

News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



October 31, 2025



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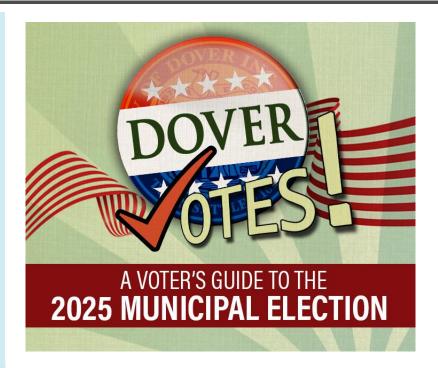
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### City Hall hours:

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

### Recycling Center hours:

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



# Municipal Election is Tuesday, Nov. 4

The City of Dover's Municipal Election is Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025. The polls will be open that day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in 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 wards will elect a City Councilor and School Board member and election officers, including a Supervisor of the Checklist, a Moderator,

3:30 p.m.

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 2025 Municipal Election online resource.

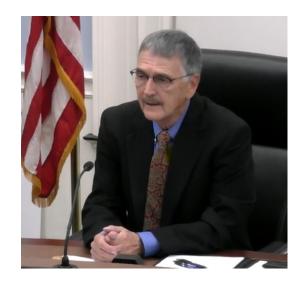
# Meet the candidates for Mayor, City Council

The Greater Chamber of Commerce hosted two candidate forums at City Hall this week. Both forums were recorded and are airing on DoverTV. They are also available on demand. The videos are posted on the 2025 Municipal Election page.

The <u>first forum</u>, held on Monday, Oct. 27, featured candidates for Mayor and City Council At-Large.

The <u>second forum</u>, held on Wednesday, Oct. 29, featured candidates for the City Council ward races.

No forum was held for School Board candidates. Candidates for Dover School Board in all six wards and at-large are running unopposed this year.



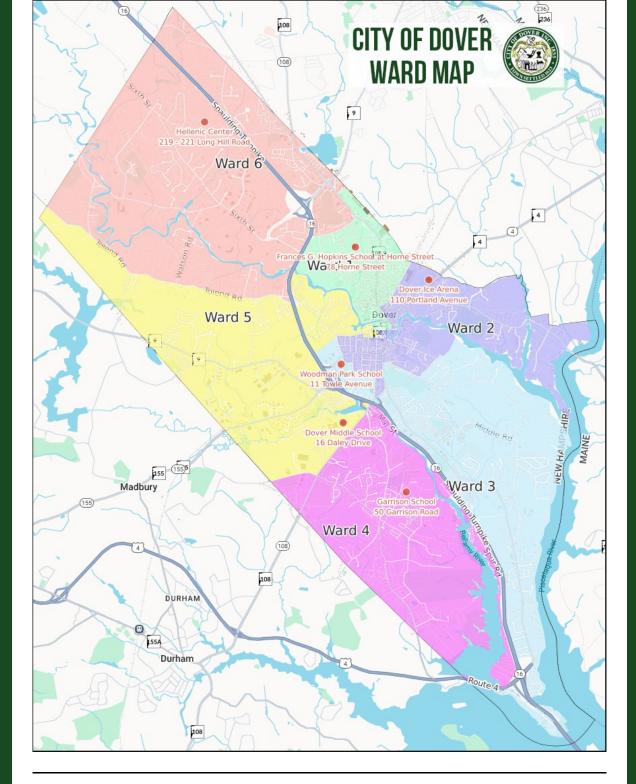
Don Briand served as moderator for this year's candidate forums, organized by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

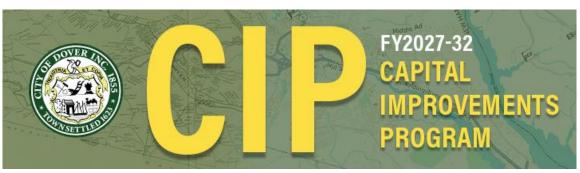
### Where to vote on Nov. 4

Dover has six polling places, one in each of the city's six wards. The polling places are as follows:

- Ward 1 Frances G. Hopkins Elementary School, 78 Horne St.
- Ward 2 Dover Ice Arena, 110 Portland Ave.
- Ward 3 Woodman Park Elementary School, 11 Towle Ave.
- Ward 4 Garrison School, 50 Garrison Road
- Ward 5 Dover Middle School, 16 Daley Drive
- Ward 6 Hellenic Center, 219 Long Hill Road

Voters may only vote in the ward in which they live. Not sure of your ward? Visit the city's interactive ward map and enter your address.





