## Woodman Museum's 'Voices from the Cemetery' is this weekend

Dozens of reincarnated spirits from Dover's past will arise from their graves at Pine Hill Cemetery, located at 131 Central Ave., to entertain, amuse, and recount their living achievements. Meet noted, nefarious, or notorious Dover citizens who will come to life beside their headstones, regaling visitors with tales of mirth, woe, and amazement. Among the residents lifting their voices in the cemetery will be several strong women who accomplished remarkable feats, some entrepreneurial businessmen, two tragic souls, and a few intrepid early colonial settlers.

The Woodman Museum "Voices from the Cemetery" takes place on Saturday, Oct. 22 and Sunday, Oct. 23. Guided tours are approximately 40 minutes long and will leave from Pine Hill's Ricker Chapel every 30 minutes. Tours begin at 10 a.m. each day and the last tour departs at 3:30 p.m.

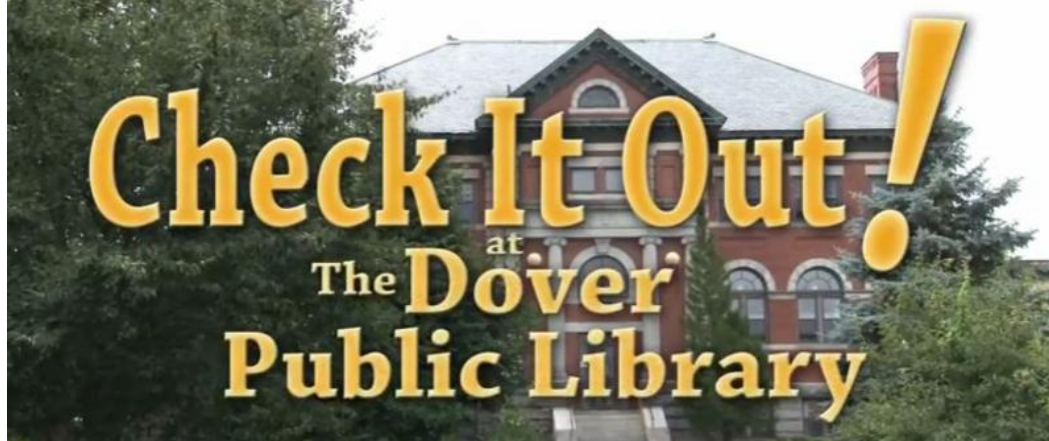
Tickets are on sale at the Woodman Museum, online at [www.woodmanmuseum.org](http://www.woodmanmuseum.org), or at the event. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Woodman Museum.

This is a family-friendly tour, suitable for all ages. Because of the uneven ground in the cemetery, the tour is not wheelchair accessible and no pets are allowed in the cemetery.

Prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

For additional information on the "Voices from the Cemetery" event, call the Woodman Museum at 603-742-1038 or visit [www.WoodmanMuseum.org](http://www.WoodmanMuseum.org).

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## **Friends of the Dover Public Library's annual book sale begins Oct. 28**

The Friends of the Dover Public Library are having a book sale beginning on Friday, Oct. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 30 in the Library Lecture Hall. All leftovers will be free on Monday, Oct. 31. Hours will be Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. The Library will have hundreds of items for sale including fiction and non-fiction books, biographies, DVDS, CDs, children's books, cookbooks and more. Prices range from 50 cents to \$3, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library.

You can also get a piece of history at this year's book sale. The Dover Public Library recently replaced the slate roof that was original to the building built in 1904-1905. The Friends are selling the old slate for \$15 for one or \$10 each when buying multiples. They are being sold as is and will come with a certificate of authenticity with some history of the library. They all have holes drilled in them so they could make a nice wall hanging, garden decoration, or other repurposed use. The Friends will be selling only 1,500 of these pieces, so purchase one while you can! All proceeds from the sale of the slate goes into the Friends funds which are used to help support the library in many ways. The Friends pay for programs throughout the year, support the Summer Reading Program, purchase all of the museum passes available to patrons, and much more.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.

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## **History of the USS Albacore at Dover Public Library**

Nestled away off the highway in Portsmouth is 204 feet of steel that changed Naval history forever.

