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October 23, 2026

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DOVER CITY COUNCIL

ON THE AGENDA

Coming up at the next City Council meeting

Revisions to curbside trash collection code topic of workshop; vote at meeting to follow

The City Council will have a workshop and a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The workshop is at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

The workshop session will focus on the proposed revisions to the curbside waste collection ordinance, Chapter 145. The Council is expected to vote on the revisions at the meeting where the Council will hold a third reading of the ordinance.

The City Council tabled the ordinance changes at its Oct. 14 meeting to seek more information on the feasibility extending the curbside toter collection to properties with more than

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three residential housing units. Once approved, the ordinance would take effect on July 1, 2027, when the new contract with Waste Management begins and all curbside collection shifts from the current bag-and-tag system to toter collection.

The City Council will hold a public hearing and subsequent vote on approving a charitable trust fund for the 9/11 memorial, and accepting the memorial itself. The charitable trust fund includes an initial funding of $25,000 from the Dover Firefighters Charitable Association, which will also transfer ownership of the downtown memorial unveiled on Sept. 11, 2026, to the City of Dover upon the approval of the resolution.

Also on the agenda are resolutions that would authorize:

- Awarding the bid for the segregation and recycling of construction and demolition debris to Wheelabrator Holdco 1 Inc., of Portsmouth for a one-year contract, with the option to extend two additional years.

- Payment of $71,575 to S.U.R. Construction, Inc., of Rochester for additional work performed for the downtown pedestrian improvements related to drainage work and sidewalk repairs and restoration not included in the original scope of work.

- Awarding the engineering-design services for the Horne Street Neighborhood Reconstruction Project to Woodard & Curran for $234,287. The infrastructure improvements will include reconstructing the road and repairing or replacing the underground utilities such as stormwater drainage, sewer, and water main, sidewalk improvements, ADA accessibility improvements and evaluation of traffic calming measures.

- Authorizing an additional scope of work for the waterfront project to Northeast Earth Mechanics, LLC of Pittsfield for $48,218 to stabilize and improve Towne Drive to maintain access to the dredge cell. The improvements to Towne Drive will also serve as an alternative access route between Washington Street and Henry Law Avenue when Payne Street is closed during the ongoing Henry Law Avenue and Payne Street reconstruction project.

- The revisions to the welfare guidelines that include aligning municipal standards with recently enacted state legislative mandates, preparing the department for seasonal winter assistance demands, and establishing procedural consistency with neighboring Tri-City welfare departments.

The City Council will also hold a first reading of the three resolutions related to the FY28-33 Capital Improvements Program and schedule a public hearing for these resolutions at its Wednesday, Nov. 18 meeting, with a vote to occur at its Wednesday, Dec. 9 meeting. The resolutions include adopting the six-year document, approving FY28 capital reserve fund appropriations for non-debt-financed

projects, and authorizing appropriation and bonding for FY28 debt-financed projects.

View the full agenda.

The workshop and meeting will be televised on DoverTV (Channel 22 for Xfinity and Channel 9010 for Breezline), as well as online where it will be available on-demand.

School Board to hold hearing on school tax cap ballot question Oct. 26

The School Board will hold a public hearing Monday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall to discuss a school funding tax cap question that will appear on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

The public hearing is an opportunity for members of the public to offer comments and ask questions of the School Board. The public hearing will be followed by a special session of the School Board.

The ballot question is required by House Bill 1300, enacted by the New Hampshire Legislature earlier this year. The law requires all New Hampshire communities to vote on whether to establish limits on local school property tax growth and school administrative unit central office spending.

Under the proposal, growth in the local school property tax levy would be limited to the previous year's amount, adjusted for inflation and new construction. Spending by the school administrative unit's central office would be limited to 6% of total school district appropriations. Bonded capital costs would be excluded from both limits.

The question will appear on Dover's ballot as follows:

> *"Shall the City of DOVER limit property tax growth for DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (SAU #11) under RSA 32:5-i? If adopted for a two-year period: (1) the local property tax levy may not grow beyond the prior year's amount, adjusted for inflation and new construction; (2) SAU central office spending may not exceed 6 percent of total school district appropriations; and (3) bonded capital costs are excluded from both limits. These caps apply only to administrative operations of the SAU central office and do not affect classroom instruction, school-based services, or other municipal expenditures. These limits may be overridden as provided in RSA 32:5-i. Adoption requires a three-fifths (3/5) majority vote."*

Approval requires at least 60% of those voting on the question to vote in favor. If approved, the limits would apply for two years, beginning with the school district's fiscal year 2028 budget. State law also requires the question to appear on the November 2028 general election ballot.

The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information about the general election, including polling locations, sample ballots and ballot questions, visit the city's 2026 General Election information page.

Planning Board to hold public hearing on FY28-33 CIP

Board may make recommendation to City Council on long-range planning document

The Planning Board will hold its second of two public hearings related to the FY2028-2033 Capital Improvements Program. Following the public hearing and discussion on the CIP, the Planning Board may be ready to make its recommendation to the City Council about the long-range planning document.

The FY28-33 CIP was introduced to a joint session of the Planning Board and City Council on Oct. 7, with the Planning Board holding its first public hearing at its Oct. 13 meeting. The City Council is expected to hold public hearings on three resolutions that encompass the CIP on Wednesday, Nov. 18, with votes to occur on Wednesday, Dec. 9. The three resolutions include adopting the six-year document, approving FY28 capital reserve fund appropriations for non-debt-financed projects, and authorizing appropriation and bonding for FY28 debt-financed projects. The first year projects will then be incorporated into the FY28 budget that will be introduced to the City Council in February.