Capital Improvements Program topic of Nov. 5 City Council workshop

#### Public hearings scheduled for Nov. 12

The City Council will take a deep dive into the FY2027-2032 Capital Improvements Program projects at its Wednesday, Nov. 5 workshop. The workshop begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

The CIP prioritizes all capital spending of \$25,000 or more for items with a useful life of three years or longer. It includes cost estimates, recommended time schedules to complete projects, and financing methods, which include debt financing, the annual operating budget, capital reserve funds, and grant funding. The CIP is the first step in preparing the annual municipal budget.

The City Council held a first reading of the three CIP resolutions at its Oct. 22 meeting, with a vote anticipated to occur on Dec. 10, 2025. One resolution adopts the six-year document as a long-term planning document. The second approves FY27 capital reserve fund appropriations for non-debt financed projects. The third authorizes appropriation and bonding for FY27 debt-financed projects. The CIP's first-year projects and appropriations will become part of the FY27 municipal budget that the City Manager will present to the City Council in February 2026.

The Planning Board held a public hearing and conducted its review of the CIP during its Oct. 28 meeting, voting to recommend the CIP's approval to the City Council.

The CIP page, <u>found here</u>, includes a link to the proposed FY2027-2032 CIP. Physical copies of the CIP are available at the Planning Department's office in City Hall and the Dover Public Library, which is temporarily located in the McConnell Center.

<u>Click here</u> for the complete Nov. 5 workshop agenda. It will be televised on DoverTV <u>and online</u>, where it will be available on demand.



# End of Daylight Saving Time serves as fire safety reminder

As clocks "fall back" on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2 a.m., Dover Fire and Rescue encourages residents to use the end of Daylight Saving Time as a moment to prioritize fire safety. This annual time change is an ideal opportunity to replace and test batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

"One small step can save lives," said Dover Fire Chief Perry Plummer. "Checking and changing batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, especially during the clock change, is a simple habit that can protect you, your loved ones, and your community."

Dover Fire and Rescue reminds residents that nearly 80 percent of fire fatalities involving children occur in homes without functioning smoke alarms. Plummer emphasized, "This tragic statistic could be lowered significantly if everyone made a habit of testing alarms and ensuring batteries are fresh. Even with hardwired alarms, updating the batteries helps prepare for unexpected power outages."

The National Fire Protection Association reports that 71 percent of non-functioning smoke alarms had dead or missing batteries. Simple actions like replacing batteries once a year, testing alarms, and encouraging friends, family, and neighbors to do the same can help reduce preventable injuries and fatalities.

"Home fire fatalities often peak overnight, between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when people are asleep," Plummer noted. "Proper smoke alarm maintenance offers crucial protection, particularly for children and older adults, who may need those extra seconds to escape safely."

Working smoke alarms double the chance of survival in a home fire.

For additional information about smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, visit <a href="https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/prepare-for-fire/smoke-alarms/">https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/prepare-for-fire/smoke-alarms/</a>, or contact Dover Fire and Rescue at 603-516-6148.

# City mailing property value change notices to 993 properties

The City of Dover's Tax Assessment Office is mailing property value change notices to 993 city property owners for tax year 2025, which is expected to be delivered to mailboxes this week.

The assessment office did not conduct its annual city-wide real estate market conditions statistical revaluation this year. This is because the current valuation for most city properties maintains compliance with assessing standards, and it ensures a cleaner transition to the city's new computer-assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system. The value change notices being mailed are for property-specific updates.

The City Assessor estimated a 5% market increase in real estate property values for tax year 2025 (fiscal year 2026). The assessor also determined that not changing values would maintain an 89-90% equalization ratio, meeting assessing standards. As stipulated by state law, property valuations reflect market conditions as the property existed on April 1, the first day of the tax year.

The complete list of Dover's property assessments for tax year 2025 (fiscal year 2026) is available online. These property assessments will be reflected in the 2025 property tax bill, which will be sent to property owners after the city's tax rate is certified by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Property owners may appeal their tax year 2025 property tax assessment following the issuance of tax bills later this year by filing an abatement application with the Tax Assessment Office by March 1, 2026. 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 property assessments, contact the Tax Assessment Office at 603-516-6014 or visit <u>its website</u> or 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, <a href="https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/">https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/finance/tax-assessment/</a>.



### Trick-or-treating is tonight

Trick-or-treating in Dover is scheduled for tonight, Friday, Oct. 31, 2025, from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 603-516-6401.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Arts Commission, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference room, City Hall.

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

City Council, workshop, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a workshop session on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall.

