

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



September 12, 2025



## CITY OF DOVER, NH

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### City Hall hours:

Monday-  
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8:30 a.m. to  
5:30 p.m.

Friday:  
8:30 a.m. to 4  
p.m.

### Recycling Center hours:

Tuesday,

## David Terlemezian named Dover's next police chief

Capt. David Terlemezian has been selected as Dover's next police chief, City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. announced this week. He will succeed Chief William N. Breault, who is retiring Sept. 19 after nearly three decades of service to the city.

Joyal told councilors at this week's City Council meeting that Terlemezian was chosen after a competitive internal process that drew three strong candidates.

"Capt. Terlemezian was one of three very well-qualified candidates within the department who went through a rather elaborate testing process," Joyal said. "I was faced with a tough decision. Looking at his experience, his involvement in the department, I decided to select Capt. Terlemezian to be the next chief of police."

Terlemezian has spent nearly 30 years with the Dover Police Department. He joined as a patrol officer in 1996 before



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moving into the Special Investigations Bureau three years later, where he worked as a detective. He was promoted to sergeant in 2005, lieutenant in 2007, and captain in 2010. In his current role as captain, the second-highest rank in the department, Terlemezian has overseen investigations, training and accreditation, community outreach, grant administration and financial management.

At the City Council meeting, Terlemezian expressed gratitude for the appointment and emphasized his commitment to teamwork.

"I am proud and humbled," Terlemezian said. "Really, I'm just part of a fantastic team with just a new title, so thank you very much."

In a letter to the council earlier in the day, Joyal cited Terlemezian's qualifications and leadership.

"He will be assuming command of a well-respected, nationally recognized local law enforcement agency," Joyal said in the letter. "An agency which has been repeatedly designated the 'best of the best' with their 'flagship' designation by the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. In being promoted to chief of police, I have complete confidence that he will successfully lead our Police Department and continue to ensure the highest level of professionalism and commitment in serving our Dover community."

Terlemezian is a 1995 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. In 2012, he completed a master's degree in criminal justice at Boston University. He has also participated in the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association's command and executive-level training programs. Terlemezian is married and has one child, and he and his family live in Dover.

Chief Breault's retirement marks the close of a long career in Dover policing. Breault joined the department in 1998 and was appointed chief in 2018. Under his leadership, the department continued its national accreditation and focused on community engagement initiatives. His retirement was announced in August, and he will be departing to take the role of police chief in South Burlington, Vermont.



## Dover selected to participate in National Housing Supply Accelerator Program

The City of Dover, one of 16 communities nationwide, has been selected to participate in the [Housing Supply Accelerator Challenge](#), an initiative of the National League of Cities and the American Planning Association to help communities solve their local housing challenges.

The 18-month Housing Supply Accelerator Challenge is designed to accelerate the implementation of proven and innovative housing strategies to expand the nation's housing supply, which the organizations say is short by nearly 4 million housing units, according to their [Housing Supply Accelerator Playbook](#).

As a selected community, Dover will engage in virtual learning and peer learning opportunities, receive tailored technical assistance, access best practices, tools, and housing supply experts, and receive national recognition from the National League of Cities and the American Planning Association.

The campaign is focused on identifying housing supply solutions that expand, preserve, and improve the quantity and quality of housing. Expansion entails the production of new housing units across various types to meet the local demand. Preservation entails safeguarding existing housing stock, thereby preventing the loss of affordability and deterioration in quality. Improvement focuses on enhancing the quality, safety, and livability of existing housing stock, ensuring that it meets the needs of residents.

Other communities selected include: Lebanon, New Hampshire; Northern Middlesex Council of Governments serving greater Lowell, Massachusetts; Alachua County, Florida; Champaign, Illinois; Clifton Forge, Virginia; Cottonwood, Arizona; Cranston, Rhode Island; Evanston, Illinois; Greensboro, North Carolina; Marquette County, Michigan; Plattsburgh, New York; Romulus, Michigan; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Sterling Heights, Michigan; and Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

The National League of Cities is an organization comprised of city, town, and village leaders focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents. The American Planning Association is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that exists to elevate and unite a diverse planning profession as it helps communities, their leaders, and residents anticipate and meet the needs of a changing world.

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## City warns of permit fee scams

### Planning Board applicant received fake invoice with inflated fees to be paid by wire transfer

The City of Dover is warning the public, especially Planning Board applicants, about a scam that urges payment for permit fees through wire transfers. The City of Dover will never ask for payment via wire transfer.