A video recording of the joint session and links to the proposed and past years' CIP documents are available on the Planning Department's Capital Improvement Program webpage.

Per city charter, the CIP is based on the recommendations of the Planning Board and include a clear summary of its contents, a list of all capital improvements planned for the next six years and why they are needed with estimates of cost, financing method, and time schedule for each improvement, and estimated costs of operating and maintaining the facilities to be construction or acquired.

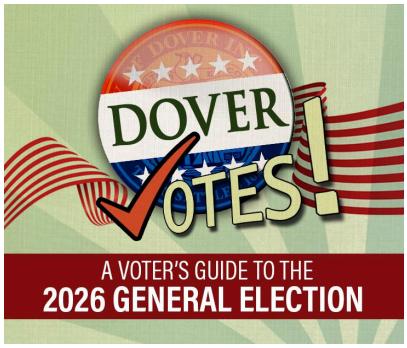
Supervisors of the Checklist in session Monday, Oct. 26

Voter registrations after meeting to occur at polling place on election day

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Monday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors register new voters, record changes of address, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist.

This will be the last day for residents to register to vote before the Nov. 3 General Election. Residents who need to register to vote and miss this deadline will register on Election Day at their polling place.



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



Trick-or-Treat in Dover is Oct. 30

Trick-or-Treat in Dover is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30, 2026, 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.

Road closures, traffic restrictions in place Sunday for Pumpkin Dash 5K race

Dover Police Chief David A. Terlemezian announces the following road closures for the Dover Middle School Pumpkin Dash 5K event, which is part of the 2026 Dover Race Series.

The race begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25, at Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive.

To facilitate the race, the following road closures will be in effect:

- Exit 7 southbound on- and off-ramps to Route 16/Spaulding Turnpike, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.
- Bellamy Road, in the easterly direction between Durham Road and Sunset Drive, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
- Rutland Street between Cataract Avenue and Central Avenue, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
- Cataract Avenue, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
- Alumni Drive, from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Motorists should also expect delays at the Central Avenue/Mill Street/Exit 7S intersection and a lane shift along Central Avenue/Durham Road (Route 108) between Rutland Street and Bellamy Road.

Dover Police personnel and event volunteers will help manage traffic flow along the race route. The race will start and finish at the Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive.

This event is organized by and benefits the Dover Middle School PTA. More information, including how to register, is available at the Dover Race Series.

For questions about traffic, contact Dover Police Lt. Greg Turner at 603-742-4646.



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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Oct. 24, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at Henry Law Park, 1 Washington 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.

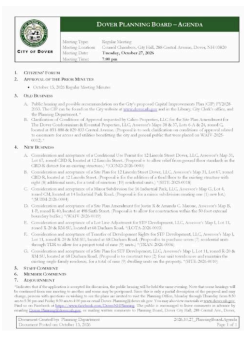
In the spirit of Halloween this month, event organizers say attendees are welcome to participate in costume.

For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/events/s/dont-trash-dover-litter-collec/1938602253393894/

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Supervisors of Checklist, Oct. 26, 6 to 7 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 26, 2026, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave.


DOVER PLANNING BOARD – AGENDA

CITY OF DOVER

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

1. CITIZENS' FORUM
2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES
   - October 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. OLD BUSINESS
   A. Public hearing and possible recommendation on the City's proposed Capital Improvements Plan ("CIP") FY2028-2033. The CIP can be found on the City's website at www.dover.nh.gov and in the Library, City Clerk's office, and the Planning Department.
   B. Consideration and acceptance of Approval requested by Cullen Properties, LLC for the Site Plan Amendment for The Dover Condominium (8 Central Properties, LLC, Assessor's Maps 38 & 25, Lots 6 & 26, zoned G1, located at 401-406 & 420-425 Central Avenue. (Proposal is to seek clarification on conditions of approval related to easements for sewer and utilities benefitting the site and general public that was placed on 9/2021 2025
4. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Consideration and acceptance of a Conditional Use Permit for 12 Lincoln Street Dover, LLC, Assessor's Map 30, Lot 1, zoned CBD, located at 12 Lincoln Street Dover, LLC, Assessor's Map 30, Lot 1, zoned CBD, located at 12 Lincoln Street. (Proposal is for the addition of a third floor to the existing structure with eight (8) additional units, for a total of nineteen (19) residential units.) (2025-00018)
   B. Consideration and acceptance of Site Plan for 12 Lincoln Street Dover, LLC, Assessor's Map 30, Lot 1, zoned CBD, located at 12 Lincoln Street. (Proposal is for the addition of a third floor to the existing structure with eight (8) additional units, for a total of nineteen (19) residential units.) (2025-00018)
   C. Consideration and acceptance of a Site Plan Amendment for 1 Washington Street, Assessor's Map 38, Lot 1, zoned CM, located at 1 Washington Street. (Proposal is for exterior and interior existing site, 12 unit Inn.) (H-1014 2126-1044)
   D. Consideration and acceptance of a Site Plan Amendment for Justin S & Amanda C Marone, Assessor's Map 18, Lot 8, zoned R, 41A located at 498 Sixth Street. (Proposal is to allow for construction within the 50 foot natural woodland buffer.) (2026-00019)
   E. Consideration and acceptance of a Lot Line Adjustment for HJO Development, LLC, Assessor's Map 6, Lot 14, zoned R & RM-85, located at 68 Durham Road. (M-0725-2026-00027)
   F. Consideration and acceptance of Transfer of Development Rights for HJO Development, LLC, Assessor's Map 6, Lot 14, zoned R & RM-85, located at 68 Durham Road. (Proposal is to purchase sixteen (7) residential units' worth of TDRs from Durham.) (2026-00028)
   G. Consideration and acceptance of a Site Plan for HJO Development, LLC, Assessor's Map 6, Lot 14, zoned R & RM-85, located at 68 Durham Road. (Proposal is to construct two (2) four unit townhouses and maintain the existing single family residence, for a total of nine (9) dwelling units on the property.) (2025-00030)
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. MEMBERS COMMENTS
7. ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with RSA 91-A:2, III(b), the public hearing will be held in the same evening. Note that some hearings will be continued from one meeting to another and some may be postponed. Since this is only a partial description of the proposed and may change, persons with questions or wishing to see the plans are invited to visit the Planning Office, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Plans will be available for viewing at the meeting. Plans may be viewed on or before the meeting on the Internet at https://www.dover.nh.gov/Docs/NHTownship. The public is encouraged to limit comments at meetings to matters [illegible] to ensuring written comments to Planning Board, Dover City Hall, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820 or by e-mail to [illegible]