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

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

Library Board of Trustees, Nov. 6, 4 p.m.

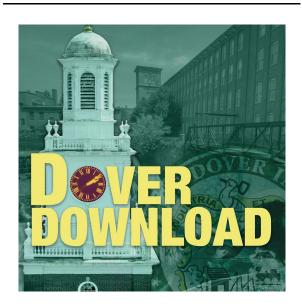
### Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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.



Your Vote, Your Voice: Dover's 2025 Municipal Election Guide The Library Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, beginning at 4 p.m., in Room 306 of the McConnel Center.

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-nt/open-government/public-meetings/">https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/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
- Sold Waste Advisory Committee
- Waterfront TIF
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

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

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with City Clerk/Tax Collector Jerrica Vansylyvong-Bizier about Dover's upcoming municipal election on Nov. 4, 2025. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <a href="https://bit.ly/4oFBjrr">https://bit.ly/4oFBjrr</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.

### Fall leaf curbside collection continues through Dec. 5

Fall leaf curbside collection, which began last week, will continue, 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.

recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

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

### **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:

#### "Do you volunteer in Dover? If so, where?"

Let us know here: <a href="https://polco.us/f43v5e">https://polco.us/f43v5e</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, "What is your favorite piece of public art in Dover?"

- "Reaching Across" arch at Joe Parks Garden
- The Blue Crab
- The Whale's Tail



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.

Nov. 7, 1774 — As tensions with Britain grew in the months leading up to the American Revolution, Dover's residents gathered for a town meeting to decide whether to send aid to the people of Boston. The city of Boston was suffering under the harsh effects of the Boston Port Act, one of the so-called "Intolerable Acts" imposed by the British Parliament after the Boston Tea Party. The act had closed the port of Boston, crippling trade and leaving many residents without work or food. At the meeting, Dover citizens were asked if they would contribute "in money, fat cattle, or sheep" to help relieve the hardship faced by their fellow colonists. The townspeople voted that they would indeed "give something," showing early solidarity with Boston and support for the growing movement toward colonial unity and resistance against British oppression. This act of generosity was part of a widespread wave of colonial aid to Boston in 1774. Communities across New England and beyond sent supplies, food, and funds, helping to forge the bonds that would soon unite the colonies in the struggle for independence.

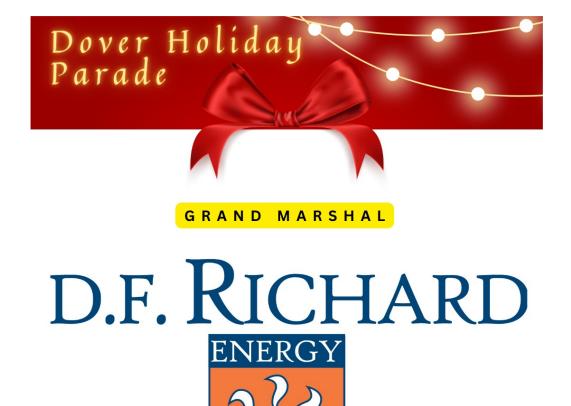
**Nov. 6, 1818** — Capt. John Riley died on this day at age 66 after falling from the staging of a ship being built in Dover.

Nov. 2, 1863 — On this day, the Boston and Maine Railroad signed a 50-year lease with

the Dover and Winnipesaukee Railroad, agreeing to pay \$29,000 each year, and buying all the railroad's rolling stock.

**Nov. 4, 1943** — The Portland Evening Express features Ernie Bastianelli, a 155-pound powerhouse of a fullback on the Dover High School football team, warning that he was a serious threat to Deering High School when the two teams were scheduled to meet the next day. The newspaper said Ernie was carrying on a family tradition started by his older brother, Al, who the newspaper called a "forward passing genius," and who was away serving in the US Navy. The newspaper predicted that Ernie was certain of a spot on New Hampshire's All-State Team.

**Nov. 6, 2001** — Voters on this day returned Doris Grady to the Dover School Board as an at-large member after she previously served from 1993-99. Grady, a retired teacher with 44 years in public education, received over 50% of the 4,664 votes cast. As a board member, Grady said she would tackle issues like space needs, contracts, and teacher accountability. Grady would continue to serve on the Board until 2015. Grady, who was named the Retired Teacher of the Year at the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony in both 2009 and 2018, died in 2019 at age 96.



# D.F. Richard named grand marshal of Dover Holiday Parade

The Dover Holiday Parade has announced the honorees of the 2025 Dover Holiday Parade, to be held Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025.

