

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 24, 2025



#### CITY OF DOVER, NH

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

#### City Hall hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:



# Planning Board to hold public hearing, review of proposed Capital Improvement Program

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing and begin its review of the proposed <u>Capital Improvement Program</u> (CIP) for fiscal years 2027 through 2032, on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m.

The Planning Board reviews the CIP to ensure the proposed projects are based on the priorities established by the city's Master Plan, and then provides its recommendation to the City Council. The CIP <u>was presented</u> to the Planning Board and City Council during an Oct. 15 joint session.

Planning Director Donna Benton discusses the CIP in <u>this</u> <u>week's episode</u> of the Dover Download Podcast.

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

The City Council will hold public hearings on the CIP at its Wednesday, Nov. 12 meeting. Its process includes three resolutions: adopting the six-year planning document, authorizing funding for FY2027 non-debt financed projects, and authorizing FY2027 debt-financed projects. The City Council anticipates adopting the CIP resolutions at its Wednesday, Dec. 10 meeting. The CIP's first-year projects will be incorporated into the FY2027 budget that the City Manager will present to the City Council in February.

The CIP prioritizes all capital spending of \$25,000 or more for items with a useful life of three years or longer. This includes ongoing projects like street and sidewalk improvements, maintenance and upgrades to water and wastewater systems, procurement of police cruisers, and facility maintenance. CIP is financed according to the City Council's financing policy, including through bonding, the annual operating budget, capital reserve funds, and grant funds. Once adopted, the first year of the adopted CIP is built into the proposed citywide operating budget, which is presented to the City Council in February.

The <u>Planning Board meeting</u> will be held in City Hall's Council Chambers and will be televised on DoverTV <u>and online</u>, where it will be available on demand.



# Dover Chamber's candidate forums coming up next week

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host two candidate forums for the City Council races in the Nov. 4, 2025 Municipal Election.

The candidate forums will occur on Monday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. The public is invited to attend. The forum will be broadcast live on DoverTV, Dover's government access television channel, and <a href="streamedlive">streamedlive</a> via the City's website. The forums will subsequently be available for on-demand viewing online.

The Monday, Oct. 27, forum will feature candidates for Mayor and the at-large seats on the City Council. The Wednesday, Oct. 29, forum will feature the individual ward races.

No forum is scheduled for School Board candidates. Candidates for Dover School Board

in all six wards and at-large are running unopposed this year.

For more information, contact the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218.

For a complete guide to the municipal election, visit the city's online resource at <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/">www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/</a>

# Supervisors of the Checklist in session on Monday, Oct. 27

#### Session is last chance to register to vote in person before Nov. 4 municipal election

The Supervisors of the Checklist <u>will meet</u> on Monday, Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room 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 residents may register to vote in person at City Hall. Afterward, any voter registration will occur at the voters' polling place during the <a href="Nov. 4 Municipal Election">Nov. 4 Municipal Election</a>, where polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

### Absentee ballots available for Municipal Election

Absentee ballots are now available for the Nov. 4, 2025 Municipal Election. Voters may apply for absentee ballots from the City Clerk's Office through Monday, Nov. 3, 2025, in the following ways: in-person at the City Clerk's Office, by mail, email, or fax.

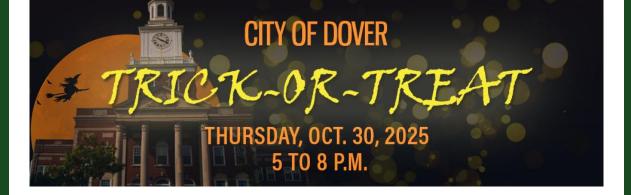
Applications for an absentee ballot are <u>available online</u> and at the City Clerk's Office. <u>State law</u> allows absentee voting for voters who can't attend the polls on Election Day due to religious observance, physical disability, or employment, among other reasons.

A new state law, <u>RSA:17-c Verification of Absentee Ballot Applicant</u>, became effective on Sept. 30, 2025. This law requires voters requesting an absentee ballot to verify their identity by one of the following methods:

- Include a copy of their qualifying photo identification with their absentee ballot application;
- Personally present a qualifying photo identification to the City Clerk; or,
- Include a notarized signature on the absentee ballot application.