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To view the meeting agenda, click here.

School Board, Oct. 26, 6 p.m.

The School Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, Oct. 26, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall. The public hearing will be followed by a special session

To view the public hearing agenda, click here.

To view the special session agenda, click here.

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

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier St.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Planning Board, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

City Council, Oct. 28, 6 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop followed by a regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

Workshop begins at 6 p.m.To view workshop agenda, click here.

Regular meeting begins at 7 p.m. To view meeting agenda, click here.

Planning Board - Technical Review Committee, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, beginning at 10:30 am., in Council Conference Room, City Hall.

On the Agenda: Planning Board, 10/27/2026

In this video, Director of Planning and Community Development Donna Benton reviews what's on the agenda at the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or here.

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

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

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- On Call Contractors
- Maintenance of Various Stormwater Control Measures
- Fire & Rescue Operations Management System
- Fire Station Alerting System

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.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

View a complete list of upcoming meetings.

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

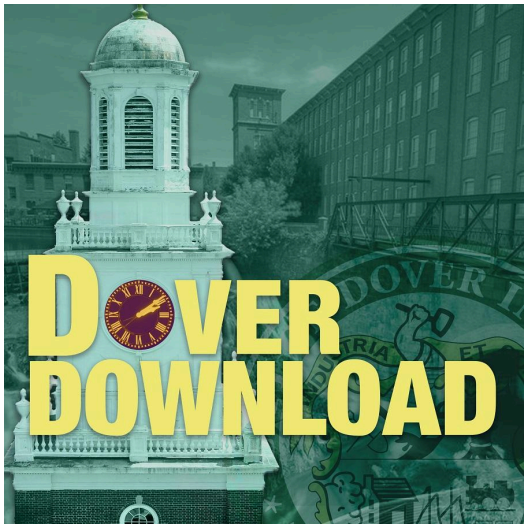
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board

View the complete list of city boards and committees.

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

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



A Home for Everyone: Inside the Dover Housing Authority

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Dian Maruca, executive director of the Dover Housing Authority, as part of the podcast's continuing look at local nonprofits and social service agencies.

Listen wherever you get your podcasts.

Dover Arts Commission accepting grant applications for 2026-27

The Dover Arts Commission is accepting applications for City Arts Grants for fiscal year 2027, supporting arts projects, programs and activities that enrich the quality of life for Dover residents.

Grants are available to individuals, groups and nonprofit organizations for specific arts initiatives that benefit the broader community. Eligible projects include concerts, performances, festivals, workshops, exhibits, readings, after-school programs and other creative endeavors that engage artists and bring arts experiences to the public.

Those considering applying for a grant are encouraged to email a brief outline of their proposed project to ArtsCommission-All@dover.nh.gov before submitting a formal application.

The City Arts Grants program supports the commission's mission to foster creativity,

encourage artistic expression and expand opportunities for residents to experience and participate in the arts.

For more information, eligibility details and the grant application, visit the Dover Arts Commission's City Arts Grants webpage.