D.F. Richard Energy will serve as the grand marshal. A longtime supporter of the Dover community, D.F. Richard Energy has been recognized for its commitment to local causes and civic engagement. As grand marshal, representatives from D.F. Richard will lead the

parade through downtown Dover, joining residents in celebrating the spirit of the holiday season.

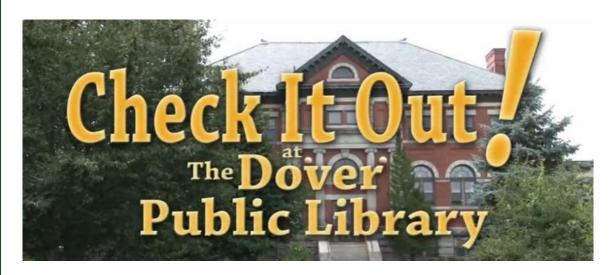
"The Dover Holiday Parade is a cherished tradition that brings our community together," said Mayor Robert Carrier. "We are thrilled to honor D.F. Richard Energy as our grand marshal and celebrate the company's dedication to Dover."

This year, Sean O'Connell and Beth Fisher will be recognized as Citizens of the Year (2024 and 2025, respectively) for their outstanding contributions to the Dover community. Additionally, the Dover Holiday Parade will honor Jonathan Nichols of the Woodman Museum as the 2025 Champion of the Arts, celebrating his dedication to enriching Dover's cultural landscape.

"We are so proud to applaud these remarkable individuals whose passion and service help make our community shine," Carrier said.

The Dover Holiday Parade, organized by Cochecho Friends, features festive floats, marching bands, and local performers. The 2025 parade theme, "Christmas Carols," promises an afternoon filled with music, joy, and holiday cheer for attendees of all ages.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, volunteering, or participating in the parade, contact the Dover Holiday Parade Committee via Cochecho Friends at cochechofriends@gmail.com or visit www.cochechofriends.com.



# Learn the spooky tales behind cursed objects at Dover Public Library

National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated each year in November. During this month we celebrate the traditions, languages and stories of Native American communities.

Dover Public Library is pleased to welcome Jenny Tibbits (she/they) on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. to the McConnell Center Room 306 for "Impact of Land: Indigenous Views on History and Place."

The lecture will share Indigenous values, practices, and priorities around nature and ecology. It will explore how the connection to land can inform our environmental stewardship and community interactions, and how local tribes like the Pennacook have nurtured and sustained their relationship to land.

Tibbits is of Abenaki heritage, specifically the Newichawannock subtribe of the Pennacook tribe. Their home land is in the South Berwick/Berwick, Maine and Rollinsford/Somersworth, New Hampshire area. Tibbits is an Indigenous elder, teacher, musician, and medicine carrier as well as a certified herbalist working with medicinal plants for thirty years. They are also a self-employed multi-discipline artist working with

mediums such as flame work glass and photography. They are a passionate storyteller, sharing local Indigenous and Black history, and advocate for Indigenous 2SLGBTQIA+, and Veteran issues. They live in Squamanagonic N'dakinna, now known as Rochester, New Hampshire and enjoy kayaking, hiking, and horseback riding.

### This Week at the Library

### Monday, Nov. 3, 10 to 10:45 a.m. STEM Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

Children aged 3-5 are invited to participate in a science storytime this Fall. Each week, children will discover a Fall theme, utilizing stories, songs, and games, and highlighting a STEM activity. Registration required.

#### Monday, Nov. 3, 3 to 4 p.m. Learn to Use Libby: Drop in Session McConnell Center, Room 306

Discover Free Audiobooks & Ebooks with Libby! Love the idea of Audible but wish it were free? It is — with Libby! This easy-to-use app lets you borrow thousands of audiobooks and ebooks straight to your phone, tablet, or laptop — all with your Dover resident library card.

### Tuesday, Nov. 4, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Adult Knitting Group McConnell Center Cafeteria

This group is open to anyone who has a love for knitting, crocheting, and related fiber arts. All levels are welcome, no instructions provided! Bring your worksin-progress and any finished objects you would like to show off to the group.

### Tuesday, Nov. 4, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime McConnell Center. Room 306

For babies 0-24 months with caregiver. A joyful, half-hour lap sit story time with books, songs, movement, and rhyme.

### Tuesday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teen Zentangle Workshop with Aplomb Gallery

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to a zentangle workshop hosted by Aplomb! Aplomb's owner, Danielle, will teach how to draw creative designs with the help of stencil templates. All supplies will be provided. *Registration required*.