The scam, which has been reported in Dover and nearby regions, involves an applicant receiving an official-looking email purporting to be from a planning department that includes details about the project, such as the address, tax map information, and application number.



In the scam reported in Dover, a Planning Board applicant was emailed a fraudulent invoice for their project that had the signature of Planning Department Director Donna Benton. Upon closer look, the invoice was received from an email address ending in [@mail.com](mailto:). Other municipalities reported fraudulent emails coming from [@usa.com](mailto:).

Emails regarding permits and requests for payments in Dover will always come from a [@dover.nh.gov](mailto:) email address. The public is encouraged to contact the Dover Planning Department at 603-516-6008 if they receive an email about a permit fee and are unsure of its legitimacy.

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**Battalion Chief Keith Irwin, left, accompanied by Dover Police Capt. David Terlemezian, tolls the bell during a 9/11 ceremony at the City Council meeting on Wednesday.**

## **Dover honors lives lost on Sept. 11, announces permanent memorial**

The City Council paused during Wednesday's regular meeting to mark the 24th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks with a ceremony of remembrance led by Mayor Robert Carrier, Dover Fire and Rescue, and the Dover Police Department.

The ceremony began with remarks from Fire Chief Perry Plummer, who reflected on the 343 firefighters who died at the World Trade Center and the thousands more lost to illness in the years since.

"Their courage and sacrifice continue to inspire us," Plummer said.

Police Capt. David Terlemezian spoke of the 72 law enforcement officers killed on Sept. 11 and the many others who later succumbed to illness from their service at Ground Zero. He also read the names of the four Dover residents lost that day: Kathleen and Michael Shearer, passengers on Flight 175; Douglas Stone, a passenger on Flight 11; and David Scott Suarez, who was at the World Trade Center.

"Their names remind us that September 11th was not only a national tragedy, but also a loss felt right here in Dover," Terlemezian said.

The remembrance included a musical tribute by Firefighter/Paramedic Sierra Rodenhuis, who performed "God Bless America," and the tolling of the bell by Battalion Chief Keith

Irwin, a tradition honoring fallen firefighters and first responders.

Mayor Carrier announced that the city will establish a permanent memorial to be dedicated on the 25th anniversary next year. A 9/11 Memorial Committee, chaired by the mayor, will oversee funding, design and site selection.

The full ceremony is available at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/watch?hash=bPQO0KWGNfkQGxJn>



Fire Chief Perry Plummer, top photo, speaks during a 9/11 ceremony held at the City Council meeting on Wednesday. In the photo below, Firefighter/Paramedic Sierra Rodenhuse sings, "God Bless America."



# Broadway and Oak Street paving work begins next week

A city contractor will begin paving operations on Broadway and Oak Street beginning Monday, Sept. 15, weather and other conditions permitting.

The contractor will first reclaim Broadway, which involves grinding the existing pavement, mixing it with the existing gravel base material, and shaping it to re-establish the roadway cross-section and improve drainage. The contractor will then grade the roadway, followed by new pavement, and the adjustment of street structures. The process is expected to take at least a week to complete.

Motorists should anticipate uneven surfaces, lane closures, temporary detours, and traffic delays through the work area. Regular traffic patterns will resume during off-hours.

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

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## Upcoming Meetings:

### Utilities Commission, Sept. 15, 6 p.m.

The Utilities Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, beginning at 6 p.m., at 271 Mast Road, Dover.

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

### Parking Commission, Sept. 16, 8:30 a.m.

The Parking Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### Waterfront Committee, Sept. 16, 5 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m., on the site of the waterfront development, Seaport Way.

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

### Energy Commission, Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m.

## Filing period for Nov. 4 municipal remains open through Sept. 19

The filing period for candidates seeking Mayor, City Council, School Board or election officer positions in the November municipal election continues through Friday, Sept. 19. The filing period opened on Monday, Sept. 8.

Interested candidates must file a written declaration with the City Clerk during the filing period if they want to appear on the municipal ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, election.

All elected positions are two-year terms that begin in January 2026. Visit the [2025 Municipal Election webpage](#) for information on the elected positions, qualifications and compensation.