Qualifying photo identifications must meet the requirements of state law RSA 659:13, II(a).

The City Clerk's Office is in Dover City Hall's Customer Service Center on the ground floor. It is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 603-516-6018 or visit <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/">https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2025-municipal-election/</a>.



#### Trick-or-Treat is Thursday, Oct. 30

Trick-or-Treat in Dover is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, 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 for Sunday's 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 2025 Dover Race Series.

The race begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, at Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive.



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

- Exit 7 southbound on-ramp to Route 16/Spaulding Turnpike, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. (The off-ramp will remain open.)
- 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 8:30 to 9:15
   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 <u>Dover Race Series</u> and the <u>event webpage</u>.

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

#### Fall leaf collection begins Monday

The City of Dover 2025 fall leaf collection will begin Monday, Oct. 27 and continue for six weeks, Monday through Friday, through Dec. 5.

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. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28, 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.



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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Oct. 25, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at Strafford Superior Court, 259 County Farm Road. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

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

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

For more information, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/4nk2ozm">https://bit.ly/4nk2ozm</a>

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Board of Supervisors of the Checklist, Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the





First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click</u> here.

#### Dover Housing Authority, Oct. 28, 12 p.m.

The Dover Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, beginning at 12 p.m. at 62 Whittier St., Dover.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

#### Planning Board, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click</u> here.

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

### Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

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

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

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Conservation Commission
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee

### On the Agenda: Planning Board, 10/28/2025

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. 28, 2025. The video can be viewed by clicking the image above or at <a href="https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?">https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?</a>

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The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council

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

Want to keep up on other projects and planning and community development initiatives in the City of Dover? Subscribe to the Planning Department's newsletter, the Dover Planning Review. To sign up, visit <a href="mailto:bit.ly/doverdownload">bit.ly/doverdownload</a> 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:

 HVAC System Installation and Structural Upgrades at Griffin Well Building

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's <u>bid page</u>. Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

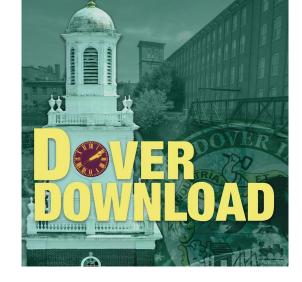
For more information, contact the Finance and Purchasing Office at 603-516-6030.

- Sold Waste Advisory Committee
- Waterfront TIF

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/">www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/</a>

To apply, complete an application, available here and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier at j.bizier@dover.nh.gov. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

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



#### Planning Dover's Progress: The CIP Process Explained

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Planning Director Donna Benton about Dover's Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Benton explains that the CIP is a long-range planning document for purchasing or constructing capital assets. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <a href="https://bit.ly/4nZC8LH">https://bit.ly/4nZC8LH</a>.



### Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

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

Simply visit <u>dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

#### **Dover Download 'Question of the Week'**

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

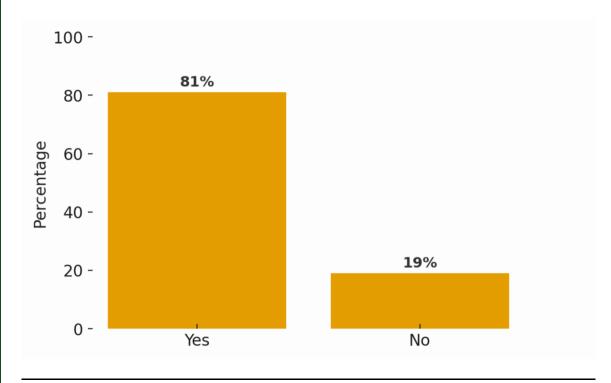
This week's question:

#### "What is your favorite piece of public art in Dover?"

Let us know here: <a href="https://polco.us/fwrv8x">https://polco.us/fwrv8x</a>

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

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "Have you ever visited the McConnell Center for a city service?"





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 <u>located here</u>.