Truck detour in effect for Central Avenue water work

Mount Vernon Street detour remains for passenger vehicles

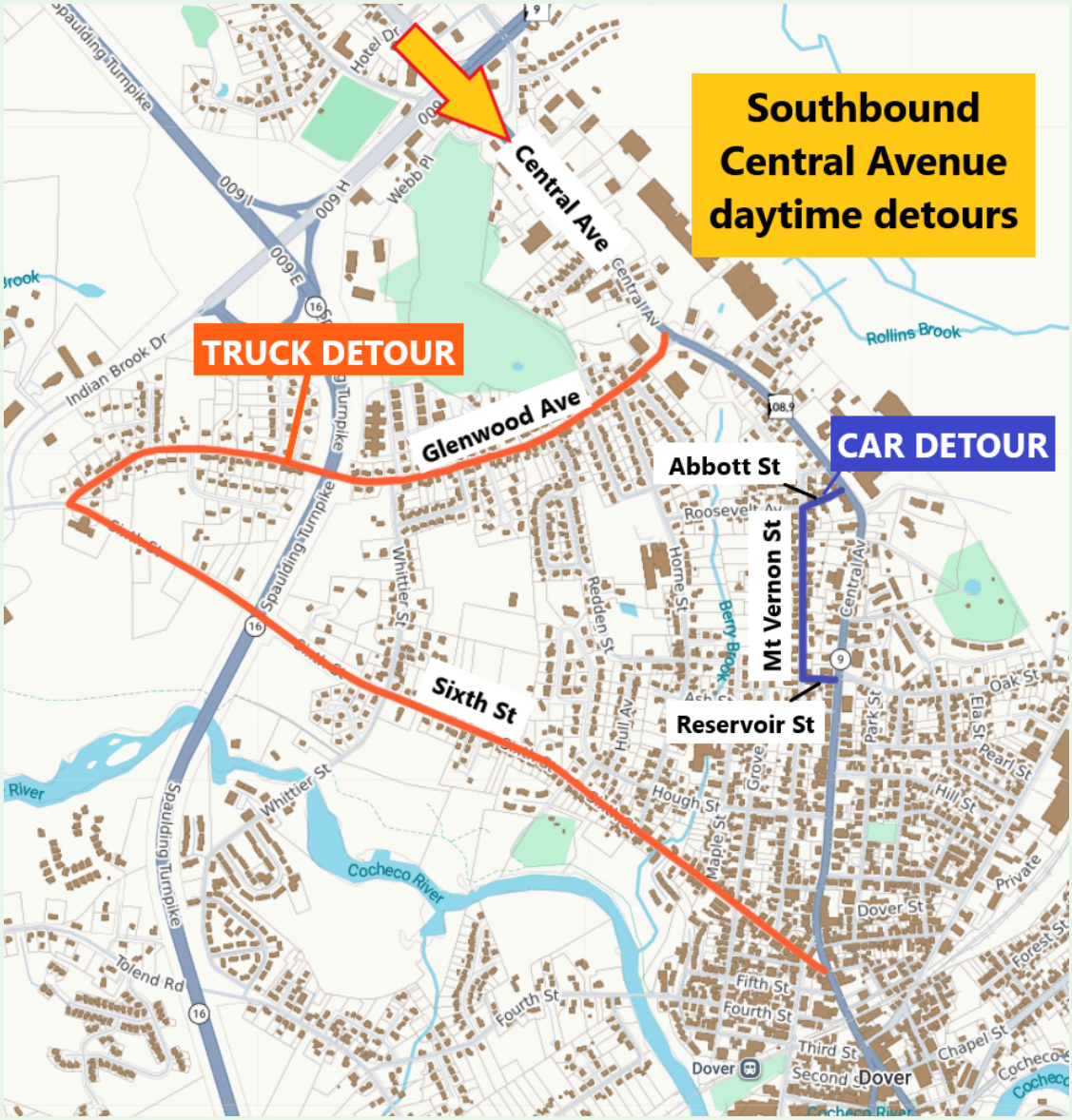
Southbound vehicle traffic will be detoured during construction hours around the Central Avenue water main work as it progresses from Oak Street to Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive. Commercial truck traffic will be detoured via Glenwood Avenue and Sixth Street. Passenger vehicle traffic will be detoured via Abbott Street, Mount Vernon Street, and Reservoir Street.

The detour is needed to ensure the timely passage of emergency vehicles in the congested area of Central Avenue and Oak Street. It is in effect when work is ongoing, typically Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The detour will remain in effect until water main work moves onto Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive, which the contractor expects to occur by Thanksgiving.

The work is part of the Central Avenue Urban Core Water Improvements to replace a critical water transmission line on Central Avenue from Broadway to Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive, and on Abbey Sawyer Memorial Drive to the water tank. The contractor for the project is S.U.R. Construction, Inc., of Rochester.

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



Rollins Road, Highland Avenue water main work continues

The City of Dover is replacing an aging and undersized water main on Rollins Road and Highland Avenue. The City of Dover's water system supplies water for a section of Rollinsford through a franchise agreement.

The new water main will be installed on Rollins Road from the Oak Street intersection to Highland Avenue, and on Highland Avenue. New public water service lines will also be replaced. The City of Dover has contracted with MacKinnon and Sons to perform the work for $425,000.

Rollins Road will be reduced to one lane of alternating traffic during work hours, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., when workers are present. Flaggers will also be at the Oak Street intersection when work occurs there early in the project. Motorists should anticipate delays through the area.

The project is estimated to take about 35 work days, conditions permitting. Trenches will be paved for the winter with final pavement slated for 2027.

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

Daily lane closures on Spaulding Turnpike southbound continue through Nov. 16

Daily lane closures are in effect on the southbound Spaulding Turnpike in Dover as work continues to demolish the General Sullivan Bridge.

Weather permitting, lane closures will be in effect from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. between mile markers 4.2 and 3.6. The closures are expected to continue through approximately Monday, Nov. 16. The lane closures will allow crews to remove the center span of the General Sullivan Bridge.