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

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## Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

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

- [Book Relocation for Dover Public Library](#)
- [Disposal of City Owned Real-Estate Rollinsford NH Map 3 Lot 9](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the



The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

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

### **Zoning Board, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers, 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/>.

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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:

- Recreation Advisory Board
- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

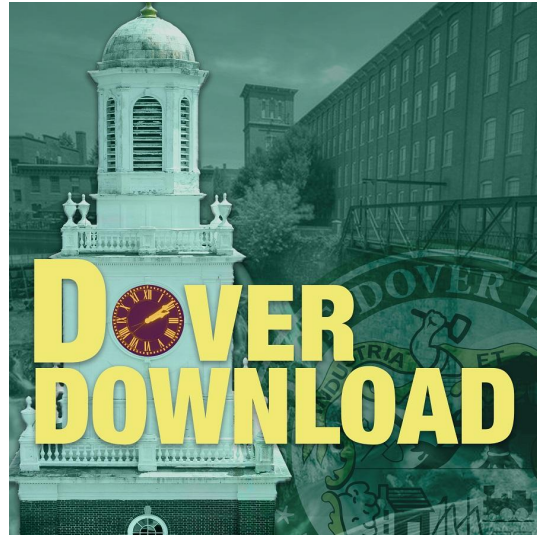
The complete list of boards and committees can be found at [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/)

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 Jerrica Vansylvong-Bizier at [j.bizier@dover.nh.gov](mailto:j.bizier@dover.nh.gov). Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or

site.

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

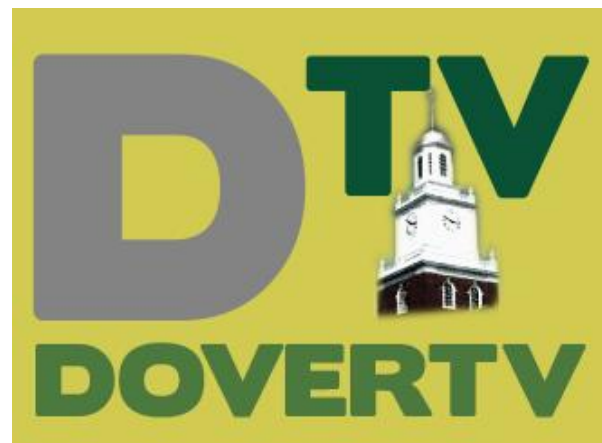
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## **Reimagining the Waterfront: The Birth of a Redevelopment Strategy**

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with George Maglaras in the third installment of their series on the history of the Cochecho River. This episode focuses on the beginnings of waterfront redevelopment in Dover during the 1980s. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <http://bit.ly/429YFMU>

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## **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.

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.

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



## Energy Tips

from Dover's Energy Commission

### DOVER COMMUNITY POWER'S NEW WEBSITE



Effective, Efficient, Transparent  
Service To Enhance Sustainability  
In Our City

[City of Dover Electric  
Aggregation Plan](#)



In 2023, the Dover City Council adopted the [Dover Community Power Plan](#). We are now putting that plan to action to create short- and long-term benefits for our energy users. [City of Dover Community Power webpage](#)

[About Community Power](#)[Member Reps](#)[Contact CPCNH](#)[FAQs](#)

[Sign Up for Rate Announcements Emails](#)

[www.communitypowernh.gov/community/dover](https://www.communitypowernh.gov/community/dover)

## Dover Community Power unveils new website

The newly updated Dover Community Power website offers a more user-friendly experience to help residents and businesses learn about the program, explore energy options, and access support.

A key new feature allows users to sign up for important notifications, including:

- Legislative updates
- CPCNH quarterly newsletter
- Rate change alerts

As a reminder, Dover's default electric energy provider is the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) through Dover Community Power. New Hampshire has an open market for the electric energy portion of the utility bill, separate from the services provided in Dover by Eversource.

