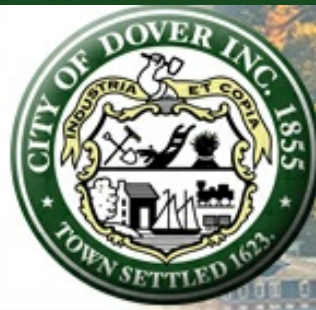


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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 27, 2023



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Friday:  
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## COWABUNGA!



## Dover to unveil Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles markers Nov. 8

Two commemorative markers honoring Dover as the birthplace of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles will be unveiled in the city on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

A historical marker will be unveiled at noon on Central Avenue, followed by the unveiling of a decorative manhole cover at 28 Union St., at 12:15 p.m., where TMNT creators Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird lived when they created the comic book in 1983.

The manhole cover ceremony will include remarks by Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, TMNT co-creator Kevin Eastman, and other guests. Eastman also designed the artwork for the marker.

The events mark the 40th anniversary of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles franchise and the 400th anniversary of Dover. Mirage Studios, formed by Eastman and Laird, was located at 28 Union St. in Dover, where the first TMNT comic book was created before the company moved to Northampton, Mass.

The commemorations are made possible by the Dover Arts Commission, the city's Planning Department, the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, Griffin Hansen of the Animation Education Association, and Dover resident James Lane, who organized a fundraising campaign to which more than 200 people donated \$13,000.

Jetpack Comics in Rochester is providing free Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles comics to attendees of the event while supplies last.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 603-516-6008.

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## Property assessments updated following citywide valuation

The City of Dover's Tax Assessment Office has completed its annual review of property valuations and mailed updated valuations to property owners whose valuations changed in the past tax year.

As stipulated by state law, property valuations reflect market conditions as the property existed on April 1, 2023, the first day of the 2023 property tax year in New Hampshire.

The city's overall assessed valuation for the 2023 tax year increased by \$749,953,110 to \$5,972,770,730, a 14.4% increase over the 2022 tax year, comprised of three categories: residential, commercial and industrial, and public utilities.

Overall residential assessed values increased 10.3% to \$4,282,040,420. Overall public utility valuations increased 7.5% to \$108,946,700, and overall commercial and industrial properties valuations increased by 27.7% to \$1,581,783,610. The commercial and industrial category includes apartment complexes, which increased by 14.7% to \$334,098,400. General commercial and industrial properties, excluding apartment complexes, increased by 34% to \$1,079,727,240.

The average single-family residential assessment increased by \$42,486 to \$513,892, a 9.01% increase. The average commercial assessment, including apartment complexes, increased by \$340,724 to \$1,620,680, a 26.6% increase. The valuations for all properties in the City of Dover are posted in the [Tax Year 2023 List of Assessed Values report](https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/assessment-reports/) available at <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/assessment-reports/>.

Residential valuations make up 71.7% of all valuations for tax year 2023. Last year, it was 74.3%. Commercial valuations make up 26.5% of all valuations for this year, compared to 23.7% last year. Public utility valuations are now 1.8% of overall valuations, compared to 1.9% last year.

The updated assessments will be reflected in the upcoming 2023 property tax bill. The

City of Dover's tax rate has not yet been set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration but is anticipated to occur around mid-November. Once the tax rate is certified, the first half of the property tax bill will be printed and mailed to property owners.

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. noted during Wednesday's City Council meeting that there was a significant appreciation of property values, both in the residential and commercial sectors; however, the valuation does not change the overall property taxes the city collects, only how the tax burden is distributed across property owners. "The tax dollars that the city collects is based on the budget," he said. "We are only allowed to collect the dollars that are needed to support the general fund portion of the budget that is not otherwise covered by non-tax revenues."

The update of individual property assessments comes after Tax Assessment Office staff completed their annual review of property assessments. The citywide revaluation includes a comprehensive review of market changes that affect property values and is integral to maintaining updated valuations. In addition to the citywide revaluation, assessment staff inspects and reviews about 20% of all properties annually on a rotating basis. The goal of setting assessed values in any year is to bring equity to the tax base by setting assessed values as close to market price as possible while maintaining consistency across various property classes, such as residential, commercial and public utilities.