The work is part of the ongoing demolition of the General Sullivan Bridge between Dover and Newington. Reed & Reed Inc. of Woolwich, Maine, is the general contractor for the $28.4 million project, which is scheduled for completion in summer 2027.

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

We want to hear from you. In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the results for the previous week. Participating is easy. Click on the link below to cast your vote.

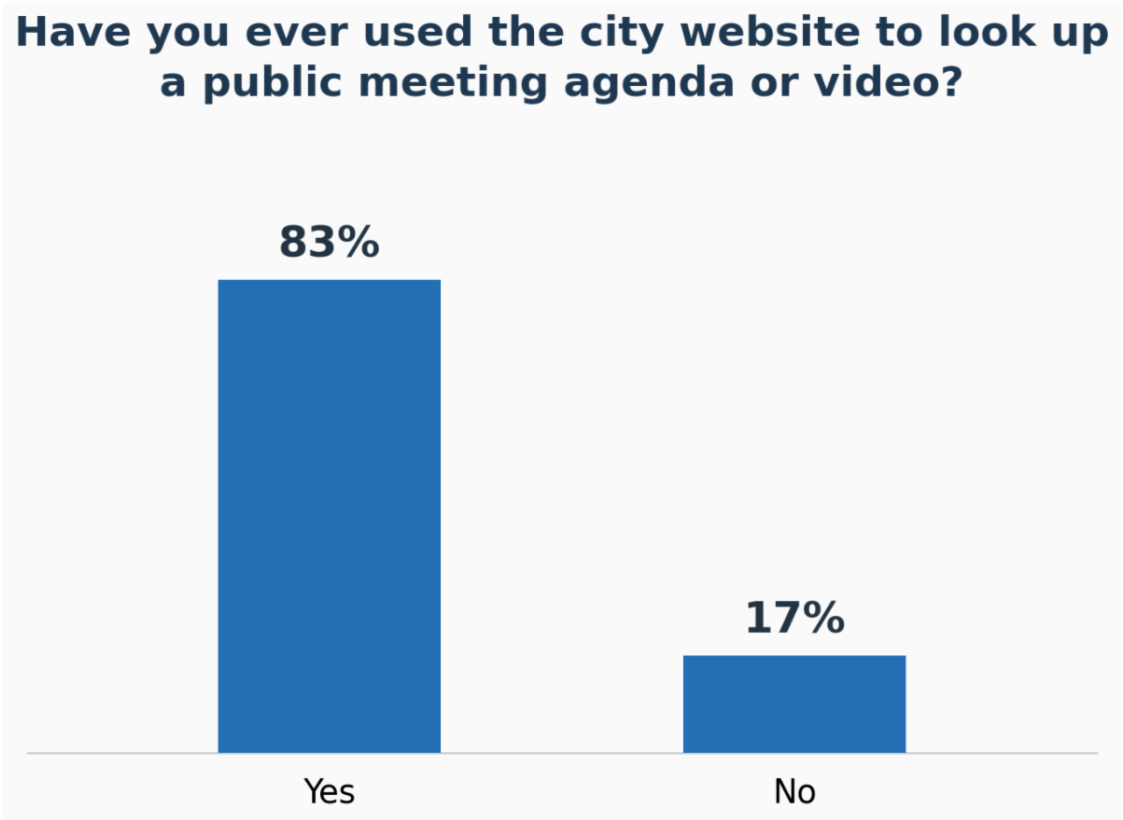
This week's question:

"How would you rate Dover’s overall appearance and curb appeal?"

Let us know.

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:





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.

Oct. 25, 1665 — Dover's selectmen called for residents to bring their grievances to town meeting in an effort to settle disputes, particularly those involving neighbors at Oyster River, now Durham. Anyone with a complaint was asked to meet with others involved, identify the disagreement and prepare to present it at the next public town meeting, scheduled for the third Monday in March at the meetinghouse on Dover Neck. The goal was "the settling of peace amongst us." If residents could not reach an agreement at town meeting, others would be chosen to hear the dispute and decide the matter. Constables were directed to notify residents in their respective communities.

Oct. 28, 1689 — With King William's War underway, Dover voters gathered at the meetinghouse on Dover Neck and chose Lt. John Tuttle to take part in provincial efforts to coordinate the war's management. Tuttle was assigned to open the votes at Portsmouth for the selection of a commissioner who would work with commissioners from the United Colonies. He would also join other provincial representatives in preparing instructions for that commissioner. The vote came just four months after the devastating June attack on Cochecho.

Oct. 26, 1786 — Dover voters considered a proposal to issue paper money, part of a statewide debate over currency following the American Revolution. Meeting at the request of the New Hampshire General Court, the state legislature, 17 voters supported the plan as presented, while two opposed issuing any paper currency. One voter offered a different approach: Issue 100,000 pounds in paper money to redeem public securities at their full face value and allow the currency to be used for all payments. The proposal specified repayment at 20 shillings per pound, the equivalent of paying the entire amount owed.