To learn more or sign up for updates, visit: [www.communitypowernh.gov/community/dover](https://www.communitypowernh.gov/community/dover)



# Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

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

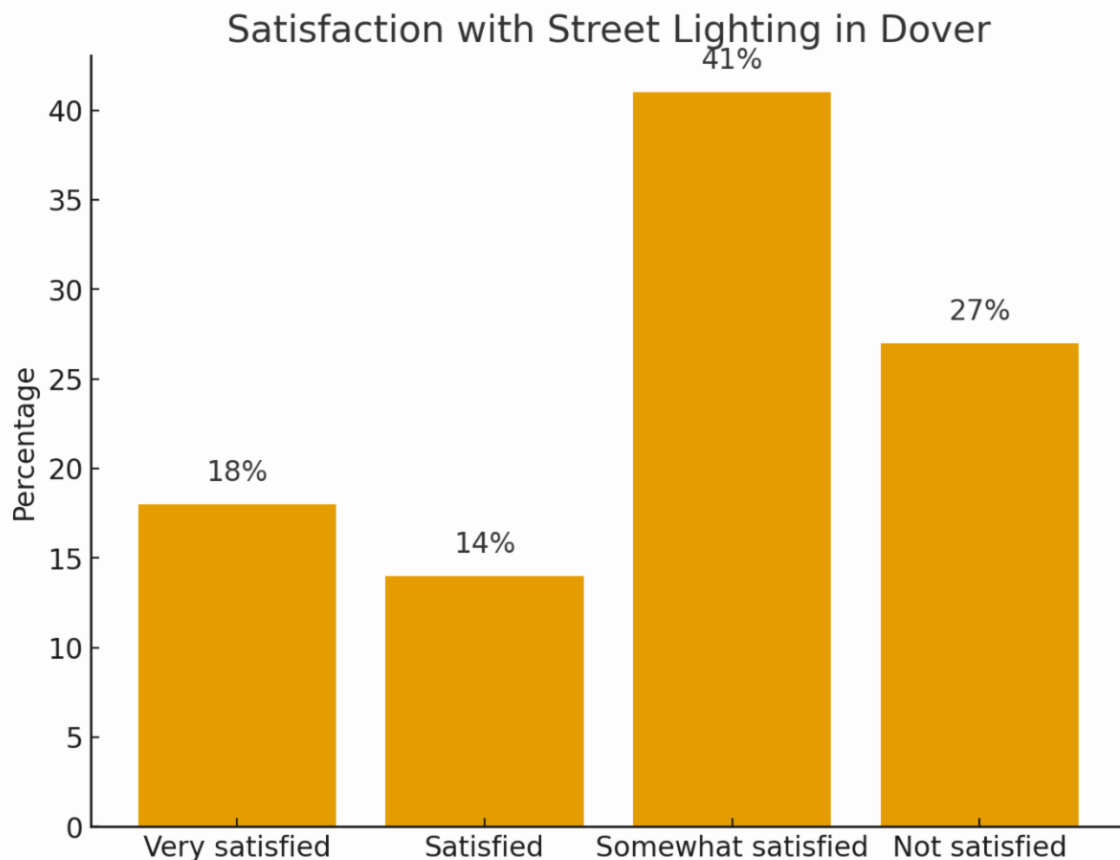
This week's question:

**"How important is it for the City to invest in drainage and stormwater improvements?"**

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mfchkf>.

*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, **"How satisfied are you with street lighting in your neighborhood and around 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

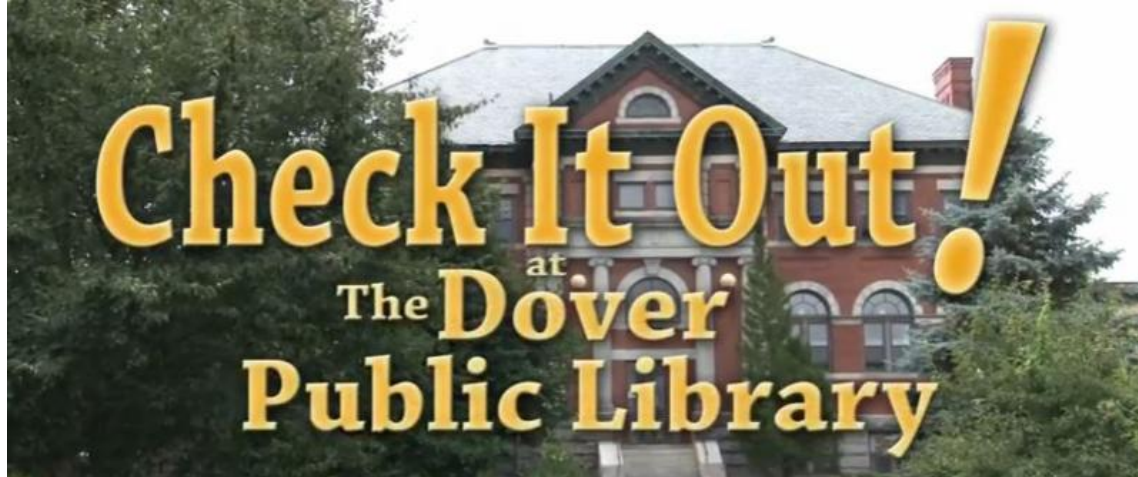
**Sept. 18, 1724** — The town appointed Capt. Paul Gerrish and Capt. Benjamin Wentworth to act as agents, or attorneys, on behalf of the community. Their job was to prosecute anyone trespassing on the town's common lands, both in ongoing disputes and in any future cases. They were also given the authority to appoint other attorneys to assist them if needed. In the early 18th century, common lands—shared pastures, woodlots, and fields—were vital resources for New England towns. These spaces provided grazing for livestock, timber, and other materials that supported everyday life. Protecting them from encroachment was a serious matter, as disputes over land were common in a growing community where boundaries were not always clearly defined. The choice of Gerrish and Wentworth, both prominent military and civic leaders, reflected the importance Dover placed on defending its communal property.