Property owners may appeal their property tax assessment for the 2023 tax year by filing an [abatement application](#) with the Tax Assessment Office by March 1, 2024. Please note: filing an abatement application does not stay the collection of taxes, and taxes should be paid as assessed. If an abatement is granted, the city will issue a refund with interest.

For more information about the updated assessments, or if you are a property owner and did not receive the letter, contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014 or visit the office at City Hall. The office is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may also visit the Tax Assessment page, <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/>.



Helping cut the ribbon for Dover's new skatepark on Oct. 22 are, from left, Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan, Recreation Advisory Board Chair Rick Mikulis, Dover Skate Park Design Committee Chair James Boos, Mayor Robert Carrier, Skate Design Committee member Chris Trembley, former City Councilor John O'Connor, Jim Munro of Dover Rotary, Recreation Director Gary Bannon, and City Councilor At-Large Lindsey Williams.

# Dover cuts ribbon on long-awaited skatepark

The City of Dover held a ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 22, for its new skatepark at Guppey Park.

The \$600,000, 10,700-square-foot skatepark was designed by Pillar Design Studios and built by Artisan Concrete. It replaces the old skatepark on River Street.

Dover Mayor Robert Carrier, Recreation Director Gary Bannon, and other city officials attended and spoke during the ceremony, along with members of Dover Rotary, which donated \$30,000 for the project. Family members of two deceased local skateboarders — Derek Watts and Isaac Landry — also spoke. Memorials honoring them are at the new skatepark. James Boos, chair of the Dover Skate Park Design Committee and past chair of the Recreation Advisory Board, also spoke at the event.

“This is about seeing the joy and the experiences being had by so many people,” Bannon said. “It’s not about the concrete, it’s about the lives and the people that have come together.”

The skatepark has received an enthusiastic response from skateboarders, bicyclists and scooter riders from around the region. It is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Final landscaping, drainage and other finishing touches will be completed soon.

A skate jam event benefitting Dover Children's Home had been scheduled for the same day but was postponed to Nov. 4 due to weather. The skate jam is organized by Ryder Street Co.





## **New water storage tank construction moves closer to completion with the lifting of the tank**

In a span of less than an hour, a hydraulic lifter jacked a million-gallon capacity steel water storage tank onto its concrete pedestal last Friday. The empty steel tank weighed approximately 172,000 pounds when jacked into place.

As part of the Smith Well Road Water Improvements capital improvements project, the city is building the tank to provide water storage in addition to the primary Garrison Hill water tank to improve fire flow capacity, volume and redundancy. Once operating the new tank will allow the four-million-gallon Garrison tank to be taken offline and rehabilitated for another planned CIP project. A future phase of work will include adding a water booster station in the new tank that will provide additional water pressure to the city's north end distribution system.

The contractor, Caldwell Tanks, Inc. of Kentucky, began construction of the tank in late March, clearing the space and creating the foundation. Crews placed concrete rings to

complete a 68-foot high concrete pedestal. The crew then fabricated the bulk of the steel storage tank on-site at ground level. Once completed, Caldwell's specialized jacking began preparing the tank to be lifted into place. The crew began at 12 p.m. on Oct. 20, utilizing two alternating hydraulic jacks to lift the tank into the air and into position, followed by several hours of securing the tank into position.

Crews will continue work on the tank in its elevated state including welding on the roof and constructing other components to make the tank operational such as piping and electrical work. The system will be put into operation after filling, disinfection and testing.

The work at the tank, located off Webb Place, is connected to the ongoing work on Smith Well Road, where a new water line is being installed to connect the water main on Glenwood Avenue all the way to the new tank. Additional improvements are being completed on Smith Well Road including a new sewer line and roadway reconstruction. Both parts of the project are expected to be substantially complete in 2024.

The City Council awarded the contract to Caldwell Tanks in April 2022 to complete the work for \$5,611,700.

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



**In the photo above, crews raise the new water tank into place atop the Smith Well Road tower. In the photo below, crews work to secure the new tank after it was raised into place.**



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## Road closures and parking restrictions in place Sunday for Witches' Market

Dover Police Chief William M. Breault announces the following road closures and parking restrictions for the second annual Witches' Market event on Sunday, Oct. 29, on Central Avenue near City Hall.