Join the Dover Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. for an early Veteran's Day program exploring the history of the USS Albacore and those who served on it. The in-person program will be presented by Patti Violette, executive director of the USS Albacore Museum.

The USS Albacore was designed and maintained by the craftsmen of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and holds the distinction of being the first boat built specifically to operate underwater. Prior to its creation, submarines served as surface vessels that could submerge. It also was the first designed with the teardrop-shaped hull, which is now the standard for today's submarines.

Commissioned in 1953, the USS Albacore served as the Navy's "floating laboratory", testing equipment, control systems, and innovative theories, until 1972. It wasn't until May of 1985 when the submarine made its way back home to Portsmouth.

Violette is the USS Albacore Museum's first woman director and fourth in its history. She has over 20 years of experience in the museum industry including Old Fort Western in Augusta, the Shirley-Eustis House in Roxbury and the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. She has



a master's in education from Thomas College and an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Southern Maine in Portland.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call (603) 516-6050.

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## The Week at the Library

### **October VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Half Baked Harvest Super Simple* by Tieghan Gerard. Throughout the month of October, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the book and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the recipe, and/or your thoughts on the book. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the main circulation desk. We will share your creations on our social media pages. Photos can be sent to Emily at [e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.ainaire@dover.nh.gov) or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

### **Monday, October 24, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Multilingual Book Group**

Educators from the UNH Community Literacy Center will lead this group which will feature a different language each week. There will also be an art activity based on the theme. The program is geared towards students in grades kindergarten through 3. Caregivers are not required to attend but are always welcome. Registration required.

**Tuesday, October 25, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**  
Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

### **Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Case Closed on the 1873 Smuttynose Ax Murders**

For almost 150 years the moonlight ax murder of two Norwegian women on the rocky Isles of Shoals has haunted New England. Popular historian J. Dennis Robinson cuts through the hoaxes, lies, and fiction surrounding the arrest, trial and execution of 28-year old Louis Wagner, who claimed his innocence to the end.

### **Wednesday, October 26, 6 to 7 p.m. Adult Escape Room: Zombie Outbreak**

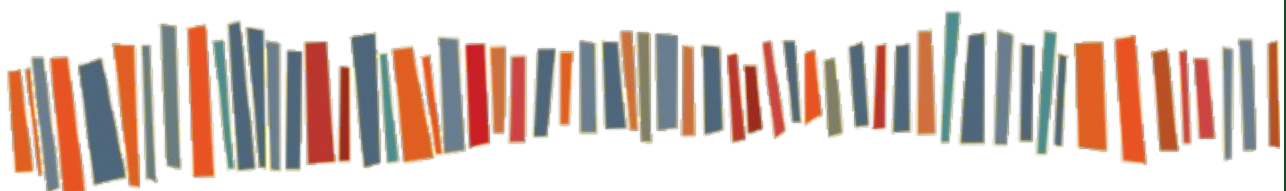
A strange genetic mutation has led to a zombie outbreak. Re-sequence the mutated genes and create an antidote before the outbreak spreads. Registration required.

**Thursday, October 27, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Crafternoon: Halloween Pom Pom Spider**  
Kids in grades 1 and up are invited to make and take a Halloween pom pom spider and other Halloween critters.

### **Thursday, October 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cocheco River Writers**

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

**Friday, Oct.28 to Sun. Oct. 30, All Day  
Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
Hundreds of books and DVDs for sale in the Library Lecture Hall. Fiction, non-fiction, biographies, DVDS, CDs, kids' books, cookbooks and more.



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## ***Children's Memory Garden dedicated***



Wentworth-Douglass Hospital hosted a remembrance and dedication ceremony last Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Children's Memory Garden at Pine Hill Cemetery, to honor children who have died during pregnancy or as infants. The ceremony included the creation of luminary bags in honor of a lost child, which was followed by a lighting ceremony, pictured above. Mayor Robert Carrier, pictured below, attended the event and read a proclamation honoring the families who have endured the loss of a child. The new Children's Memory Garden at Pine Hill Cemetery was also made possible by Jasper's Heart, a non-profit organization that supports those who have experienced the loss of an unborn, stillborn or soon-after birth child.