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. 25, 1956 — Siegel's Department Store on Central Avenue burned to the ground despite the efforts of almost 70 firefighters from seven surrounding communities. One firefighter was overcome by smoke, four others narrowly averted disaster when they leaped from the roof of the burning building seconds before it burst into flames and collapsed. Traffic on Central Avenue was jammed up for two miles and all telephone communications between Rochester, Somersworth and North Berwick were destroyed by the fire. The blaze was so hot that 400 feet of hose filled with water burned as firefighters watched. Huge crowds were driven back as roaring flames leaped from the building and windows shattered. Paint cans and ammunition exploded at the rear of the building. Firefighters worked for nine hours to bring the fire under control. A video about the fire can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMo8nJ941OM



Pumpkin Stroll to light up downtown Saturday

Community-carved jack-o'-lanterns will illuminate the Riverwalk during a free, family-friendly Halloween event

Communitively, through its Discover Dover NH initiative, will host the inaugural Dover Pumpkin Stroll on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens and Waldron Court in downtown Dover. Profile Bank is the presenting sponsor of the free, family-friendly event.

The Dover Pumpkin Stroll will feature a self-guided evening walk among community-carved jack-o'-lanterns displayed along the garden paths beside the Cochecho River. Visitors can enter through the metal arch near 400 Central Ave. and follow paths illuminated by decorative lighting, seasonal displays and hand-carved pumpkins. The event will also feature a designated family-friendly photo opportunity and Halloween-themed music.

Downtown businesses will display pumpkins and invite the community to vote for their favorites. Visitors can pick up a Pumpkin Stroll map highlighting participating businesses. Pumpkins from businesses outside the immediate downtown area will be displayed in Waldron Court. The winner of the People's Choice Business Pumpkin Award will be announced at 8 p.m., at the conclusion of the event.

Residents, families, schools, community groups and local organizations are invited to contribute carved pumpkins to help transform the gardens into a glowing community display. Pumpkins may be dropped off from noon to 3 p.m. on the day of the event at the Orchard Street parking lot.

Organized groups are encouraged to register in advance and provide an estimated number of pumpkins to help organizers plan display space and event logistics. Families and individuals may participate without advance registration. Participants who wish to retrieve their pumpkins may do so between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Any pumpkins remaining after 8:30 p.m. will be disposed of by event organizers.

The Pumpkin Stroll is being coordinated with several downtown partners to offer an afternoon and evening of family activities. Dover Main Street will hold its Zombie Walk from 3 to 5 p.m. The Woodman Museum will relocate its annual Trunk or Treat event to the Orchard Street parking lot from 5 to 7 p.m. The Children's Museum will offer pumpkin-themed activities on its Play Patio, including a pumpkin toss, self-serve face painting and temporary tattoos, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Organizers hope the Pumpkin Stroll will become an annual Dover tradition celebrating creativity, community participation and opportunities for families to gather downtown.

The rain date is Saturday, Oct. 31. Event updates, pumpkin participation information and additional details will be shared through Discover Dover NH.



Pine Hill tree walk on Saturday

Join the City of Dover's Conservation Planner Makayla Edgecomb and Conservation Commission member and Master Arborist Russ Warnock at Pine Hill Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 9 a.m. to learn about and admire the old trees in Pine Hill Cemetery during the fall foliage.

The topics will include which species are thriving in Dover and which are struggling with urban conditions and climate change on this one-hour walk.

Meet at Pine Hill Cemetery's Ricker Chapel, easily accessed from Central Avenue.

Questions? Email Makayla Edgecomb or call Planning Department at m.edgecomb@dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6008



City urges water conservation amid ongoing drought conditions

The City of Dover urges residents and businesses to voluntary reduce water consumption due to the ongoing regional drought conditions. These voluntary measures will remain in place until drought conditions improve.

While many communities across the region implemented mandatory water restrictions, the city anticipates voluntary water use reductions will be sufficient, said Community Services Director John Storer, who oversees the city's water system.

Current aquifer levels were discussed at the City Council's workshop on the city's water utility system on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026. The Dover Utilities Commission discussed groundwater levels and drought conditions at its on Sept. 21 and Oct. 19.

The region has experienced drought conditions since July 8, 2025, when the U.S. Drought Monitor classified the region to be abnormally dry. Conditions worsened to moderate drought levels on Aug. 12, 2025, followed by severe drought conditions starting on Sept. 16, 2026. Severe drought conditions persisted through June 30, 2026, when conditions were upgraded to moderate drought conditions, where it has remained.

Ways to conserve water

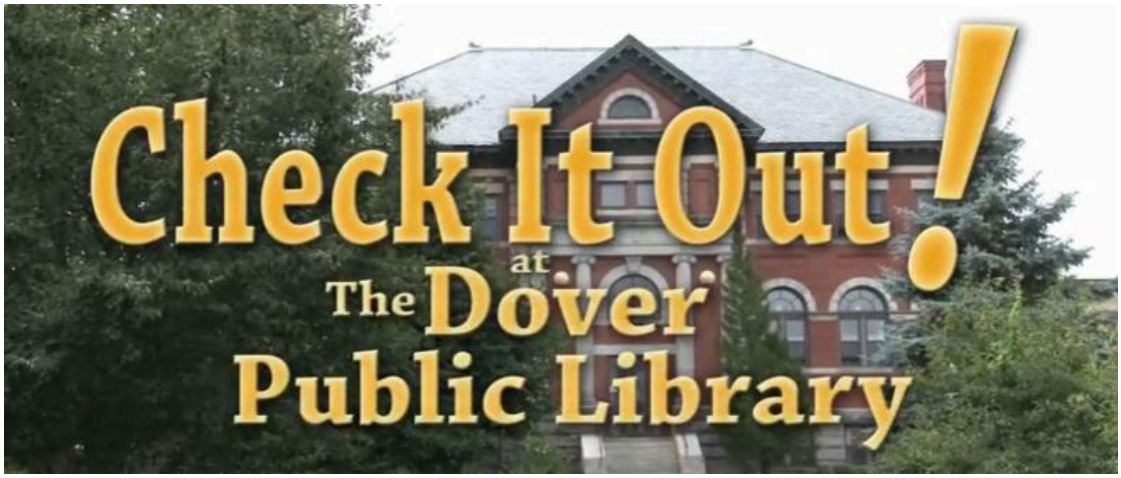
The public can conserve water in many ways:

- Limit outdoor watering. According to the EPA, irrigation accounts for 30% of residential water use nationally — about 9 billion gallons per day. Avoid irrigating during the day, especially the hottest parts of the day when evaporation is highest.
- Utilize commercial car washes. They are more efficient with water and don’t dump dirty water into the storm drains.
- Fixing leaky plumbing conserves water and saves money. Leaking faucets and toilets can waste thousands of gallons a year, leading to increased water bills.
- Be mindful of indoor water use. Take shorter showers, turn off the water when brushing teeth, and run dishwashers and washing machines only when full.

Find additional resources at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense online resource.

Track water use, get leak alerts with ‘Eye On Water’

The city's public water customers can monitor their water usage with the Eye On Water online portal and mobile app. The system helps track daily, monthly, and yearly consumption; users can also sign up to receive alerts for potential leaks. Customers will need their account number from their water bill. For assistance, contact the Water and Sewer Billing Office at 603-516-6028.



This Week at the Library

Monday, Oct. 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Drop-In Open Art Lab
Program Room (Mullen)
Children are invited to bring their imagination and creativity to the Drop-In Open Art Lab. A variety of supplies will be available to create an original work of art.

Monday, Oct. 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
The Witch's Primer
Community Room
Join author and educator Steve Bargdill for a journey into witchcraft, Puritan New England, literature, and folklore. Moving between historical accounts and literature, we'll look beyond Salem's familiar place in American memory to the beliefs, folklore, and social world that made the witch possible. What do New England's witches reveal about power, suspicion, desire, and the stories we still tell about ourselves?

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 10 to 11a.m.
Baby Storytime
Program Room (Mullen)
Babies ages newborn to crawling are invited to a tummy time playgroup. Babies can strengthen those neck muscles while enjoying sensory activities and making new friends!

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Inked In: Graphic Novel Book Group
Program Room (Mullen)
Kids in Grades 3-6 are invited to discuss a different popular graphic novel each month. We'll discuss the book, draw some art of our own, and enjoy some snacks. The graphic novel reading for the month of October will be *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier. *Registration required.*

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 11 am to 12 pm
All Abilities Music Club
Community Room
Join us for a lively sing-along to your favorite tunes.

Wednesday, Oct. 28,
5 to 6:30 p.m. and 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 *Cackle* by Rachel Harrison. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!
Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Art Forgery Group
Community Room
Want to paint like the masters? Give it a try. Join us each month as we attempt to recreate a famous work of art. We'll begin with a brief history of the featured piece, followed by an overview of the techniques and medium used in the original. Supplies such as pastels, watercolors, colored pencils, and markers will be provided, and you're welcome to bring your own. This is not a class. We will have a reference photo on the overhead projector. This program is intended for teens and adults. This month's painting is *The Nightmare* by Henry Fuseli.
Registration required.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Pumpkin Decorating
Community Room
Join us for an evening of pumpkin decorating! Bring your own pumpkin, and we will provide the crafting supplies needed to create your pumpkin's design! The Library will have a limited number of pumpkins, but they will be offered on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. After you've created your pumpkin masterpiece, you can then enter it into the Library's Pumpkin Decorating Contest for the chance to win a $25 Target gift card! This is an all ages event, and no registration is required.

Friday, Oct. 30 to Saturday, October 31
Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Garland Room
Decorate a small to medium-sized pumpkin or a miniature gourd in any style you choose, as long as it's clean and non-messy. A $25 Target gift card will be awarded to the best pumpkin in each of three age groups: ages 1–12, 13–18, and adults. Participants must complete a registration form and drop off their pumpkins between Wednesday, Oct. 28, at noon and Thursday, Oct. 29, by 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Family Dance with The Suite Studio
Community Room
Families are invited to come dance with Jenna from The Suite Studio! You are welcome to wear/hold your babies while you modify the dance moves, or they can nap/watch from their bucket seat while you dance. For kids who are able to walk,

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Improve Sleep Quality with providers from Aya Naturopathic Medicine
Garland Room
In this engaging and practical presentation, Dr. Sarah Jeffrey and Dr. Luciana Silva will discuss the science of sleep, common causes of insomnia, evidence-based lifestyle strategies to improve sleep, and how to make informed decisions about popular sleep supplements.

and for those kids who are older and have sick dance moves themselves, they can dance beside you! However your body moves is the RIGHT way! Come for some fun and some good laughs.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2 to 3 p.m.
Lego Club
Community Room
Come follow the "Challenge-of-the-day" or build from your imagination. 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.



Sunday hours at the Recycling Center begin Nov. 1

The City of Dover Recycling Center will be open additional hours on Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from Sunday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Dec. 6.

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, call 603-516-6450.