To facilitate the event, the following road closure and parking restrictions will be in effect:

- Central Avenue will be closed from Hale Street to Washington Street from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Parking will also be prohibited on this section of Central Avenue.
- Parking will also be prohibited on Saint Thomas Street between Central Avenue and Locust Street, and the Belknap parking lot.

The Witches' Market event is a downtown block party featuring vendors and small businesses that runs from 12 to 5 p.m. It's a rain or shine event. The market will be set up both indoors in the City Hall Auditorium and outdoors on streets in the vicinity of City Hall. The Groovy Witch, located at 332 Central Ave., is the host. For more information, visit the store or the event website <https://www.groovywitch.com/witches-market>.



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## School Board meets Wednesday to consider whether a book should be removed from high school library

The School Board will hold a special meeting week on Wednesday, Nov. 1, to consider an appeal from a Dover resident regarding whether a book should continue to be available for students at the high school library.

The appeal, made by resident Julie Porter, follows Superintendent William Harbron's denial of her initial request to have the book "Boy Toy" by Barry Lygra removed, alleging the material was acquired with public funds in violation of the law. She alleges the book promotes pedophilia and sexual assault of a minor, according to agenda background materials.

As per School Board [policy KEC](#), Harbron asked a staff committee to review the book. Assistant Superintendent Christine Boston, who chaired the committee, said they unanimously recommended keeping the book in place as "removing this book would prevent access to ideas, viewpoints and opinions for all students based on the opinions of some." Harbron agreed with and adopted the staff committee's report, after which the appeal to the School Board followed.

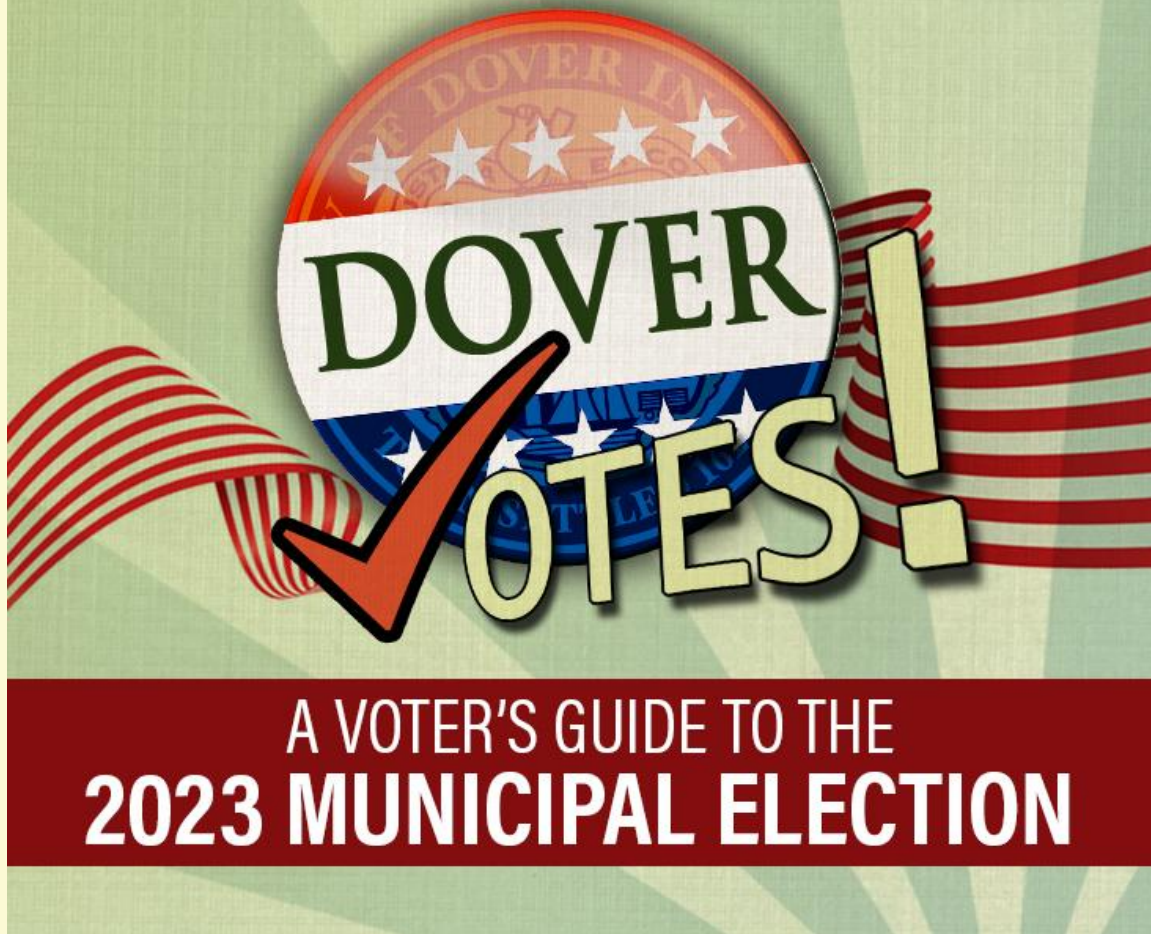
As per KEC policy, if the person's initial request is denied, they may appeal to the School Board, whose decision is final.