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## Dover Chamber welcomes new members

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce recently announced that it welcomed new members to the chamber with congratulatory ribbon-cutting ceremonies.



### Maha Yoga Shala

Maha Yoga Shala, located at 1 Washington St., Suite 4189, is a yoga and wellness center offering ancient yogic practices that allow modern people to develop mental strength, peak health, and spiritual connection.

Maha Yoga Shala has daily yoga and mindfulness classes, kirtan, tea ceremonies, and workshops. They have a full-time massage therapist and other healers available every day of the week. They also offer a fine collection of arts, crafts, jewelry, books and teas from around the globe.

Right now, Maha Yoga Shala has a new student special: 30 Days for \$44. You can feel greater peace, joy, and vitality in just 30 days of yoga practice. This special deal gives you access to unlimited yoga, meditation, and kirtan classes for a month. You also get to experience all the benefits of an unlimited membership, including discounts on workshops and series, free workshops, discounts on Maha teas, and more.

To learn more about Mahah Yoga Shala and the practices they offer, visit [www.mahayogashala.com](http://www.mahayogashala.com) or call 603-343-4718.

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## **M & T Bank**

M&T Bank successfully acquired People's United Financial, Inc. earlier this year and the Dover location (537 Central Ave.) recently made the change.

As part of this effort, People's United's headquarters in Bridgeport, Connecticut, is now M&T's New England regional headquarters. The combined company will continue to focus on delivering superior customer service and strong engagement in the communities it serves.

Founded in 1856, M&T Bank is one of the top full-service U.S.-based commercial banks, with 22,000 employees and a long history of community-focused banking.

M&T is a community bank, delivering the capabilities of a big bank with the care and empathy of a locally focused institution. M&T offers offer advice, guidance, expertise and solutions across the entire financial spectrum, combining M&T's traditional banking services with the wealth management and institutional capabilities offered by Wilmington Trust.

To learn more about M&T Bank's services, call 603-749-2150 or visit [www3.mtb.com](http://www3.mtb.com)

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## **Dover Youth Softball League**

Dover Youth Softball League serves players from ages 4 through 16 who are residents of Dover, Somersworth and Rollinsford in New Hampshire, and Berwick, South Berwick, North Berwick, and Eliot, in Maine. They also accept students from any Dover school, including St. Mary Academy, Portsmouth Christian Academy, and Acton Academy, regardless of where they live.

DYSL offers recreational, yet competitive, spring season softball which focuses on learning the fundamentals of the game and the enjoyment of competitiveness. In addition, players who desire greater competition are encouraged to compete for positions on their summer all-star teams which present higher challenges and more instruction in the finer points of softball.

DYSL was formed in the mid 1980s as an alternative to girls playing baseball. They have a rich history of dedicated volunteers and are proud of their efforts to educate, mentor, and support the many players who have gone through the program and the successes they contributed to on the softball diamond.

In the early 2000s, DYSL became an affiliate of Babe Ruth League and operates under its regulations. For more information on Dover Youth Softball League, visit [www.doversoftball.com](http://www.doversoftball.com).

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 information on Dover Chamber membership and programs or for a schedule of activities, call (603) 742-2218 or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## **Lids for recycling bins available**

Lids for recycling containers are now available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall and the Pierre B. Bouchard Public Works Facility and Recycling Center on Mast Road.

The lids will help residents keep their recycling containers in the bin, especially on windy days. Lids are free for those who have already purchased the new style recycling container. New recycling containers, which now include the lid, can be purchased at the Clerk's Office and the public works facility for \$8.