**Sept. 13, 1797** — Dover voted to formally lay out the burying ground on Pine Hill and file an official plan with the Town Clerk. In plain terms: the town moved from informal use to an organized, mapped cemetery with recorded boundaries and lots. Pine Hill had already been used as a burial site for decades. Dover had set aside 1.5 acres there by town vote in 1731 “for a publick Burying-place...near the Meeting-house on Pine Hill at Cochecha,” establishing it as the town cemetery. As Dover grew, burials continued at Pine Hill, but management was loose—plots were added haphazardly and record-keeping lagged—prompting later efforts like the 1797 vote to standardize the grounds. Over the centuries, Pine Hill expanded from that original acre and a half to a large municipal cemetery (about 75 acres today, with miles of internal roads), reflecting both population growth and evolving cemetery design. It also became the resting place for many notable residents, including U.S. senator and abolitionist John P. Hale and members of the Hale family, linking the hillside cemetery to state and national history. The 1797 vote marks a turning point: Pine Hill shifted from a pragmatic burying ground into a formally planned civic space, part memorial, part record of Dover's past, that the City continues to steward today.

**Sept. 18, 1857** — While digging a cellar for a new house on Nelson Street, workers uncovered the stone foundation of an old chimney and part of a cellar wall. Local historians at the time believed these remains were either from the garrison house once owned by the son of Peter Coffin, an influential early settler of Dover, or from Dover's first tavern, which was known to have stood in that area. The discovery became even more intriguing when human bones, believed to belong to a woman, were found within the stonework, along with a spoon of a style that had not been in use for more than 150 years. In the mid-19th century, such finds were reminders of Dover's long colonial past. During the 1600s and early 1700s, garrison houses were fortified homes built for defense during periods of violent conflict on the frontier. The Coffin family, among Dover's earliest and wealthiest landowners, played a significant role in the town's development, and a tavern nearby would have served as an important gathering place in a community that was still very small and tightly knit.

**Sept. 18, 1998** — A dull concrete retaining wall behind the Cocheco Falls Millworks was given new life with a mural by local artist Leann Wiley. Known in the Seacoast for her large-scale works in Newmarket and Portsmouth, Wiley turned the wall into a striking black-and-white panorama of Dover's mill history. Using archival photographs from the Dover Public Library, she painted scenes of 19th-century cotton mill workers and the manufacturing process, creating a visual tribute to the men and women who once labored in the mills. The mural quickly became a local favorite. Commissioned as a temporary beautification project, the mural also reflected broader efforts in the late 1990s to revitalize Dover's historic mills. At the time, the Millworks complex was attracting new tenants, and the mural's creation linked that modern rebirth with Dover's industrial past. “It's real Dover art,” said development director Tim Sheldon when the project debuted, “and these are real Dover people.”

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## Battle of the Brains

Are you the know-it-all in your family or group of friends? Put the random knowledge in your brain to the test by joining Dover Public Library's "Battle of the Brains" trivia night on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. on the McConnell Center front lawn.



Teams of up to six people are invited to bring a blanket, lawn chair, snack (or dinner), for a family-friendly trivia event featuring questions on various subjects.

Those who participate will receive a free vinyl sticker, courtesy of One Lane Studios, while supplies last (\$4 value). The winning team will receive a 4-person pass to the Smash or Splatter Room at Vent in Portsmouth (\$200 value).