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

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in School Board Chambers, Room 306 of the McConnell Center.

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## Your guide to the 2023 Municipal Election

The City of Dover municipal election is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day in all of Dover's six wards.

At the election, voters from all wards will elect the Mayor, two at-large City Councilors, and one at-large School Board member. In addition, voters in each of the six Dover wards will elect a City Councilor and School Board member and election officers, including a Supervisor of the Checklist, a Moderator, three Selectpersons, and a Ward Clerk. All elected positions are two-year terms.

For more information about the election, including how to register to vote, polling places, sample ballots, and more visit the city's online guide to the election here:

<https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/election-information/2023-municipal-election/>.

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## City Clerk to test voting machines

As the Nov. 7 Municipal Election approaches, City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier will test the AccuVote Ballot Counting Devices on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, in the auditorium at City Hall.

Testing will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue until complete, with a break from 12 to 1 p.m.

Voting machine testing is open to the public.

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

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## Supervisors of the Checklist in session Nov. 2

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m. in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will vote to make new City Clerk Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier the Super Clerk for elections. They will also register new voters, record changes of address, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist. Voters cannot change party affiliation during this session.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 603-516-6018. [The notice can be viewed here.](#)

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## Dover Chamber, NH Listens to host candidates' forum on Tuesday, Oct. 31

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and New Hampshire Listens will host a candidates' forum for the competitive City Council races in the Nov. 7 Municipal Election on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m. in Room 306 of the McConnell Center. The public is invited to attend. The forum will be broadcast live on Channel 22, Dover's government access television channel, and streamed live via the City's website.

After brief introductions, candidates will answer a series of questions from the moderator. Time permitting, the moderator will also ask questions from the audience.

Candidates for Dover School Board in all six wards and at-large are running unopposed this year.

For more information, visit [dovernh.org/candidateforum](http://dovernh.org/candidateforum).



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

Join Don't Trash Dover on Saturday, Oct. 28, for a one-hour Litter Collection Walk, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants will meet at the front entrance of Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School at Horne Street. The group departs at 9:30 a.m. sharp and returns to the same location at 10:30 a.m. sharp with litter collected for a group photo.

The Litter Collection Walk is open to all and is a great way to get some exercise and meet

new people, while helping out the community.

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

For more information, including a decision to postpone the event due to the weather, visit <https://bit.ly/47k0IOT>.

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Housing Authority, Oct. 31, 12 p.m.

The Housing Authority will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, beginning at 12 p.m., at 62 Whittier St., Dover.