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

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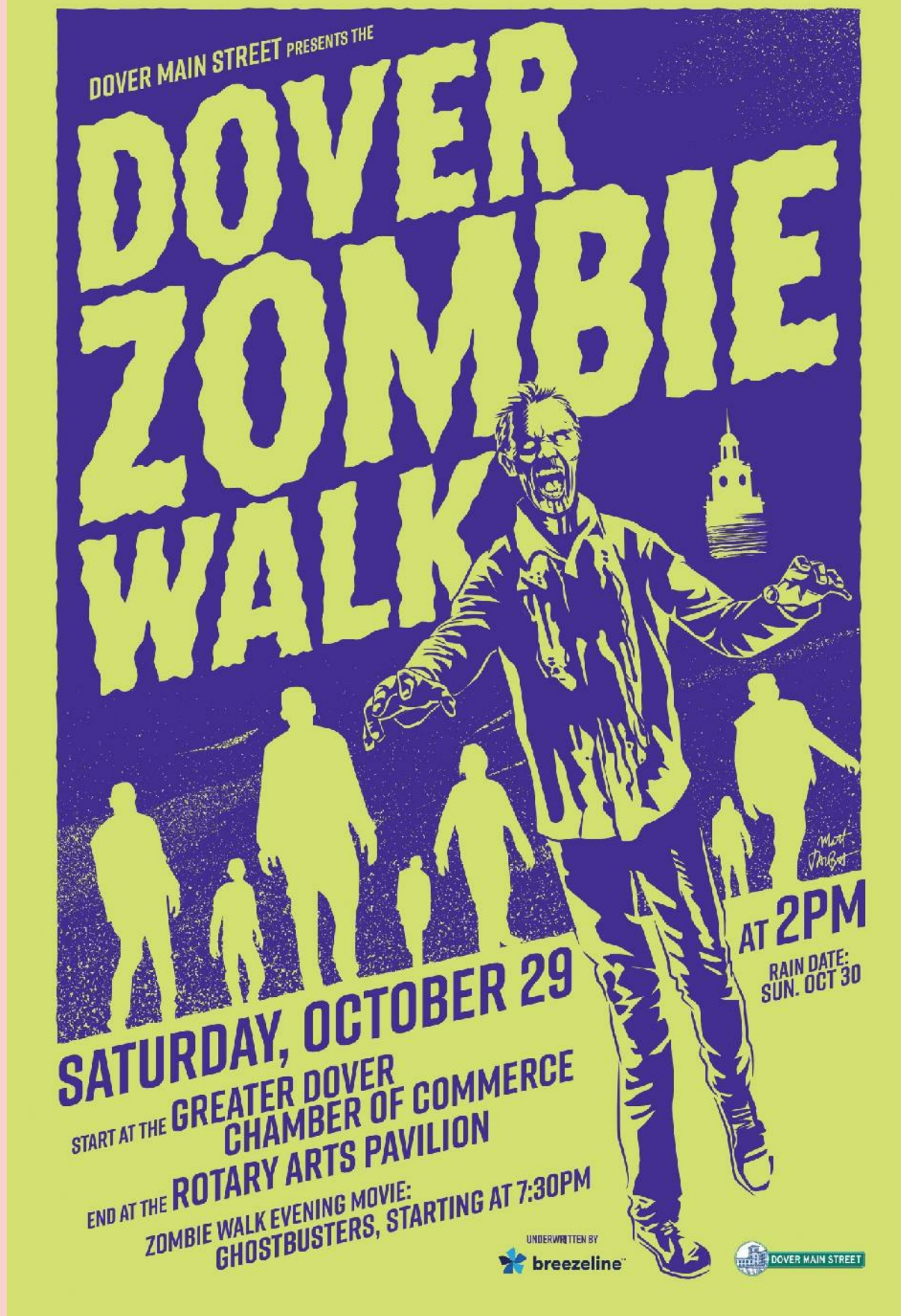
## Trick-or-Treat in Dover is Oct. 30

Trick-or-Treat in Dover is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, from 5 to 8 p.m., the day before Halloween, as is the tradition in Dover.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6401.

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**City accepting Community Development  
Block Grant applications**

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development is accepting applications from public service agencies, qualified individuals and eligible organizations for grants for the fiscal year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The fiscal year spans July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Applications are available online at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/), and at the Planning and Community Development Department, located at Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820. The application submission deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, and must be submitted via email to Dave Carpenter at [d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov).

The City of Dover may reject incomplete or late applications.