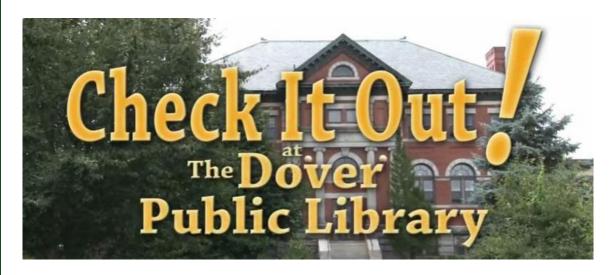
Oct. 27, 1647 — Dover's town leaders—Ambrose Gibbons, William Pomfrett, Anthony Emery, Richard Waldron, and Thomas Layton—were instructed to negotiate with Elder Hatevil Nutter and his associates about establishing a sawmill. The agreement that followed authorized Nutter and Elder Starbuck, collectively known as the "Company of Elders," to build a sawmill at either the upper or lower falls of the Cochecho River, wherever conditions were most favorable. They were granted access to the necessary

timber and land for construction and permitted to cut oak or pine trees for sawing. In return, they were required to pay the town six pence for each tree used, payable in either boards or planks.

Oct. 26, 1786 — At a town meeting held to gauge public opinion on a proposal from the New Hampshire General Court to issue paper money, Dover residents cast their votes. Seventeen favored accepting the state's plan as presented, two opposed the creation of any paper currency, and one voter supported a separate proposal to issue £100,000 to redeem public securities at their full face value of 20 shillings per pound, with the new currency to be accepted for all payments. The debate over paper money was part of a broader economic crisis that swept through New England following the American Revolution. Many citizens were burdened by debt, high taxes, and a shortage of hard currency, which was primarily coins. Issuing paper money was seen by some as a way to ease these hardships, though others feared it would cause inflation and undermine financial stability. In 1786, tensions over these economic issues reached a peak in neighboring Massachusetts with Shays' Rebellion, reflecting the unrest felt throughout the region, including in towns like Dover, as communities wrestled with how to rebuild their economies and trust in government after the Revolution.

Oct. 31, 1846 — On this night, tragedy struck Dover twice. A fire consumed the home and barn of Moses Whittier on Academy Street (which later became the former Waldron Street), destroying a yoke of oxen, a cow, and a large supply of hay. That same night, another of Whittier's barns, located a mile away at Whittier's Falls, was also set ablaze. Both fires were determined to be the result of arson. In response, the town's selectmen authorized a reward of \$500 for information leading to the identification and arrest of those responsible.

Oct. 25, 1999 — The Dover City Council convened a special workshop to discuss a proposal to add a second sheet of ice at the Dover Ice Arena. According to a study by VSC Sports Consultants in March of that year, there was strong demand on the Seacoast region for additional ice time. The report projected the expansion would pay for itself. The estimated cost was \$3.6 million, with the city proposing to bond \$3 million and secure the remaining \$600,000 via donations (of which \$330,000 had already been pledged). At the time, the Council had tabled a similar request in the Capital Improvements Program because they felt more information was needed, but this 1999 workshop marked a renewed push to include the second rink in the coming CIP. The arena underwent a major expansion beginning in 2001, including the addition of a second sheet of ice.



## Dover Public Library to receive \$10,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York

The Dover Public Library will receive a \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the foundation established by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The award is part of Carnegie Libraries 250, a special initiative celebrating the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and honoring the approximately 1,280

Carnegie libraries still serving their communities across the United States.

Scottish immigrant Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of 1,682 free public libraries nationwide between 1886 and 1917. About 750 of those libraries continue to use their original buildings, while others have relocated. Opened in 1905, the Dover Public Library is one of 11 Carnegie libraries in New Hampshire built through this historic program.

"We are honored by the gift from the Carnegie Corporation and so thankful for the role it has played in communities for more than a century," said Dover Public Library Director Denise LaFrance.

The Dover Public Library will receive the gift in January 2026. The funds may be used in any way that supports the 250th anniversary celebration and advances the library's mission to benefit the Dover community.

"Our founder, Andrew Carnegie, who championed the free public library movement of the late 19th century, described libraries as 'cradles of democracy' that 'strengthen the democratic idea, the equality of the citizen, and the royalty of man," said Dame Louise Richardson, president of Carnegie Corporation and former head of the University of Oxford. "We still believe this and are delighted to celebrate our connection to the libraries he founded."

Library cardholders are invited to share their photos, stories, and community celebrations at <u>carnegielibraries.org</u>.