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

### Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Community Housing, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

The Ad-hoc Committee to Address Community Housing will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 1, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### School Board, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

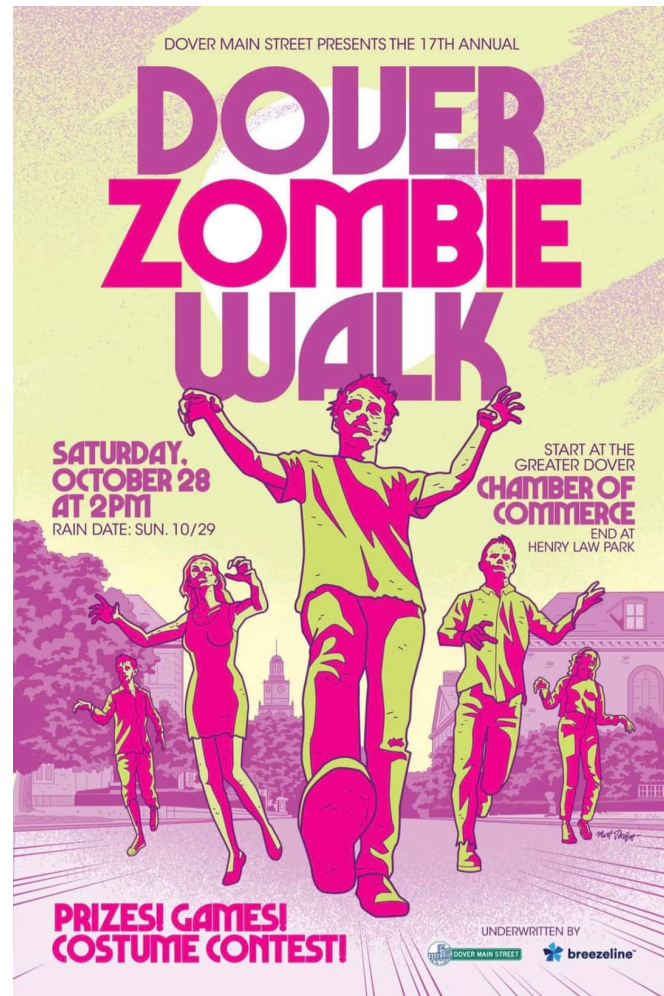
The School Board will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in School Board Chambers, Room 306, at the McConnell Center.

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

### City Council Appointments Committee, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

The City Council Appointments Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

## Dover Main Street presents:



## Fall leaf collection begins Monday

The City of Dover 2023 fall leaf collection will begin Monday, Oct. 30, and continue for six weeks through Dec. 4.

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. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Leaves must be placed curbside in biodegradable paper leaf bags. No brush will be accepted. Paper

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

### **Planning Board Technical Review Committee, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.**

The Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in Council Conference Room at City Hall.

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

### **Supervisors of the Checklist, Nov. 2, 5 p.m.**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, beginning at 5 p.m., in the City Clerk's Office at 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/>.

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.



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

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 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 previous week's results. Participating is easy – just click on the link below to cast your vote.

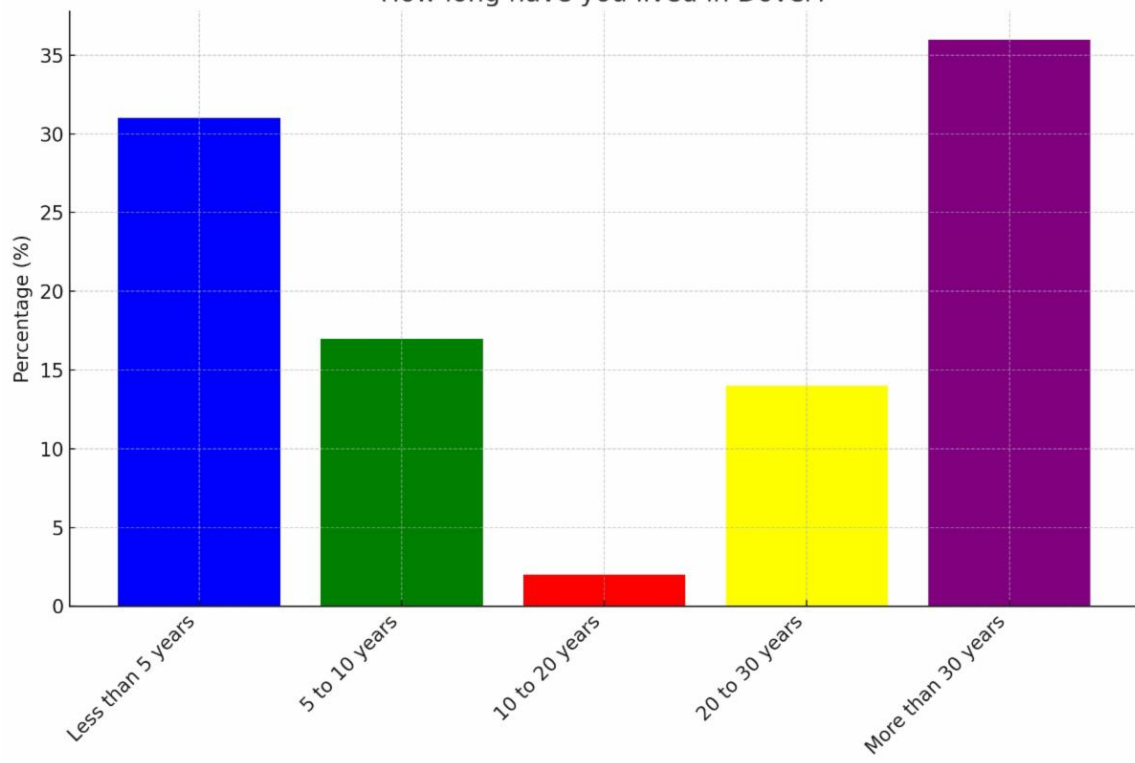
This week's question: **Are you registered to vote in Dover?**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/n/res/vote/dover-nh/dover-download-weekly-poll-2>