In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to Room 306 of the McConnell Center. "Battle of the Brains" is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library's website at [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call (603) 516-6050.

## This Week at the Library

**Monday, Sept. 15, 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, Sept. 15, 3 to 4:30 p.m.**

### **Monday Afternoon Book Group**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xochitl Gonzalez. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

**Monday, Sept. 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

a 4-person pass to Vent in Portsmouth (\$200 value). This is a family-friendly event. Those who participate will receive a free vinyl sticker, courtesy of One Lane Studios, while supplies last.

**Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 to 8 p.m.**

### **Vacations Can Be Murder**

**Virtual: Sign up at:**

<https://ow.ly/3GaZ50WSjq5>

Join Author Dawn M. Barclay as she discusses about her book, "Vacations Can Be Murder: A True Crime Lover's Travel Guide to New England". Learn all about the haunted happenings in our own backyards and, then, plan a trip to visit them all! Bring your questions because this will be a fast paced Q&A! This program is in partnership with Ashland Public Library.



**The Scam Landscape: Staying Safe with AARP NH & Dover Police  
McConnell Center, Room 306**

Have you ever been approached with a fraudulent offer or been a victim of identity theft? This is where we can help.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is working to empower you in the fight, with proven resources and tools to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud.

**Monday, Sept. 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group  
McConnell Center, Room 306**

Join the Monday Evening Book Group to discuss *Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xochitl Gonzalez. Copies of the books will be available at the adult circulation desk in the McConnell Center.

**Tuesday, Sept. 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Adult Knitting Group  
McConnell Center, Room 323**

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 16, 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, Sept. 16, 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 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 September we'll be discussing the work of Author/Illustrator Chris Van Dusen.  
*Registration required.*

**Wednesday, Sept. 17, 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, Sept. 17, 11 am to 12 pm  
All Abilities Club: Legos  
Great Bay Services**

Join us in building with Legos. Use your imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.

**Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, Sept. 18, 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, Sept. 18, 5:30 to 16:30 p.m.  
Teen Bingo Night  
McConnell Center, Room 306**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Bingo Night! We'll be giving away small prizes for lucky bingo winners, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Thursday, Sept. 18, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Poisoning the Well: How Forever  
Chemicals Contaminated America  
Virtual: Register at:**

<https://ow.ly/1Z0H50WUeEB>

Award-winning environmental journalist Sharon Udasin traces the ugly history of corporate greed, military impunity, and community devastation, based on her original reporting in four highly contaminated locations.

**Friday, Sept. 19, 10 to 11 a.m.  
Family Place Workshop  
City Hall Auditorium**

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable 5-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health.  
*Registration required.*

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 to 11 a.m.  
Pirate Playground  
McConnell Center, Room 306**

Arr, mateys! In honor of Talk Like a Pirate Day, kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join us for some pirate fun! Decorate an eye patch and see what wearing it does to your ability to catch and toss a beanbag! Make a parrot that can sit on your shoulder! Make a pom pom cannon and test your aim! Code a pirate treasure map and see if your crew mates can follow it!

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 2 to 3 p.m.  
Lego Club**

**McConnell Center, Room 306**  
Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work

**Battle of the Brains Trivia Night  
McConnell Center Front Lawn**

Teams of up to 6 people are invited to bring a blanket, lawn chair or dinner and join us on the McConnell Center front lawn for trivia! Winning team will receive

on or you can build from your imagination. This is a family event for people age 5-99.

All LEGO creations stay at the library.  
CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.



**Dover Holiday Parade announces 2025 theme:  
'Christmas Carols'**

Cochecho Friends announced this week the return of the Dover Holiday Parade on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025. The 2025 theme, "Christmas Carols," will set the stage for joyful sounds of the season to guide floats, costumes and performances that bring classic holiday carols to life.

The committee is seeking volunteers, parade entrants and sponsors to help make this year's event a success. Local businesses, organizations, schools and community groups are encouraged to get creative and join the celebration by designing floats inspired by

classic holiday songs.

“The Dover Holiday Parade has always been about bringing people together, and this year’s theme of Christmas Carols captures that spirit perfectly,” said Lori Nollet, director of Cochecho Friends. “We can’t wait to see how our community brings these songs to life, whether through floats, costumes or performances.”