For more information, visit <u>library.dover.nh.gov</u> or call 603-516-6050. The library is temporarily located at the McConnell Center during renovations. The Children's Room is in Room 305, while adult and teen services are in the cafeteria. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

#### This Week at the Library

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4 to 5 p.m.
Inked In: Graphic Novel Book Group
McConnell Center, Room 306
Kids in Grades 3-5 are invited to discuss
a different popular graphic novel each
month. We'll discuss the book, draw
some art of our own, enjoy some snacks,
and decide what to read next month. For
the month of October we'll be reading
Molly and the Bear by Bob and Vicki
Scott. Copies of the book will be available
at the Children's Circulation Desk.
Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m.. Get Lit! Book Club Roost

50 Pointe Place, Dover

Join the Library's adult book group to discuss *The Mercies* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at the main circulation desk of the library. All are welcome!

\*Registration required.\*

\*Please note: There are now two time slots for Get Lit: 5 and 6:30 pm, and

Thursday, Oct. 30, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Journal and Scrapbook Party featuring

Taylor Swift

McConnell Center, Room 306

Journal and Scrapbooking party featuring
Taylor Swift to celebrate the newest
album The Life of a Showgirl! This event
is being held in partnership with Livie

Jean Art. Bring your own journal or create
a brand new one at this fun event for
adults and teens entering grade six and
up. Materials will be provided while
supplies last. No experience is needed
and you can create your own theme or
express your love for TS in your pages.
Registration is available, but drop-in
attendees are also welcome.

Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Squishy Circuits
McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to learn about circuits and conductive properties in this fun, hands-on, and creative activity.

Registration required.

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Diary of a Wimpy Kid Event

kindly ask that folks register in advance for their preferred time slot as spots will be capped at 15 participants per session.

This ensures that we can provide attendee numbers for our restaurants. If you can no longer attend, please cancel your registration before your selected meeting time. Thank you for your patience as we try this new system!

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6 to 7:30 p.m.. Cybersecurity awareness for NH residents

McConnell Center, Room 306

This training session is tailored for the public to educate individuals about cybercrimes and frauds targeting New Hampshire. Participants will gain knowledge on recognizing, avoiding, and responding to cyber threats, ensuring a safer and more confident digital experience. Registration required.

#### McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids ages 6 - 12 are invited to come celebrate the release of Party Pooper, the 20th book in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series! It's Greg's birthday and you're invited to the chaos! Join us for Greg Heffley inspired fun, crafts, and activities. Registration required.



#### Mayor recognizes spirit of Charlie Boyle



Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, left, presents Pat Boyle and Danny Boyle with a framed copy of a 2019 Foster's Daily Democrat article honoring the late Charlie Boyle. The presentation, held during the Oct. 22 City Council meeting, was attended by other members of the Boyle family and friends who joined in honoring Charlie's memory and legacy. The newspaper story, titled "Always a Song," celebrated Boyle's life, his passion for gardening, and the famed gatherings he hosted at his family's greenhouse on Boyle Street. Boyle, a lifelong Dover resident who died in 2019 at age 70, was remembered for his kindness, humor, and community spirit. "Charlie really exemplified true spirit, honor, love, compassion and friendship," Carrier said during the presentation. "With everything going on in this country right now, we need what Charlie gave us — connection." Carrier added that the tribute "means a lot" to him personally. "Charlie lives on in what he showed us and taught us," he said. "We need to exercise those values because that's

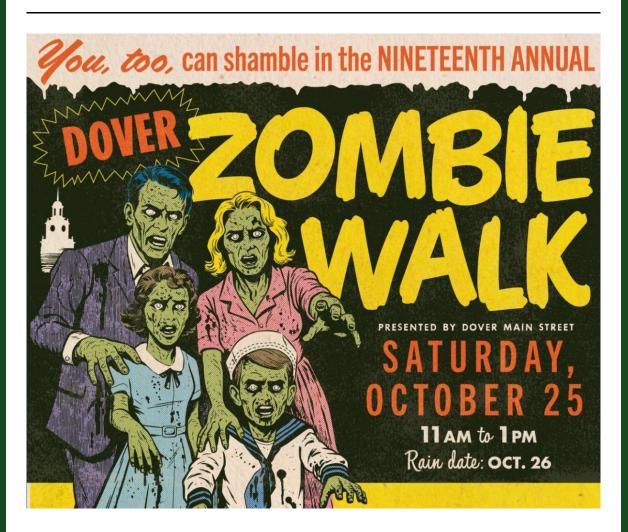
### Mayor Carrier issues two proclamations at Oct. 22 City Council Meeting