*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.*

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, "How long have you lived in Dover?"

How long have you lived in Dover?



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

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

**Oct. 29, 1648** — The court ordered George Walton to pay a fine of 20 shillings for every pipe (barrel) of wine that he had served to customers at his ordinary (tavern) since he started operating it. He was also ordered to pay 50 shillings for the price of two pipes and one hogshead of wine that he had obtained since the last court session. The fines were the result of Walton operating a tavern without proper licensing and for not following regulations at the time. He was fined for serving wine without authorization as well as for acquiring wine, possibly without paying for it. Pipe and hogshead were standard wine barrels, and shillings were the British currency.

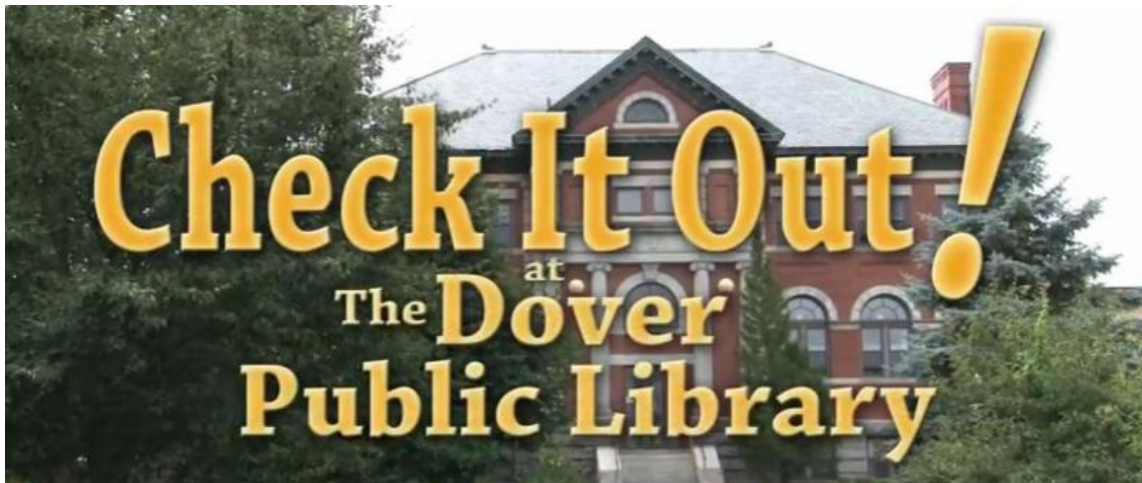
**Oct. 29, 1727** — An earthquake occurred on this day, of which it is recorded that "the shake was very hard, and was attended with a terrible noise, something like thunder. The houses trembled as if they were falling; divers chimneys were cracked, and some had their tops broken off."