The 2025 Dover Holiday Parade promises to be a magical event for all ages, celebrating the music and traditions that make the season bright. For more information on the parade, route details, sponsorships or how to get involved, visit [www.cochechofriends.com](http://www.cochechofriends.com), the Dover Holiday Parade on Facebook, or contact Nollet at [cochechofriends@gmail.com](mailto:cochechofriends@gmail.com).

Cochecho Friends is a committee of volunteers that includes Nicole Andrews, Mayor Robert Carrier, Angela Carter, Aaron Cronkrite, Lori Nollet, Michelle Routhouska, Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan and Samantha Tukey. Representing a cross-section of Dover residents, the committee shares a commitment to philanthropy and community service. The mission of Cochecho Friends is to partner with the Dover community to plan and execute the annual Dover Holiday Parade. The group leverages expertise in fundraising and event management to create festive, themed celebrations that bring the community together while raising awareness and support for local causes. Operating under a zero-profit model, Cochecho Friends directs every dollar raised toward enhancing the parade.

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## SepticSmart Week is September 15-19

Every home generates wastewater – via toilets and showers, sink drains, and dish and clothes washers – which must be treated and disposed of properly to protect human health and the environment.

Wastewater exiting septic systems seeps into the ground, where it joins the groundwater and then travels to our streams, rivers and lakes. It also travels to the aquifers that supply our drinking water. A properly designed and functioning septic system treats this effluent so it does not carry harmful bacteria as it seeps into the ground.



Pumping, inspecting and maintaining septic systems will help keep them functioning properly and head off catastrophic failures. Regular maintenance will help prevent wastewater from backing up or overwhelming the leach field, which would turn a yard into a soggy, expensive mess. The cost to pump a septic tank is \$250-\$500 every three to five years. It would cost \$6,000-\$20,000 to replace a typical residential leach field.

SepticSmart Week this year is Monday, Sept. 15 through Friday, Sept. 19. It’s an annual event to remind septic users of the need for regular maintenance, such as tank pumping, to help reduce groundwater pollutants that can threaten and impact water quality. A significant source of groundwater pollution is from failed septic systems.

Learn more about how to be a SepticSmart homeowner at:

<https://www.epa.gov/septic/septic-system-care-and-maintenance> and at  
<https://www.des.nh.gov/land/septic-systems/get-pumped-new-hampshire>

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## Rail Safety Week aims to prevent tragedies

The Amtrak Downeaster and Operation Lifesaver are joining with communities across the country to observe Rail Safety Week from Sept. 15–21, an annual campaign designed to raise awareness and prevent accidents on and around railroad tracks.

The campaign, also known as “See Tracks? Think Train!” Week, emphasizes safe behavior for pedestrians and drivers, while recognizing the role of first responders, transportation providers and community partners in reducing risks.

Dover is home to an Amtrak Downeaster station on Chestnut Street, where trains connect the Seacoast with Boston and Portland. In addition to passenger rail, freight trains regularly travel through Dover each day, making rail safety an important part of daily life in the city.

Nationally, a person or vehicle is struck by a train every three hours. Advocates note that nearly all of these incidents are preventable through education, awareness and responsible decision-making near tracks.

For more information about Rail Safety Week and educational resources, visit [oli.org](http://oli.org).

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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:

- **Fire/Life Safety Inspector, Part-Time**
- **Parking Enforcement Officer, Per Diem or Part-Time**
- **Police Officer**
- **Wastewater Pump Station Operator**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Water Exercise Instructor II, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Utilities Laborer**
- **Truck Driver - Utilities**
- **Arena Attendant, Seasonal Part-Time**
- **Public Safety Systems IT Technician**
- **Assessing Data Technician**
- **Deputy City Engineer**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Gym Attendant, Part-Time**

- **Utilities Technician**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**

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

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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:

- **Paraprofessionals**
- **MTSS Building Coordinator**
- **Attendance Secretary**
- **Noon Aides/Recess Monitors**
- **Interventionist**
- **DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)**
- **DALC Teacher of Adult Foundational Skills and HSE Preparation**
- **Ski Coach**
- **ESOL Interventionist**
- **District Student Support Counselor**
- **Girls Middle School Volleyball Coach**
- **Freshman Boys Soccer Coach**
- **Freshman Girls Soccer Coach**
- **Substitute Nurses**

For more information about these positions, [click here](#).

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