Eligible CDBG activities include but are not limited to property acquisition, development or improvement of public facilities, clearance or demolition, public services, and special economic development activities.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must meet specific requirements. They include but are not limited to:

- Submission of a complete and timely application.
- Consistent with the FY2022-25 Consolidated Plan.
- Meet one of the following HUD national objectives:
  - Benefit low and moderate-income people;
  - Prevention of slums or blight;
  - Meet a particularly urgent community development need.

For more information about project eligibility or to learn more about Dover's Community Development Block Grant program, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/planning/community-development/).

The City of Dover has been a CDBG entitlement community for over 25 years. The HUD program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income people. HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. The entitlement grant is expected to be available in the summer or fall of 2023. The amount to be received by the City of Dover has yet to be determined by Congress.

For more information, contact Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner, at [d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov](mailto:d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov) or 603-516-6008.

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# Connect

## SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

### Pick a time to:

Learn how to recognize and respond to warning signs and behaviors that may indicate a peer or loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis.

**We all can play a role in suicide prevention.**

*A minimum of 10 people must register and attend for class to be held.  
Participants must be 18 years or older to attend.*



Dover High School Library  
25 Alumni Drive, Dover, NH

**OCT 6**

**5-8 PM**

**NOV 10**

**5-8 PM**

**DEC 1**

**5-8 PM**

**JAN 5**

**5-8 PM**

**FEB 2**

**5-8 PM**

**MAR 2**

**5-8 PM**

**APR 6**

**5-8 PM**

**MAY 4**

**5-8 PM**

**JUN 1**

**5-8 PM**

**Sign Up**



<https://forms.gle/VVdSzhiLvuVdJEvn6>

For more information please contact:  
[suzanneeweete@communitypartnersnh.org](mailto:suzanneeweete@communitypartnersnh.org)

<https://dovermentalhealthalliance.org/>

# The Dover Adult Learning Center can help you navigate the seas, CPR and nature

Have you always wanted to be a pirate? Learn the basics of nautical navigation in this fun two-session workshop on Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 25 and 27, from 6-8 p.m. Register here: <https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/navigation-at-sea-october/>



Do you know what to do in a medical emergency? Take our HeartSaver CPR class on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to learn how to help: <https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/heartsaver-cpr-aed/>

Learn to needlefelt your favorite nature scene. Join this workshop on Thursday, Oct. 27, bring a photo of your favorite spot, and create a lovely craft: <https://www.doveradultlearning.org/events/needlefelt-a-nature-scene/>

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## Share that perfect Christmas Tree with the entire Dover community

Each year, a new Christmas tree is raised at Henry Law Park, signaling the beginning of the winter holiday season in Dover. The City of Dover is seeking this season's tree, and is asking area residents to consider donating the perfect candidate, already growing in your backyard.

The ideal Christmas tree for Henry Law Park is an evergreen, preferably a White Spruce or Balsam Fir, between 25 and 35 feet tall, and growing evenly on all sides.

Have a tree that fits the description? Would you like to share it with the entire community this holiday season? Contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon, who will evaluate the tree. If it's the perfect tree for the park, the City will arrange to cut down the tree and relocate it to Henry Law Park by the end of November.

For more information, or to volunteer your perfect Christmas tree, contact Recreation Director Gary Bannon at 516-6401 or [g.bannon@dover.nh.gov](mailto:g.bannon@dover.nh.gov).



## Fall leaf collection begins Monday

The City of Dover 2022 fall leaf collection will take place on the following weeks:

- Oct. 24-28
- Oct. 31-Nov. 4
- Nov. 7-12
- Nov. 14-18
- Nov. 21-26
- Nov. 28-Dec. 2

Bagged leaves will be picked up on the same day as trash and recycling. Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can



be purchased at your local hardware or home improvement store.

Grass clippings, leaves, brush and yard waste are also accepted at the Recycling Center during regular operating hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

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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**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Secretary I**
- **Administrative Assistant - Community Services**
- **Bookkeeper - Community Services**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Maintenance Mechanic - Utilities**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic / Automotive Technician**
- **Assessing Technician**
- **Deputy Tax Collector**
- **Account Clerk II**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Swim Instructor I**
- **City Planner**
- **Arena Attendant**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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