Mayor Robert Carrier issued two proclamations during the Oct. 22 City Council meeting recognizing National American Indian Heritage Month and National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

The first proclamation honors the rich history, culture, and contributions of American Indians and Indigenous peoples, encouraging residents to participate in related community and educational events in November.

The second proclamation recognizes National Epilepsy Awareness Month, which promotes education, advocacy, and support for those affected by epilepsy through awareness campaigns such as #MyEpilepsyJourney and Purple Day.

To view the complete text of the proclamations, visit <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/city-council/proclamations-and-awards">www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/city-council/proclamations-and-awards</a>



### Dover Main Street hosts 19th annual Zombie Walk on Saturday

Get ready to shuffle, groan, and spook your way through Dover for the 19th annual Dover Main Street Zombie Walk tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 25. All are welcome to join the undead fun.

The walk starts at 11 a.m. at the Greater Dover Chamber offices at 550 Central Ave. From there, the zombies will take over Central Ave sidewalks as they creep, crawl, and lurch towards Henry Law Park.

Expect candy, ghoulish games, a spooktacular costume contest, and fang-tastic prizes. Whether you come as a zombie or your favorite Halloween character, there's fun for the whole family.

For those who just want to be a spook-tater rather than a zombie walker, head to Henry Law Park where you can watch the zombies ascend upon the park. Don't miss out — it's going to be a scream.

Find more information at Dover Main Street. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 26.



### Video features virtual tour of waterfront development progress

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee on Oct. 21 screened a new video about the current construction activity at the downtown waterfront redevelopment site. The <u>video features</u> the City of Dover's project manager, Jamie Stevens, guiding viewers through the work-in-progress.

In the video, Stevens highlights the public-improvements side of the effort, such as shoreline stabilization, underground utilities, and park elements, along with the private development underway by Boston-based developer Cathartes.

The waterfront redevelopment spans roughly 14.5 acres of developable land along the Cochecho River in downtown Dover, on a 29-acre parcel with approximately half a mile of river frontage. On the private side, Cathartes is constructing a mixed-use development featuring more than 400 residential units and tens of thousands of square feet of commercial/retail space. On the public side, the City is constructing a new park, shoreline treatment, a pavilion and kayak/boat access, and utilities and site infrastructure.

Construction broke ground in June 2023 after decades of planning, and substantial completion of the first phase of the project is projected for 2026.

### Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

# Save energy and earn rewards with your smart thermostat

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Did you know your Wi-Fi enabled smart thermostat can help you save energy and money? Many electric companies offer free or discounted programs that

connect your thermostat to their energy-saving systems. These programs can help reduce your cooling costs and may even offer incentives or bill credits for participating.

#### Getting started is easy:

- 1. Check eligibility on your electric company's website or app: Most programs support homes with central A/C and qualifying smart thermostats.
- 2. Enroll your thermostat by linking your account through your utility's website or thermostat app.
- 3. Enjoy automatic savings: Your utility may make brief adjustments during peak hours, but you'll always stay in control and can opt out anytime.

Look for "Smart Thermostat Program" or "Energy Rewards" on your electric company's site to see if you qualify.



### Children's Museum to offer weather-themed STEAM program for homeschoolers

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire will host a four-week Homeschool STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) program this November, focusing on the theme of weather.

The class runs Tuesdays from Nov. 4 through Dec. 2, with no session on Nov. 25, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The hourlong drop-off program is designed for students in grades K–2 and includes science experiments, stories and hands-on take-home projects related to the

theme.

Parents and guardians are welcome to remain in the building during class time. Families with siblings may play on the museum's second floor while the class is in session. The museum is closed to the public on Tuesday afternoons.