**Oct. 30, 1822** — On this day, Charles Woodman died at the age of 31 in Dover. Though his life was short, Woodman achieved much success. At 18, he was elected to the state Legislature, where he served multiple terms. In 1822, at just 31 years old, Woodman became Speaker of the House. That same year, he was nominated for U.S. Congress but ultimately not elected. Woodman came from humble beginnings but advanced quickly due to his strong work ethic, warm personality, and dedication to friends. He built a large home in Dover in 1818. After Woodman's early death from illness, the house passed to his widow and son. It remained in the family and was purchased in 1915 as part of what would become the Woodman Institute, now known as the Woodman Museum.

**Nov. 30, 1847** — The Strafford Bank moved from its old location near the Dover Hotel to Central Square.

**Nov. 1, 1870** — A fire that started on this day in the shoe shop of John E. Goodwin on Fourth Street destroyed several buildings in the area, including St. Aloysius Church. The church had just been moved to the lot so a new church could be built on Chestnut Street. The tower and walls of the church were left standing, although they were damaged by fire and water. An eyewitness described the fire in the church edifice as one of solemn grandeur, the tower serving as a chimney and the great windows furnishing the draft, and says that the noise and rush of the fire and smoke through the tower were fearful to behold. Huge burning embers were carried away over the city by a howling gale, setting fire to 30 roofs, one being more than half a mile away. A Chapel Street resident was astride the ridgepole of his home, quenching the landing sparks with a bucket of water and a dipper. A passerby, seeing the back of the coat of the amateur fireman had taken fire, is said to have shouted to him a warning in a flippant expression: "Better throw some water on your back; your coat is blazing." Over \$70,000 worth of property was destroyed by this fire. Benjamin Pray lost a three-story building and a small shop, as well as a carpenter shop and lumber. Daniel Ford's bottling plant was damaged, too. C.E. Hayes and S. C. Hayes lost a stable and shop, but their shoe shop and house were saved. They thanked the fire department by throwing them an oyster supper the next night.

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## **Indie Author Day at the Dover Public Library**

Are you trying to write a book? Do you have questions about publishing, finding a local writing group, or need tips to keep your imagination sharp?

Find the answers to these questions and more at Dover Public Library's Indie Author Day on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free, daylong conference features speakers from a range of writing backgrounds. Topics to be covered include e-publishing, writing query letters, local resources available, moving on to a second novel, and how to get the most out of setting. In addition, there will be a panel of local writers discussing the struggles of staying creative and connecting with others in the writing community. Time will be included at the end for networking and sharing strategies.

Speakers include Dan Lawton, Greg Bastianelli, Autumn Siders, Jeff Deck, and Steve Carter.

Lawton is the author of eight novels and an active member of the International Thriller Writers Organization. He was the winner of the 2021 New Hampshire Writer's Project Literary Award for fiction and has been a finalist for several other book awards since.

Bastianelli is the author of four novels and a member of the Horror Writers' Association. He has a knack for the macabre, drawing inspiration from Ray Bradbury, Stephen King, and Richard Matheson.

Siders is an author of both poetry and novels, as well as dabbling in some songwriting. She manages the Country Bookseller in Wolfeboro.

Deck is a novel writing coach, as well as the author of several genre-diverse novels of his own.

Carter is a jazz musician and co-owner of Maat Publishing. He used to teach English and jazz guitar at Berklee College of Music.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, including a full schedule for the day, visit the library's website at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call (603) 516-6050.

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## Friends of the Dover Public Library book sale begins today

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will hold a book sale Friday, Oct. 27 through Sunday, Oct. 29 in the Library Lecture Hall. All leftovers will be free Monday, Oct. 30. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. New this year, shoppers can pay with a credit card via Square. Cash and checks are still accepted.

Hundreds of items will be for sale, including fiction and nonfiction books, biographies, DVDs, CDs, children's books, cookbooks, and more. Prices range from 50 cents to \$3, and all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Dover Public Library 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 more.

For more information, call the library at 603-516-6050.

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## This Week at the Library

### October VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Slow Cook Modern* by Liana Krissoff.

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.

### Friday, Oct. 27 to Monday, Oct. 30 Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Dover Public Library are having a book sale on Friday, Oct. 27

### Wednesday, Nov. 1, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### All Abilities Chapter Book Club

We will be watching the second half of the movie *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. All are invited to join us.

### Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6 to 8 p.m.

#### Nanowrimo Kick Off Event

Join the National Novel Writing Month Kick Off Event! The first 30 participants will receive a Nanowrimo themed goodie bag with novel writing supplies and have a chance to win several other novel writing prizes. Feel free to bring your laptop or notebook for a kickoff writing party where participants can work on their novels together and try out word wars, writing sprints, and start filling up their Nanowrimo Bingo Cards. All writers are welcome to join this event, although it will

and Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, Oct. 29 from 1-5 pm. There will be hundreds of books and DVDs for sale in the Library Lecture Hall. Items will be priced at \$3 or under, and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Dover Public Library to support programs and museum passes. On Monday, Oct. 30, all leftovers will be free! Don't miss it!

**Monday, Oct. 30, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Dungeons & Dragons: 14+ Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Brandon. This 14 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us for adventure, strategy, and imagination in the Trustees Room. The group meets every other Monday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required, and all skill levels are welcome to play.

**Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Dungeons & Dragons: Adult Group**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 and older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for adventure, strategy, and imagination. The group will meet every Tuesday night; come when you can. No experience or materials are required.

**Tuesday, Oct. 31, 6 to 7:15 p.m.**

**Ceme-terrariums**

Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to make a small Halloween-themed terrarium! All supplies will be provided. This program will be first come, first served, while supplies last!

**November VIRTUAL Cookbook Club**

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Open Kitchen* by Susan Spungen. Throughout the month of November, 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.

**Wednesday, Nov. 1, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Adult Knitting Group**

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

be best for teens and adults.

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 10 to 11 a.m.**

**Cover to Cover Book Group**

November's selection is *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads* by Lyanda Lynn Hunt. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members welcome.

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Glow in the Dark Galaxy Jars**

Kids in grades 3-6 are invited to a fun, simple after school craft! We'll provide everything you need to make a glowing galaxy jar to ward off the dark. This craft does involve paint, so be sure to dress accordingly. *Registration is required.*

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 5 to 8 p.m.**

**Magic the Gathering**

Have fun playing Magic the Gathering. Collect cards, build decks, and duel other players. All ages and skill levels are welcome. No materials are required.

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**The Two-Eyed Cyclops Book Club**

Join us for a lively discussion of *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells, the monthly selection of this Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club.

**Friday, Nov. 3, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**StoryWalk: The First Blade of Sweetgrass**

Join us for a special storytime celebrating Native American Heritage Month and National Family Literacy Month. We'll meet in front of The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, follow the StoryWalk, and end with a craft inside the museum. For ages 3 & up with an adult. Registration required.

**Saturday, Nov. 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Indie Author Day**

Learn about every aspect of the writing process from firing up your imagination to publishing. Spend a day with local writers and realize the possibility of becoming a published author. Already a local author? Bring your published works for the Book Marketplace at the end of the day. All are welcome to spread out their wares, sell, sign, and talk shop.

**Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Crafter Morning for Kids: Duct Tape Storage Pouch**

Kids in grades K and up are invited to join us in the activity/storytime room to make a duct tape storage pouch. *Please pre-register for this event.*





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## Sunday hours at the Recycling Center

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 5, and continuing through Sunday, Dec. 10, the City of Dover Recycling Center is open additional hours on Sundays, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 516-6450.

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### REMEMBER DURING THIS COLD AND FLU SEASON:

- **GET PLENTY OF REST**
- **DRINK LOTS OF WATER**
- **REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT**
- **AND STAY HOME IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL.**



*Dover Board of Health*

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## 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 the:

- Heritage Commission
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Arts Commission
- Arena Commission
- Open Lands Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Committee to Address Community Housing Needs

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/)

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Susan Mistretta at [s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.mistretta@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.

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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:

- **Truck Driver, Utilities**
- **Swim Instructor**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Utilities**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Police Officer**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Firefighter / EMT**
- **Water and Sewer Pump Station Operator**
- **Laborer - Public Works, Streets, and Stormwater**
- **Planning Division Supervisor**
- **Assistant City Planner / Zoning Administrator**
- **Camera Operator**

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

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