### Tuesday, Nov. 4, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Don't Let the Book Club Drive the Bus! Book Group

McConnell Center, Room 306

Do you love picture books? Are you in grades 2-4? Then come join a brand new

### Wednesday, Nov.5, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime McConnell Center, Room 306

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program with stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 5, 11 am to 12 pm All Abilities Club: Bingo Great Bay Services

Join us for a fun hour of Bingo! Small prizes will be awarded.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 5, 3:30 to 4:30 pm Drop-In Open Art Lab for Kids McConnell Center, Room 306

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their imagination and creativity to the Drop-In Open Art Lab. We will have a variety of supplies available for you to use to create artwork of your own design.

#### Thursday, Nov. 6, 10 to 11 a.m. Cover 2 Cover Book Group Residence at Silver Square

Join us on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a book. November's selection is *Hare with the Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. Copies of the book can be borrowed at the Adult Circulation Desk. New members welcome.

### Thursday, Nov. 6, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Arts and Crafts Storytime McConnell Center, Room 306

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. Registration required.

#### Thursday, Nov. 6, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. "Caregiving" documentary and discussion

McConnell Center, Room 306

November is National Caregiver Month and the library is teaming up with our friends at Cornerstone VNA, who run the library's monthly Caregiver Café, for a showing of the PBS documentary "Caregiving". This film is the story of paid and unpaid caregivers navigating the book group for picture book lovers! Each month we will pick a different author or series to discuss. We'll read a story, have crafts, snacks, and decide on what we want to read next. For the month of November we'll be discussing the work of Author/Illustrator Christian Robinson.

Registration required.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Genealogy Group McConnell Center, Room 306

Whether you're new to genealogical research or a seasoned pro, this group is a great way to meet others who share the same passion, can give you advice in your research, and listen to your newly-discovered family histories.

challenges and joy of this deeply meaningful work. Following the film there will be an hour of discussion. Popcorn and hot cider will be served.

Thursday, Nov. 6, 4 to 5 p.m.
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
McConnell Center, Room 306
Library Board of Trustees monthly
meeting. Open to the public.

### Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Family Dance with The Suite Studio McConnell Center, Room 306

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, 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.



# DOVERCARES

# State, NH Food Bank expanding mobile pantries for SNAP recipients

The State of New Hampshire is partnering with the New Hampshire Food Bank to assist Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients affected by the federal government shutdown. The NH Food Bank will provide food for mobile pantries specifically for SNAP participants. The NH Food Bank will also provide more food options to SNAP participants at traditional food pantries.

Gather will distribute boxes of non-perishable food plus bags of apples and oranges from the NH Food Bank at its mobile markets. These can only be distributed to SNAP recipients. Gather's mobile market schedule for next week:

- Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1-3 p.m., Whittier Falls, Dover
- Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2-3:30 p.m., Gosling Meadows, Portsmouth
- Thursday, Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Municipal lot, Hampton
- Thursday, Nov. 6, 1-3 p.m. Rockingham Village Apartments, Seabrook

Visit Gather for more information.

The <u>Seacoast Food Providers Network's website</u> provides a list of food pantries and community meals in the region.

# Community Action Partnership of Strafford County extending hours

The Community Action Partnership of Strafford County (CAPSC) is extending its regular hours during the federal government shutdown, beginning this week.

CAPSC food pantry and outreach office at 577 Central Ave., Dover, will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. CAPSC provides a variety of services to help local residents meet their basic needs.

Visit CAPSC for more information or call 603-435-2500.

# Dover's Public Welfare Office provides emergency assistance

The City of Dover's Public Welfare Office is available to coordinate services for city residents who need emergency assistance, including for shelter, food and medical care.

The <u>Public Welfare Office</u> is located at 61 Locust St., in Room 334 on the third floor of the McConnell Center. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone: 603-516-6500.

For after-hours emergency needs, call 603-742-4646, visit the Police Department at 46 Chestnut St., or any of the three fire stations, all available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to request assistance.

# 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 <u>update shows</u> that Dover remains in severe drought. Some areas of northern Strafford County were upgraded to extreme drought this week.

#### 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 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:

- 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
- 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
- Lab Technician Water Resources

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

#### **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:

- Childcare Coordinator-Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC)
- Clerical Aide
- District Float School Nurse
- District Special Education Administrative Assistant
- Long Term Substitute Anticipated Speech Language Assistant
- Long Term Substitute Speech Language Pathologist
- Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education
- Long Term Substitute Social Studies DHS
- Noon Aides/Recess Monitor
- Paraprofessionals- Special Education
- Substitute Nurses
- Substitute Teachers
- Third Grade Teacher

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