Fall leaf collection begins Nov. 2

The City of Dover 2026 fall leaf collection will begin Monday, Nov. 2 and continue for six weeks, Monday through Friday, through Dec. 11.

Bagged leaves will be picked up by Waste Management on the same scheduled day as curbside trash and recycling. Please note that pickup is delayed by one day on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper bags can be purchased at local hardware or home improvement stores.

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.



Rotary Club of Dover Holds Membership Info Meeting on Oct. 28

Community members interested in making a difference locally and worldwide are invited to attend a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at 121 Broadway in Rotary's first floor conference room.

Rotarians will provide information on the Rotary Club of Dover, NH's service above self projects and community activities helping to improve the lives of families in need, support student achievements and improve Dover's parks and recreation centers.

Rotary also offers opportunities to make new friends, network locally and discover a world of people engaged in amazing, life changing endeavors.

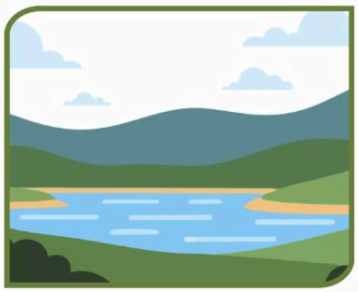
The event is free of charge, catered by Fat Dog Kitchen. For more information, please contact Steve Pappajohn, Membership Chair at s.pappajohn@dover.nh.gov.

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Thurs, Nov 5, 2026, 4-7pm — Dover High School

Wed, March 31, 2027, 4-7pm — Barrington Public Library

Thurs, April 1, 2027, 4-7pm — Dover High School

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Register: https://tinyurl.com/NAMINH-Connect or scan below:

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Report crimes anonymously to Dover CrimeLine

Dover CrimeLine is a community partnership between residents and the Dover Police Department that allows people to anonymously share information about criminal activity.

Anyone with information about a crime can call Dover CrimeLine at 603-749-6000 or submit an E-Tip through www.dovernhcrimeline.org. Tipsters remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $1,000 if their information leads to an arrest or indictment.

Dover CrimeLine was established in 1991 to enhance public safety and reduce crime in the city. Since then, thousands of tips have contributed to arrests and investigations, with more than $34,000 in rewards authorized.

Tipsters are reminded that Dover CrimeLine is not an emergency service. If a crime is in progress or has just occurred, call 911 or the Dover Police Department's nonemergency line at 603-742-4646.

For more information or to learn how to volunteer with the CrimeLine board, visit www.dovernhcrimeline.org.

NH Insurance Department hosts webinar on health insurance open enrollment

The New Hampshire Insurance Department invites the public to attend its free webinar, "2027 Health Insurance Annual Open Enrollment," on Monday, Oct. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

This webinar will provide New Hampshire residents with information about the 2027 health insurance annual open enrollment period, which runs from Nov. 1, 2026 through Jan. 15, 2027.

Insurance Department representatives will discuss health insurance plans available through New Hampshire's federally facilitated Health Insurance Marketplace. They will also discuss the importance of understanding health insurance coverage, and resources to help consumers make informed decisions when selecting a health insurance plan.

Register for this free webinar.

For more information, contact the NH Insurance Department at 603-271-2261.

Blood donations saves lives

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation.

American Red Cross

Thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations every day. The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units; a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood. The need for blood is constant.

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

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, 789 Central Ave.
- Tuesday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dover Moose Hall, 45 Chestnut St.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 25 Chestnut St.
- Monday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bill Dube Ford/Toyota, 40 Dover Point Road
- Wednesday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Brueckner Group USA, 50 Lighthouse Dr.
- Thursday, Nov. 19, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Dover Baptist Church, 151 Washington St.

- Tuesday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dover Moose Hall, 45 Chestnut St.
- Friday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., McConnell Center, 61 Locust St.

Stay connected with DoverTV

DoverTV has a new online home for live streaming and on-demand video, making it easier to watch municipal meetings, school programming and other local content from anywhere.

Visit bit.ly/doverTV to watch DoverTV channels live and browse available programs, meetings, series and playlists on demand. A link to DoverTV live streaming and on-demand video is also available from the homepage of the City of Dover website at www.dover.nh.gov.

DoverTV also continues to air on local cable:

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

Looking for an older meeting or program? Previously archived DoverTV content remains available at dovernh.viebit.com. That archive will transition to the new DoverTV on-demand service in the coming months.

Whether you watch live, catch up on a recent meeting or search the archives, DoverTV keeps you informed and connected to your community.

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:

- **Media Services Technician, Part-Time**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Truck Driver-Laborer**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator 1-Utilities**
- **Arena Attendant, SPT**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Custodian - McConnell Center, Part-Time**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Laborer - Facilities, Grounds & Cemeteries**
- **Human Resources Office Assistant, Part-Time**
- **Deputy Finance Director**
- **Librarian I - Cataloger, Part-Time**

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 School Classroom Teacher**
- **Substitute Nurses**
- **Dover Middle School Boys Lacrosse Coach**
- **Middle School JV Boys Basketball Coach**
- **Middle School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach**
- **ESOL Newcomer Interventionist - One Year Only**
- **Noon Supervisors**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Physical Education/Wellness Teacher - Long Term Substitute**
- **Gymnastics Coach**
- **Substitute Teachers**

For more information about these positions, click here.

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