The cost is \$68 per child for members and \$75 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, visit <a href="mailto:childrens-museum.org/programs/classes">childrens-museum.org/programs/classes</a>

### Cross Insurance sponsors COAST's "Fare Free Saturday" on Oct. 25

Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST), is partnering with Cross Insurance on Saturday, Oct. 25 to offer a "Fare Free Saturday" on both its fixed and demand response services.

Since 1982, COAST has provided over 17.1 million rides to people in the Greater Seacoast region, linking them to work, school, doctor appointments, shopping, and social events. COAST connects people and communities in two primary ways: with fixed route buses that serve eight communities in the Greater Seacoast area; and by providing demand response and paratransit services to 11 communities in New Hampshire and Maine. The sponsored Fare Free Saturday will apply to both the fixed route and demand response services.

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

### Dover Senior Center Introduces beginner line dancing class

The Dover Senior Center is now offering a new fitness class for members: *Beginner Line Dancing with Agatha*. This entry-level class is designed for those with little to no prior dance experience and incorporates a variety of music styles.

The class will be held on Wednesday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the McConnell Center dance studio. Participants must have a current waiver on file. Comfortable attire is recommended. Fee: \$6 per class (cash or check payable to Dover Senior Center).

For additional information, please contact Linda Jarvis at 603-516-6420 or via email at Ljarvis@dover.nh.gov

### City reminds residents to conserve water as drought persists

The city is reminding residents to conserve water as drought conditions continue across the state. Voluntary restrictions remain in place, first issued by the Dover Utilities Commission on Sept. 15.

The U.S. Drought Monitor's update shows Strafford County, including Dover, remains in severe drought. More than half the state is now in extreme drought.

#### **Conservation tips**

Residents are encouraged to:

- Limit outdoor watering, especially during the hottest parts of the day.
- Use commercial car washes, which are more water-efficient than washing vehicles at home.
- Fix leaks, including faucets and toilets, which can waste thousands of gallons annually.
- Reduce indoor use by shortening showers, turning off faucets while brushing teeth and running dishwashers and washing machines only when full.

For more information on water conservation, contact Community Services at 603-516-6450. To see a video with conservation tips, click here.

### Community Development Block Grant applications due Nov. 21

The Department of Planning and Community Development is accepting applications for the fiscal year 2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, and must be emailed to Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter at <a href="mailto:d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov">d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</a>.

Application materials are <u>available online</u> and at the Dover Planning and Community Development Department located at City Hall, 288 Central Ave. Eligible public service agencies, individuals, and organizations can apply for funding for projects during the city's 2027 fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Eligible activities include property acquisition, public facility improvements, public services, and economic development, with the focus on benefiting low- and moderate-income people, addressing slums and blight, or meeting urgent community needs.

The CDBG program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, supports projects that revitalize neighborhoods, expands economic opportunities, and provides improved community facilities and services.

For more information or assistance, contact Dave Carpenter at <u>d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</u> or 603-516-6008, or visit the <u>Community</u> <u>Development webpage</u>.

#### 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:

- Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time
- Parking Enforcement Officer, Per Diem or Part-Time
- Police Officer
- Swim Instructor, Part-Time
- Lifeguard I, Part-Time
- Fire Fighter/AEMT
- Truck Driver Streets
- Laborer Public Works Streets & Stormwater
- Diesel Mechanic
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Utilities Laborer
- Truck Driver Utilities
- Public Safety Systems IT Technician
- Utilities Technician

- Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities
- Public Works Supervisor-Streets, Drainage, Snow
- Seasonal Snow Plow Driver, Part-Time
- Custodian McConnell Center, Part-Time
- Engineer
- General Legal Counsel

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, <u>click here</u>.

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#### **Dover School District employment opportunities**

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

- Administrative Assistant Short Term Assignment
- Childcare Coordinator Dover Adult Learning Center
- Clerical Aide
- District Special Education Administrative Assistant
- ESL Teacher Dover Adult Learning Center
- Interventionist
- Long Term Substitute Speech Language Pathologist
- Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education
- Long Term Substitute Social Studies
- Noon Aides/Recess Monitor
- Noon Supervisors
- Paraprofessionals- Special Education
- Principal's Administrative Assistant
- Ski Coach
- Substitute Nurses
- Substitute Teachers
- Third Grade Teacher

For more information about these positions, click here.

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